



# GBC News

The Newsletter for the Great Basin Chapter of A&WMA

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## ***The Chair's Corner***

By Russell L. Christensen



At a recent college freshman orientation, the featured speaker explained to the students that they could starve in a grocery store. If they did not reach out to get the food, eventually they would starve. The speaker continued talking about all of the services offered by the university. In order not to starve academically each student needed to reach out to get the service the school offered to help them be successful.

The same can be said about being in the environmental field. There are many issues that demand our attention and interest. Often the circumstances are very complex with varied solutions, impacts and consequences. Resources may be available from literature and training courses.

However, often an overlooked resource is people – who struggle with similar issues and who have experienced the trials and successes in this arena. They may have similar, or different, perspectives. But through association with them, we can often get issues into proper focus, expand our understanding of situations, and discover solutions that meet the objectives of various interests.

Although we may struggle with the myriad of regulations and standards, each of us has to deal with people. Whether they are clients, regulators, consultants, co-workers or plain citizens, to be successful, we have to satisfy people. Many of our solutions can be found by understanding and constructively relating with people.

This is the prime purpose of the Great Basin Chapter of the Air & Waste Management Association. Your participation in the meetings, discussions, presentations and gatherings provides opportunity to associate with other professionals in common activities. The forum is not intended to favor any specific perspective, but to allow access to what others are thinking, attempting and doing in a non-adversarial atmosphere. This forum has allowed me to develop association with many people. It helps me understand their perspectives; their desires; their strengths and their limitations. Occasionally, we've shared a laugh or a story, but these memories of people and their efforts are what stand out and keep me going. Each of the activities that the GBC have sponsored has added to my bank of knowledge and understanding of other's efforts.

## ***The Chair's Corner (continued)***

My sincere thanks to the other officers and directors of the Great Basin Chapter. They bring strength to the organization by their dedication, friendliness and talent.

I hope that you will increase your involvement in our activities. Reach out and partake of these resources that are readily available. Remember to greet others and become better acquainted. I'll look forward to our future association. Thank you.

## ***Thanks To This Year's Speakers***

Continuing on the theme of people, we know that many of you showed up to hear two very interesting and articulate speakers earlier this year.



First, Mayor **Rocky Anderson** spoke at the Great Basin Chapter Annual Dinner held March 26<sup>th</sup> at the Salt Lake Hilton. He gave an outstanding presentation on creating a sustainable community in Salt Lake City.

In addition, **Robert Grow** spoke at the GBC Chapter luncheon held June 10<sup>th</sup> at the Huntsman Cancer Institute. He showed a number of thought-provoking slides and spoke about many aspects of community growth planning.



PowerPoint slideshows from these talks are available on CD. Please contact Peter Stoll 514-5384 / [pjstoll@emassist.com](mailto:pjstoll@emassist.com) if you would like a copy.

## ***Audio + Web Conferences***

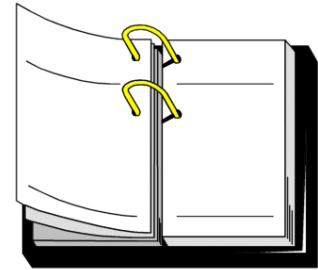


The GBC has sponsored two web casts so far this year, made convenient by Battelle hosting these in their West Valley office. NSR Reform Rules was held January 29<sup>th</sup>, and Implications of the SPCC Rules was held September 8<sup>th</sup>.

If interest remains high, more web casts will be held in the future. A&WMA member cost is \$15. A new \$5 student rate has been recently introduced to encourage attendance from our student community. Please check your email and the GBC web site for future GBC sponsored web casts, and let non-members know too – Maybe they will want to join! (Non-member cost for web casts is \$20).

## ***Upcoming Events***

Mark your calander for these Autumn events of interest.



### **Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> – Kennecott Tour**

This GBC sponsored activity will begin at 9 AM, and features a tour of Kennecott's groundwater remediation activities. There will be a presentation and visitor orientation before the tour, and a lunch afterwards. Cost is \$15, or \$10 without lunch. You can meet at the Kennecott trailers in Copperton at 9, or catch a charter bus from the Gallivan center at 8:30. (Park in the underground parking structure; validations will be provided) Please RSVP to Judy Moran 595-8400 / [judy.moran@erm.com](mailto:judy.moran@erm.com) by Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there!

