

NAEP Chapter News

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Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Professionals (PAEP)

PAEP has planned their third annual Fall Retreat. The Retreat allows the board members to discuss a strategic plan for the next year, welcome new board members, and otherwise share stories and ideas face to face. There is much to be said about one-on-one contact and with a state as big as Pennsylvania it is difficult for us to get together on a regular basis. This year's Retreat is based in State College and falls on the eve of the big Penn State/Ohio State game—which will likely increase attendance at the Retreat! The focus of the Retreat will be our new Pennsylvania State University student chapter and the 2000 conference. Our idea for a 2-day conference was a hit last year so we plan to do the same in 2000. The conference too will be in State College and the Retreat will allow the board members an opportunity to visit several conference facilities.

Hooray, we have our first student chapter! The Environmental Resources Management (ERM) Club will become a student chapter of PAEP. There is also talk about combining efforts of these two organizations with the newly formed alumni-ERM club. The focus of combining the groups will be to provide educational and career opportunities for students. We hope other universities follow the example of Pennsylvania State!

PAEP distributed 1999/2000 membership directories in July. This continuing service of the organization provides current information on the 170 members statewide. It was a tremendous effort and kudos to Darlene Stringos, PAEP president, and Rich Butula, PAEP secretary/treasurer, in addition to our paid membership coordinator Stephen Rhoades for a great job.

We finally put the quarterly newsletter in electronic form to save mailing and printing costs. The newsletter is available at <http://home.earthlink.net/~paep/>. I

encourage everyone to take a look at the newsletter and especially read Bert Cossa-boon's article on what it means to be an Environmental Professional in 1999. It's a great article and hits home for many of us.

PAEP elected new board members in September. Two of our long time members are retiring; Wayne Kober of PennDOT, and Karyn Vandervoort of McCormick Taylor and Associates. However, they are not getting too far away. Karyn will remain the NAEP chapter representative and play an active role in establishing the PSU student chapter as well as organize the PAEP/NAEP/Transportation Research Board summer workshop. Wayne will always be there for advice and we hope he reappears after a little reprieve. Many thanks to both.

PAEP along with NAEP will be sponsoring a session at the summer Transportation Research Board workshop in July 2000 in Pittsburgh. More information will be available in the next issue of *Environmental Practice*. We look forward to sharing this special event with NAEP and are honored with the Transportation Research Board's invitation.

North Texas Association of Environmental Professionals

Please note changes in Chapter officers: Bill Park of International Technology is the new president and can be reached at bpark@gtionline.com. Dennis Henning will be assisting as chapter representative to the Board of Directors. He can be reached at dhennig@dart.org. We now have 147 members.

Michigan Association of Environmental Professionals (MAEP)

The First Annual MAEP Golf Outing was held on July 20, 1999 at the Fox Hills Country Club, Plymouth, Michigan. The event was well attended by MAEP members and guests. Activities included "Putt for Dough," "Hole-in-One," "Closest-to-the-Pin," and "Longest Drive" contests. The Second Annual MAEP Golf Outing will be held at the Golden Fox Resort, Plymouth, Michigan, on July 18, 2000. Stay tuned for details.

Recent regional meetings: "Internet Resources for Environmental & Safety Professionals," presented by Tom Wackerman of ASTI, held at Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor, Michigan June 8, 1999; and "Strategies for Compliance with New Due Care Requirements Under Part 201," presented by Mr. Gene Smary of Warner, Norcross & Judd, and Lynelle Marolf with MDEQ, held at Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor, Michigan on July 22, 1999.

Northwest Chapter

Shannon Starratt returned from the June NAEP annual conference at Kansas City with three great ideas to get our Northwest Chapter moving:

- *Let's get to know each other better.* A list of interested people currently in our e-mail network has been put together. Communications will be through members "talking" by e-mail or phone, particularly in their geographic area. The e-mail network is listed in three general geographic areas: Portland, Seattle, Tri-Cities.
- *Let's start a web site.* The decision was made to definitely start a web site. Can anyone else help?
- *Let's get together in each of our three geographic areas to socialize, network, and talk about how we can reactivate our chapter.* Let's set a goal of doing this by mid-October. Donna Kostka is willing to make the Seattle contacts, Shannon the Portland contacts, and who will take the Tri-Cities lead? Donna has a longer list of northwest contacts that she will share with each of the three area leads.

Member News

Richard Cellarius recently retired from his post at Evergreen College in Olympia, WA as Director, Graduate Program in Environmental Studies. He is in the process of moving to sunny Arizona. His personal e-mail address is richard@cellarius.net.

