



# GBC News

## The Chair's Corner

By Curtis Dungey

In my view, the main objectives of the Chapter should be twofold. One objective would be to supplement an individual's membership in the AWMA by improving one's understanding of air and waste issues at the local level. The second would be to provide situations for members to interact and share information. Once again, Chapter officers are developing plans for activities to fulfill these objectives. Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will find a brief description of some potential events for the coming year. Since some of these are still in the planning stages, this would be an excellent time to provide any ideas to our programs director Rick Sprott. He can be reached at 536-4151 or [rsprott@deq.state.ut.us](mailto:rsprott@deq.state.ut.us).

One of the most successful events last year was the dinner event in February. Although the snow was falling on that particular evening, we had a good turnout. We hope to have a similar event this year, as it seems to offer a great opportunity for members to meet one another and also hear an entertaining and informational speaker. Other activities planned include technical tours and short workshops or lunch meetings.

This is also an exciting year for us in that the AWMA annual meeting will be held in Salt Lake City in June 2000. While there already is a local host planning committee working on the arrangements for the meeting, this group will need help in working on many of the details. This would be a great opportunity for you as a member of the AWMA to get involved and make this meeting a successful one. If you would like to help in this regard (you name your level of interest),

please contact Joe Martone (General Conference Chair) at 281-2426 or [jmartone@ch2m.com](mailto:jmartone@ch2m.com).

Here's to a successful year for all of us. Hope to meet you at one of our upcoming events.



## Delegation Heads to the Far East

As the world's most populated nation, China faces very special and challenging environmental management issues. Of particular interest are due to the construction of the Three Gorges dam.

This October, a delegation of AWMA members will take a comprehensive look at how China manages its environment, with a special emphasis on air and waste management. From meetings with representatives of the State Environmental Protection Bureau, to the Non-Governmental Global Village recently visited by President Clinton, the delegation will learn about every aspect of air and waste management practice in

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China. A special highlight will be a visit to the Three Gorges dam where they will tour the construction site with representatives of the Three Gorges Project Construction Company.

The delegation will convene and brief on October 16, 1999 in Los Angeles. Following meetings, site visits and cultural activities in Beijing, they will fly to Chongqing. From Chongqing, they will board the Yellow Crane cruise ship for a cruise down the Yangtze River to take in the spectacular scenery of the Three Gorges. (Within the next four years, the water level of the Yangtze will rise 175 meters, submerging most of the gorges.) The cruise will end at the dam site, where the group will stay in the restricted city of Sandouping.



The program is being coordinated by People to People Ambassador Programs, which is a part of People to People International. People to People International was founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956 with the purpose of encouraging and facilitating citizen exchange.



## More Great Activities Being Planned

Most activities pale in comparison to the “Big Event” coming in June of 2000, but we do have some programs planned that we think should be of interest.

Our first event will be a **lunch program at noon Tuesday, November 16** at Diamond Lil’s at 1528 W. North Temple just across from the PacifiCorp building and Gadsby power plant. The program will consist of a panel discussion followed by Q&A about the growing controversy over having conformity between transportation plans and air quality plans. During the next 15 months, the transportation plans for Salt Lake and Utah Counties will no longer conform to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for PM<sub>10</sub>. Recent federal court decisions now preclude any funds being spent for road and transit projects not already under construction if the plans aren’t in conformity. This represents a major crisis for state and local transportation planners and will likely require a new PM<sub>10</sub> SIP. What will this mean? Will road construction cease? Will industry be asked to make significant further reductions to particulate matter emissions? With the State’s air monitors showing no violations for over five years, why should we be doing this at all? The discussion promises to be spirited and will alert members to major decisions in the making. It will all get started at High Noon at Diamond Lil’s!! (Note: You can find out more about the restaurant at [www.diamondlils.com](http://www.diamondlils.com).)

We are planning a second program after the holidays, probably in February, as a dinner. Our dinner meeting last year was a success, but we hope to make this one more affordable and increase attendance. Joe Martone is part of the delegation headed to China this month (see related article). He has agreed to share his experiences at this dinner program in what should prove to be a fascinating environmental travelogue. We’ll provide further details on a date and location in the coming weeks.

Finally, we plan to have a technical tour in May and a lead candidate has been the I-15 reconstruction. We will be in contact with Wasatch Constructors, but if you have other ideas that would be of greater interest or more value, contact Rick Sprott, chapter Director of Programs, at 536-4151 or [rsprott@deq.state.ut.us](mailto:rsprott@deq.state.ut.us)



## 2000 Annual Meeting Update

Final preparations are underway for the 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City next June. has shifted into high gear and is working hard as June 2000 rapidly approaches. They will be meeting with representatives from the AWMA Home Office at the end of October to discuss details and progress. Watch the chapter's web site for more info, and check out AWMA's Salt Lake pages at <http://www.awma.org/AM2000/>



## USU Revitalizes AWMA Student Chapter

On September 8, 1999, members of the student chapter of AWMA at Utah State University voted to formalize their relationship with the Association once again. R. Ryan Dupont is the faculty advisor. We look forward to welcoming them to our activities during the coming months. Welcome back Aggies!



## New Officers Elected

The election results are in! The new chapter officers and directors were inducted at the July board meeting. Your chapter officers are:

- Chairman**      Curtis Dungey
- Vice-Chair**    Regg Olsen
- Treasurer**    George Wilkerson
- Secretary**     Gregg Alex
- Past-Chair**    Larry Cottone

The directors for 1999-2000 are:

- Director of Programs** - Rick Sprott
- Director of Education** - Cheryl Heying
- Director of Communications** - Tim Andrus
- Special Director** - Joe Martone



## A Note from a Neighbor

A 3-day Preparation Course and Certification Examination will be offered by the Intermountain Chapter of the national Academy of Certified Hazardous Material Managers. Co-Hosts are Weber State Univ and Davis ATC. The course will be delivered November 17<sup>th</sup> thru the 20<sup>th</sup> in North Salt Lake. Cost for the prep course is \$395 and includes catered continental breakfasts and lunches each day. The cost of Certification and the Exam is additional and requires application with 30 days lead time through the Institute of CHMMS. For more information call Neal at 292-4308 or Barbara at 627-7559. Check <http://www.ihmm.org/> and <http://www.achmm.org> for more info.

*(This article is provided only as information for our members. Neither AWMA nor the Great Basin Chapter have any official connection to this organization.)*



## Got a minute?

Members are always invited to participate in chapter business. But it's difficult to know what's going on in the chapter from month to month. To help solve this problem, the minutes of each chapter board meeting will be posted on the chapter web site at <http://www.awma-gbc.org>. Please take a minute to explore the discussions from this summer. If you have ideas for agenda items, please let one of the officers or directors know! This is *your* chapter!



## Is YOUR membership information correct?

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