### **Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> – Utah Wind and Solar Energy Conference**

The Utah Energy Office and the Department of Energy are presenting an exciting lineup of nationally recognized speakers addressing the progress of wind and solar energy development in the United States and Utah, and ways to become involved in this trend. The conference will be held at the Salt Palace Convention Center and runs from 8:00 until 5:30.

### **Thu-Fri, November 6-7 – Utah Environmental Symposium and P2 Conference**

The GBC will co-host the 1st Annual Utah Environmental Symposium, along with the P2 Association, the Utah Society for Environmental Education, and the University of Utah. This will be held at the Windham hotel in downtown Salt Lake City. Topics include:

- State and federal regulatory/policy changes
- Environmental compliance and EMS auditing
- Environmental ethics
- The legal and technical implications of recent changes in air quality regulations/policy
- Pollution prevention case studies from industry and pollution prevention awards
- Commercial water use and reduction
- Homeowner water audits
- Energy management

In addition, there will be several workshops geared toward environmental educators, and a session open to the public, on Saturday, November 8, 2003. If you have suggestions, or are interested in sponsoring this event, please contact Judy Moran 595-8400 / [judy.moran@erm.com](mailto:judy.moran@erm.com) or Deanna Anderson 957-4650 / [deanna.anderson@slcc.edu](mailto:deanna.anderson@slcc.edu).

## **GBC Places Second Member on AWMA International Board**

The GBC's own Rick Sprott was elected to serve on the A&WMA Board of Directors. His three year term begins January 2004. Rick is the former GBC chapter chair and Director of the Utah Division of Air Quality. He joins fellow Utahn, Joe Martone, A&WMA president-elect, on the association's international board of directors.



"It is certainly an honor" Rick said, "to be selected for a role in leading the preeminent association of air quality professionals in the world." Sprott joined A&WMA in 1994 shortly after being hired by the Division of Air Quality as a permit writer. "Since I was new to the field, it seemed important to get to know other practitioners in Utah. I also wanted to get to know people outside the office since it is hard to establish direct relationships in a formal regulator meeting." He considers his 10-year membership in A&WMA as invaluable in his role with the division and helps him focus on the real environmental issues, not just the administrative process. "Getting to know fellow professionals in A&WMA provides a basis of mutual respect for solving problems and getting past stereotypes and distrust." He added, "I hope to be able to share the sense of how we work together in Utah on the larger stage in A&WMA...as well as any other assignments Joe throws my way!"

As an A&WMA Board member, Rick will have the opportunity to help set the course for achieving A&WMA's 2006 goals laid out in A&WMA's Strategic Plan. You can access the Strategic Plan by going to [www.awma.org](http://www.awma.org) and clicking on About A&WMA.

## **Membership Update**



The Great Basin Chapter of A&WMA is one of the largest Chapters in the country. We currently have 95 members. 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](http://www.awma.org). Annual memberships start at \$150 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. If there are any questions, please contact Glenn Roberts 801-904-4000 / [Glenn\\_Roberts@urscorp.com](mailto:Glenn_Roberts@urscorp.com).

### ***Financial Update***

GBC Treasurer George Wilkerson, is pleased to report that the Chapter assets are at their highest levels in almost three years. Due to dramatic financial improvement, the National office of the A&WMA recently repaid a financial assistance loan to the Great Basin Chapter two years ahead of schedule. This year's strong financial position has allowed the GBC to contribute toward three \$1000 student scholarships, which will be awarded in November.



### ***Staying in Touch***

Is your current email address on file with us? Do you check our web site? In these fast-paced times where everything is “e-Something” the board at the GBC relies on having your email address up to date. It is without question the most convenient and effective way of keeping members up to date on events and items of interest. In addition, don't forget to utilize the GBC chapter web site located at [www.metsolutions.com/awma](http://www.metsolutions.com/awma) or link to it from [www.awma.org](http://www.awma.org). If you have questions, suggestions, problems, or just feel like sending a message to the GBC board, click “contact GBC” link and send us a message. Thank you!