Charles Eccleston has recently completed a book entitled *Environmental Impact Statements*, to be published by John Wiley & Sons in 2000. This is a companion book to his earlier text, *The NEPA Planning Process*, reviewed in the September 1999 issue of *Environmental Practice*.

Donna Kostka and husband, Floyd Reichman, just returned from a month in Alaska, including wilderness experiences north of the Arctic Circle. They have slides and love to show them.

California Chapter (CalNAEP)

On May 22, 1999 the California Chapter of NAEP (CalNAEP) joined members of the Central Coast Chapter of the Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP) for a double header tour of Pacific Gas & Electric's (PG&E's) Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant and Unocal's Avila Beach Remediation Project.

Diablo Canyon is a 2,200 Megawatt power plant that serves approximately 10% of California's population (i.e., 2 million people). After an introduction at the Visitor Center, PG&E's senior biologist lead the tour through the facility's Biology Laboratory. The Biology Lab was originally built for thermal effects and biofouling control studies; however, now it is being used as an educational facility. Tour participants had an opportunity to handle many interesting marine specimens in the "touch tank" including sea cucumbers, sea stars, swell shark egg cases, rock fish, crabs, eels, urchins and abalone. The tour also included seeing the Control Room Simulator and Turbine Building. Before entering the Turbine Building everyone had to pass through a "search train" and then were equipped with safety goggles, and specially designed hard hats with hearing protection and built in walkie-talkies. Following the 4-hour technical tour everyone had lunch at a restaurant in Port San Luis Harbor.

The afternoon tour of Unocal's Avila Beach Remediation project was led by CalNAEP President John Baum, who is the Project's Compliance Manager. The tour began on the hillside above San Luis Obispo Bay overlooking the town of Avila Beach. The Project's Archaeologist gave a fascinating history of the area, which began with the Chumash approximately 9,000 years ago. The tour then got next to the remediation site and was able to see the fast-track "train approach" of excavating petroleum contaminated soil (mostly below the groundwater table), dredging, skimming, sampling, and backfilling within a construction

cell enclosed by sheetpile. Another unique aspect of the Project is that the remediation is occurring within a popular coastal tourist town that still has residents living in close proximity. In order to ensure public safety the Project has a Community Monitoring Team (CMT) that monitors volatile air emissions, dust, and odor. The CMT's Project Manager gave a presentation of how air emissions are monitored from fixed monitoring stations, a mobile van, and hand-held instruments. For more information on the Avila Beach Remediation Project go the Project's web site at <www.projectavila.com>.

To start the new millennium CalNAEP and AEP will be co-sponsoring a statewide environmental conference May 22-24, 2000 in Santa Barbara. Santa Barbara, which helped spark the environmental movement with the first Earth Day 30 years ago is also the birthplace of both NAEP and AEP. This landmark conference will feature Jean-Michel Cousteau as the keynote speaker, a private dinner and tour of the Santa Barbara Zoological Gardens, three field trips, and an opportunity to tour an offshore oil well with a helicopter shuttle. For more information on the CalNAEP/AEP conference go to <www.califaep.org/santabarbara>.

Rocky Mountain Association of Environmental Professionals (RMAEP)

Nanci Hilton with TranSystems in Denver has agreed to become the new Rocky Mountain Chapter Representative to the NAEP Board of Directors. The Directors for the Chapter are spread over the Rocky Mountains and are looking for ways to have effective meetings. One consideration is to have activities on a more localized basis. A member in Phoenix, Mike Collins, is interested in organizing activities and increasing membership. Carl Eriksson (clerikso@sprynet.com), President of RMAEP, is interested in hearing from other professionals in the Rocky Mountain area that are interested in getting involved at a more local level.

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New NAEP Members

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Michael Collins, Engineering & Environmental Consultants, AZ
James Tress, Jr., Westland Resources Inc., AZ
Laurie McClenahan, MHA Environmental Consulting Inc., CA
David Roland, ESTC, CA
Thomas Engels, Jones & Stokes, CA
Russell D'Hondt, CA
Michael Beck, CA
Brian Farris, CA
Junko Peterson, MIG, Inc., CA
Christine Kook, Laughing Creek, CA
Charles Williams, Themis Corp, CA
Richard Muhl, D-Max Engineering, CA
Robert Carson, City of Thousand Oaks, CA
John Mahoney, Mahoney Environmental, CO
Terry Garner, Environmental Site Assessment, LLC, CO
Karen Lusby, CO
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Chris Roelandts, Environmental Services Inc., FL
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