



PAEP Fall 2007 Newsletter

President's Message

As many of you may be aware, PAEP is a Chapter Affiliate of the National Association of Environmental Professionals (NAEP). While recently attending the NAEP Chapter Summit in September, I was pleased to experience the commonalities that the chapters share, especially regarding our individual roles as environmental representatives of our communities.

A short time following the summit, I was speaking with someone where I referred to PAEP membership as those environmental professionals who care to become involved at the community level. As such, we are the environmental community of Pennsylvania. I am sure I speak for the entire membership when I say we are proud to represent such an important and necessary facet of the community as a whole, let alone such an important and necessary facet of our increasingly burdened ecosystem.

Philosophy aside, everyone knows that environmental crises are daily topics of discussion around the water cooler, around the dinner table and at the weekend soccer games; however, as professionals in the field, we put a face on it all, and we realize the important role we play in this relatively recent trend of comprehensive environmental stewardship. We are the environmental leaders; we provide the solutions to environmental problems; and we fill an ever increasing requirement within the community.

With that said, I know there are many more environmental professionals in our great Commonwealth that do not belong to PAEP, or are just not aware we exist. We are a great organization, and we can be even greater with numbers. Please spread the word among your colleagues, co-workers and clients by requesting they join our growing organization. Together we are making a difference. Thank you for your attention.

Jeffrey Prawdzik

2008 PAEP Annual Conference Save These Dates!!

The 2008 PAEP Conference will be held May 7 through May 9, 2008, at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg-Hershey, Grantville, PA.

Join us for excellent educational sessions, networking opportunities, expanded exhibit area, brunch and evenings at the new Hollywood Casino Penn National!

Section News

Central Section

The Central Section will be holding a planning session November 8, 2007, at the Appalachian Brewing Company in Harrisburg to try and plan some exciting section event for early 2008. Feel free to stop in and join in the planning. Also, look for the flier announcing our Holiday Social!

If you have any ideas for programming or events please contact Jason Minnich jaminnich@state.pa.us or Amy Altimare at aaltimare@ascgroup.net

Western Section

The Western Section Planning Committee has a new chairperson Kathleen Colbert-Gibson.

The Western Section has several events in the planning stages including a holiday event at Phipps Conservatory which will include a presentation on the recent renovations to the conservatory and the innovative sustainable design features that were incorporated into the renovations, a program on the Pittsburgh International Airport Deicing Project, which is a proposed state of the art deicing system, and a presentation on stream restoration at Nine Mile Run this fall.

Kathleen has lots of exciting ideas to expand the membership in the Western Section. Please contact her at ColbertK@pbworld.com if you have any other program ideas, or would like to get more involved.

Eastern Section

The Eastern Section is holding the following event on Thursday, November 29, 2007.

“Speed Networking” Luncheon Seminar

Revisions to PADEP Municipal and Residual Waste Regulations

For more information or to register contact Marc Radell to: marc_radell@urscorp.com by Tuesday, November 27.



The P2E2 Roundtable Group is sponsoring the following event.

Come visit PPL's Susquehanna Steam Electric Station on Thursday November 8th for a presentation and tour of their recently installed low Impact stormwater management system. Installed by LandStudies, Inc, Following the presentation, participants will be given a tour of the installed system at PPL Susquehanna -- with any luck, it will be raining so you can "see" it in action!

Location:

PPL Susquehanna Steam Electric Station 5 miles north of Berwick on US Route 11. Meeting will be held at the Access Processing Facility (APF), which is up the hill from the main entrance, right at the "Y", building to the right.

If you have any questions or would like to attend, please respond via e-mail to: tdbelles@pplweb.com and please put "P2E2 Meeting" in the subject line. Hope to see you there!

Membership Committee

The membership committee has been very active at attempting to promote the organization, develop new members, and gain exposure for our individual and corporate members. We could use some help. If you would be interested in spotlighting your company or personal, please contact Mr. Brian Oram at brian.oram@wilkes.edu. Regarding our efforts to reach out to local colleges and universities, we are making progress. If you or your organization has ideas on how to promote the organization and membership in the organization, please feel free to contact Mr. Brian Oram

Member Spotlight

General Member

Scott A Summers, P.G. is a new general member of our organization. Mr. Scott Summers works for ECS Mid-Atlantic, LLC (a subsidiary of Engineering Consulting Services, Ltd. in York, Pennsylvania. Scott is a licensed Professional Geologist with a BS degree in Geology and provides consulting services in the areas of soil and groundwater remediation/remedial design, groundwater resources investigation and aquifer characterization, karst studies/interpretation and sinkhole repair.

Corporate Member

Pinelands Nursery and Supply is a new corporate member. Pinelands Nursery and Supply offers native plants and products for environmental restoration projects, including wetland mitigation, shoreline erosion control and ecological landscaping. Our mission is to local provenance trees, shrubs, grasses, sedges and forbs that are genetically adapted to the Mid- Atlantic States. With nurseries in New Jersey, New York and Virginia we are able to collect and propagate regional seed sources that we feel are better suited for the long term success of restoration projects. Custom propagation of site-specific plant material is also available. For more information, please contact Mr. Donald Knezick, President at 800-667-2729.

New PAEP Logo Contest!!



Feeling Creative?

The Board is contemplating the development of a new LOGO for the organization. We invite all members to think creatively and submit their concepts/designs to the Board for consideration. You, yes, you, can win cash prizes if your submittal is chosen as one of the top three designs.

