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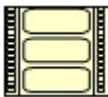
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Upcoming Officer Elections

Chapter Board member positions will become open in 2006 and elections are being planned for this coming December. Watch for email announcements soliciting interest in members who would like to take a more active role in planning Chapter activities.

Recap of 2005 Chapter Events



This year's annual dinner was held on April 21, 2005 at the Salt Lake Hilton.

Members and guests in attendance were treated to an interesting presentation by Utah Film Commission's Leigh VonderEsch, who discussed her organization's involvement in environmental issues in their endeavor to promote Utah as an

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Welcome to the first edition of A&WMA Great Basin Chapter's electronic newsletter. Future newsletters and announcements will also be transmitted electronically.

P.S. - Please remember that our e-mail is always 'on' and waiting for input from our membership. Please e-mail us anytime: ealowes@egginc.com

The Chair's Corner

By Kevin Ovard



In our first newsletter this year, I related the story of the blind men and the elephant. If you recall, as each of the men felt the elephant, they had "seen" different parts of the whole, but were not united in the ultimate description of an elephant. To the blind men the elephant was described as a snake, a tree, or a building, but they could not see the whole elephant.

Through the association this year, we have attempted to look at the issues of Air & Waste Management not through the "eyes" of a blind man holding only a trunk of the elephant, or touching only a leg, but more from the point of view that each association member "take hold" of the elephant from several points of view.

At our annual spring dinner, we "looked" at the Utah Film industry and found that it was a unique business not generally associated with an Air & Waste Management service. We heard of the regulatory requirements to film in a wilderness, a county, or a city setting. Worries about regional haze affecting the pristine views of our lands were also a great concern to this specialized industry. We learned about issues concerning waste management and problems associated with clean water, fugitive dust, and potentially leaving an area cleaner than it was found. As an association we should have been able to "see" differing aspects of a unique industry and reflect on how our individual businesses impact not only this business, but all businesses within our Chapter's boundaries. Aside from that learning experience and a great dinner, we found new friends and freshened associations which highlights one of our Association's core business goals of "improving knowledge by information exchange". We hope you had a great time.

excellent location for filmmakers. Members in attendance were treated to a discussion of film industry in Utah and many were surprised by the number of feature films that have been made in our own backyard. As always, the annual dinner provided an opportunity for members to meet one another in a relaxed environment over dinner. This year's dinner also featured a membership drive and an awards ceremony for the two Utah Valley State College students who won \$1,000 scholarships sponsored by the Great Basin Chapter (see *Chapter Education Initiatives, below*).

Two luncheons were held this year, both at the Huntsman Cancer Hospital. On February 24, 2005, Joe Majestic, Deputy General Manager for EG&G Defense Materials Inc. at the Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (TOCDF) provided a luncheon discussion summarizing the TOCDF mission to safely dispose of the Nation's largest stockpile of chemical weapons. The briefing included TOCDF's recent work to integrate new MACT standards for hazardous waste combustors into its ongoing operational framework. On June 16, 2005, Professor John Harrison of Utah State University provided an interactive forum for Chapter members regarding alternatives for achieving environmental performance goals.

Chapter Education Initiatives



Congratulations to Vishal Doshi and Kori Moore students at Utah State University

for receiving awards and certificates at the summer International Air & Waste Management Association annual conference. Vishal was awarded \$300 for second place in the Master's category for his paper and poster on "Vehicular Ammonia Emissions in Cache Valley, Utah." Kori was granted a \$500 award for first place in the Undergraduate category for his paper and poster on "Indoor/Outdoor Particulate Matter Concentration and Composition at

Another "hands on the elephant" event was our involvement (sponsorship of the refreshments) with the State at the New Source Reform Stakeholder meeting. As the State of Utah presented new material on this timely subject we were able to participate in the exchange of information with regulators, industry, education, consulting and other interested parties. In addition, the lunch meetings held this year provided an opportunity to "feel" other aspects of the larger Association. To understand how individual businesses cope with air and waste management issues at their facilities is another form of information exchange over great lunches and wonderful settings.

We hope you have felt part of this years "hands on" experience of the Air and Waste Management Association. We hope next year will be better and bigger. Step up, get hold of the association elephant, "see" what we are made of.