First Place

\$250

Second Place

\$150

Third Place

\$75

Contest Rules:

- PAEP members only can submit
- PAEP must be readily identifiable in the design
- Submit on 8 ½ in by 11 in white paper
- Hand drawn or computer-aided is acceptable
- Black and white or color is acceptable...easy to print is our goal
- Multiple entries OK
- Use of NAEP logo in design is acceptable but not required

Submit Entries by December 31, 2007, to:

PAEP

174 Crestview Drive

Bellefonte, PA 16823-8516

Selection Process: The Board will select the top three entries. The final ranking will be determined through a member vote at the Annual Conference, May 7-9, 2008.

Nominations are being accepted for the **2008 Karl Mason Award**

Who is Karl Mason and what is the Karl Mason Award?



Karl Mason served as Pennsylvania's first State Environmental Administrator from 1952 until his death in 1966. Karl's holistic vision of environmental management set the pattern for the state to this day. Karl believed and put into practice the notion that environmental protection is primarily the business of professionals who have the skills by virtue of their scientific training to manage the technical and scientific complexities of maintaining a safe, healthy and clean environment.

The Award was created to commemorate his vision of a strong, well-managed environmental program. Stewardship of the Karl Mason Award rests with PAEP, but anyone may submit a nomination to the Association.

The Award is given to a Pennsylvania person, organization, or project that has made a significant contribution to the betterment of Pennsylvania's environment, exemplifying Karl Mason's vision.

PAEP continues to maintain stewardship of the Karl Mason Award. Each year, at the PAEP Annual Meeting and Conference the Karl Mason Award is presented to meritorious nominees selected by the Board from two general categories:

- An **Individual** who has demonstrated exemplary leadership in the field of environmental management.
- An **organization, project or program** that has made a significant contribution toward maintenance or restoration of Pennsylvania's Environmental Quality.

Nominations will be accepted until **March 31st, 2008**. Nominations should include a complete concise description of the individual, organization, project or program, specifically outlining the accomplishments and/or attributes warranting this prestigious recognition. Please forward entries (e-mail preferred) to:

PAEP

174 Crestview Drive, Bellefonte, PA 16823

info@paep.org

The **2008 Karl Mason Awards** will be presented at the **PAEP Annual Conference**,

To learn more about Karl Mason and the Karl Mason Award, visit the PAEP web-site:

http://www.paep.org/mason_award.htm



Board of Directors Elections



The nominations are in for the 2008 PAEP Board of Directors Election. You should be receiving your ballot in the mail within the next few weeks. Please review the sections and return your ballots to Jason Minnich by December 7, 2007. Good luck to all the candidates!

Member Classified

Energetic and creative Associate/Senior Environmental Professional level individual with 20+ years of experience with PennDOT, area engineering firms and regulatory agencies seeks part-time/as needed position with Harrisburg area consulting engineering/environmental firm. Approximately 24 hours/week with limited benefits preferred. Strengths are project management, NEPA documentation and natural resource investigations and permitting for both public and private clients. Other capabilities include business development and marketing, technical writing, public speaking, and mentoring young staff. Email crisman1225@hotmail.com with information regarding opportunities.

NAEP News

NAEP Chapter Retreat

Chapter Presidents and Chapter Representatives met with NAEP leaders in Ontario, California, on September 21-22 to discuss strengthening the bonds between the national association and the regional chapters. Facilitated by John Irving of Idaho National Laboratory and Kent Norton, Michael Brandman Associates, the retreat is an outgrowth of the month Chapter Conference Calls.

The Chapter Presidents and Representatives discussed a wide range of topics including who is NAEP, who are the chapters, forming and sustaining chapters, the Association's journal *Environmental Practice*, affiliation agreements, membership categories and the 2008 budget



Front Row (L to R): Bruce Hasbrouck (Florida), Yates Opperman (Rocky Mountain), Chris McCarthy (Texas), John Irving (Chapter Committee), John Jamison (North Carolina) Second Row: Kent Norton (California), Ron Deverman (Illinois and Vice President), Jim Melton (President), Eric Galamb (North Carolina), Dennis Peters (Hawaii), Nancy Favour (Arizona), Joe Pinto (Arizona), Bob Morris (North Texas) Back Row: Jeff Prawdzik (Pennsylvania), Jeff Norville (Northwest), John Perkins (Environmental Practice Editor), George Freda (Texas), Brian Smith (California), Gary Kelman (Board Member), Josh Earhart (Georgia), Aron Borok (Northwest), Lesley Matsumoto (Hawaii)

A brainstorming session provided information on services and benefits that the chapters would like to see improved or provided by NAEP. A common theme that emerged was membership management. With members being the lifeblood of the regional chapters and the national association, this topic sparked a lot of interest. With the recent conversion of the NAEP's membership database to iMIS, we should be able to improve the quality of the data in our membership data.

All chapters are affiliates of the National Association. The group reviewed the current affiliation agreement and provided input to a subcommittee to revise the agreement. Key discussion points included membership requirements, representation on the national Board of Directors, communications between the organizations, reporting requirements. The revised agreement will be presented to the Board of Directors at their board meeting in October 2007.

The Chapters Retreat was a concerted effort to get input from the Chapters for action at the national level. We encourage all members to submit ideas and suggestions to their chapter leadership so it can be acted on by the local or national board as appropriate.

A special thanks is owed to the California chapter for sponsoring and hosting this chapter retreat. Besides hosting, the California Chapter paid for the food and lodging expenses for the attendees. Many thanks to California for providing the catalyst for this very worthwhile meeting.

2007 Corporate Members

To all the Corporate Members for the Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Professional. Without their support which helps with the overall costs of the meetings and help PAEP deliver a quality program. The Board of Directors gratefully acknowledges the commitment the Corporate Members that have made to strengthening the industry and developing the skills of all PAEP members. To learn how your company can become a corporate member and support education go to the PAEP website www.paep.org or email info@paep.org.

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If you have any items for the fall newsletter or if you would like to help with the newsletter please contact Jason Minnich at 717-705-4752 or jaminnich@state.pa.us