Finally, since this is the last newsletter I will write as chairman, let me express my sincere thanks to the Board members and directors past and present, for their support, ideas, and willingness to serve. It takes many hands to "see" an elephant, and this group of friends has made that work fun and interesting. I am not going away, just passing the baton. To all of you association members, I express my gratitude and appreciation for your support, time, money, and knowledge freely given to make the association better. Next year, I look for continued improvement and growth in our organization. Good Luck.

Upcoming Events



Web Conference: **The Great Basin Chapter of Air & Waste Management Association is hosting a live, interactive audio + web conference on December 13, 2005, from noon to 2:00 p.m. at the State of Utah Division of Air Quality (DAQ) offices in Salt**

Lake City. The web conference "Enforcement Update: A Review of EPA's Progress and Priorities in Environmental Enforcement" will include discussion on the Clean Air Interstate Rule and the new Mercury Rule. DAQ will facilitate a panel discussion following the web cast to address local enforcement issues. The cost for members is \$15 and nonmembers is \$25. More information on the web conference can be found on the [AWMA website](#).

Facility Tour: Join us in a tour of Holcim Inc.'s Devil's Slide Cement Plant on **Tuesday, October 25, 2005 from noon until 14:00**. Lunch will be provided in addition to a tour of the facility and an information exchange session where Holcim representatives will share information on their facility operations and entertain questions. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP by Monday, October 24, 2005 to Kevin Ovard via telephone (801-829-2122) or email (Kevin.ovard@holcim.com). The facility is located at 6055 East Croydon Road, Morgan Utah. Directions from Salt Lake City follow:

- Leaving the Salt Lake City Area travel North on I-15.
- At I-15 exit 326, turn on to US-89 (So. Ogden, Farmington, Lagoon Dr.)
- Continue North on US-89 for 10.4 miles
- Bear right onto the ramp to I-84 (Morgan, Evanston)
- Travel East on I-84 for 23.4 miles.
- At exit 111 turn off the ramp, circle under I-84, and under the railroad bridge, turn right and cross over the river.
- About .5 miles up Croydon Road, turn left into the office parking area. Report in at office for the tour.

Four Schools in Cache Valley.” This is a great “hands on” experience for these future environmental leaders and we are proud of the participation of our local students. The Great Basin Chapter would also like to acknowledge Vishal’s and Kori’s advisor, Randy Martin, Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Utah State University for his mentoring and support.

Congratulations are also in order for Ashley Holt and Jeremy Vest students at Utah Valley State College. Ashley and Jeremy are each winners of the \$1000 scholarships given by the Great Basin Chapter. These scholarships were awarded at our Annual Dinner held this spring. Scholarship applications are now being accepted for next year; the application deadline is October 31, 2005. For details, see our Chapter website and please get the word out to any students you know who might be interested! If you have questions regarding this or any other Chapter education initiatives, please contact Deanna Anderson at 801-957-4650 or via email at deanna.anderson@slcc.edu.

Honors and Awards Nominations

The Chairs of the Honors & Awards, Fellows, and J. Deane Sensenbaugh Committees encourage your participation in this process to nominate deserving individuals who have demonstrated distinguished achievements as environmental professionals. Information and forms can be located on the [A&WMA Web Site](#).

Additional A&WMA Resources

- * [Membership](#)
 - * [A&WMA National Website](#)
 - * [Job Announcement Board](#)
 - * [A&WMA GBC Board of Directors List](#)
 - * [Member Directory](#)
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- Drive Time About 1 hour from Downtown Salt Lake City.



Membership Update



The Great Basin Chapter of AWMA is one of the largest Chapters in the country. We currently have 90 members, slightly more than last year thanks in part to the membership drive held at our annual dinner. Our members represent state and local government, consulting engineers, industry, environmental service providers and local universities. Membership benefits include networking opportunities, great industry tours, luncheon and dinner functions, and the sharing of ideas on current technical issues. We encourage you to keep your membership current by registering via the Internet at www.awma.org. Annual memberships start at \$165 for professionals and just \$30 for students. Most companies will reimburse their employees for the registration expense. Please sign up and encourage your co-workers and professional associates to join our Chapter. We also encourage you and your organization to consider an “organizational membership”. If there are any questions, please contact Glenn Roberts, Membership Director for the Great Basin Chapter, at 801-904-4000 or Glenn_Roberts@urscorp.com.

Financial Update



Great Basin Chapter Treasurer George Wilkerson is pleased to report that the Chapter assets continue to remain high in comparison to prior years. The Chapter’s strong financial position has allowed for the awarding of the student scholarships at this year’s annual dinner, discussed above.