



GBC News

The Newsletter for the Great Basin Chapter of AWMA

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The Chair's Corner

By Curtis Dungey

While this year is special to many of us because it is the beginning of a new century, it is also very important for the Great Basin Chapter in that the AWMA Annual Meeting and Exhibition will be held this year in Salt Lake City. The Local Host Committee has been working hard to plan the details for this meeting. However, it is still in need of volunteers to implement many of these plans to make the meeting successful. If you have not done so, please indicate your willingness to help by posting your name and contact information at our Sections and Chapters web site at awma.org. You can also send an e-mail to volunteer@awma-gbc.org or call Joe Martone at 281-2426. Your assistance will be very much appreciated.

The Great Basin Chapter is also putting together final plans for a dinner meeting in March (see announcement elsewhere in this newsletter). This was quite successful last year, and it offers a great opportunity for you to meet some of your fellow professionals in the area. This year we are very pleased to have Bob Hall, AWMA President, attend this particular meeting. It will be a chance to hear about current and future activities in the AWMA, and to ask him a few questions. We also have Board member and 2000 Conference Chair Joe Martone providing the group with a picture travelogue of his recent environmental tour of China. This should be a very entertaining and informative program. Please sign up prior to March 7 to ensure yourself a seat.

We still have plans for a technical tour in the spring. We will be providing more details on this in an upcoming announcement.

Finally, as we end the fiscal year for the Chapter, we need to begin planning board elections. If you would be interested in serving in some capacity on the board, or know of someone who would like to help, please let us know. New faces are always welcomed to encourage new ideas and input. You can contact me at (801) 263-5230, or e-mail at chair@awma-gbc.org.



Education Fund Money for the Great Basin Chapter

Last fall the Great Basin Chapter was notified by the Executive Director of the AWMA that over \$14,000 had been placed into an Educational Fund for its use. This money was made available to the Chapter as a result of hosting the Compliance Assurance Monitoring workshop in February 1998. Guidelines to ensure the proper use of the Education Fund money were provided by headquarters AWMA, and after reviewing the guidelines and discussing several proposed options for the use of the Education Fund, the Chapter requested and received approval for \$3,000 of the fund to be directed to the Utah Society of Environmental Education (USEE) to support a

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program entitled "Designing Sustainable Communities Project." The program offers junior high and high school teachers an opportunity to involve students in an interdisciplinary, hands-on project that focuses on the local community and brings real-world issues into the classroom which could include air and water quality, community planning, natural resource use and conservation, land use, economics, agriculture and transportation. The money is to support project materials, curriculum, internet access, community resources and cash grants. The project will culminate in an awards program to be presented in conjunction with the annual AWMA meeting to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah in June of this year.

Other proposals that have been discussed for Education Fund money include the following:

- ! University scholarships for those studying environmental sciences and engineering at local universities,
- ! Professional seminars or workshops for local chapter members,
- ! Scholarships to the Annual AWMA meeting to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, and
- ! Providing Environmental Resource Guides to local schools.

The Great Basin Chapter intends to request money for these activities in the future. If any members would like to submit other proposals, please contact a member of the Great Basin Chapter Board.



Is YOUR membership information correct?

Find out, by checking the member list at <http://www.awma-gbc.org>. If you would like to make corrections or additions to any of your Association information, drop over to the Online Member Services pages at <http://online.awma.org>.

GBC Luncheon Was A Great Success



The Great Basin Chapter hosted a packed house at its November lunch meeting to hear how Utah plans to deal with a crisis of nonconforming transportation plans and the PM₁₀ State Implementation Plan. Speakers included Rick Sprott (above); Utah Division of Air Quality; Mick Crandall (below), chief transportation planner with Wasatch Front Regional Council; and Steve Christiansen, an attorney and AWMA member from Parr Waddoups Brown Gee and Loveless. While most national attention has focused on ozone nonattainment areas, two 1999 federal court decisions and rapid growth have also caused problems with nonconformity in PM₁₀ areas as well.

You can get more information on this subject on the Utah Division of Air Quality web site at http://www.eq.state.ut.us/eqair/aq_home.htm.



EPA Notes of Interest

With this issue, the GBC is beginning a new feature. From time to time, we will highlight items from state and federal agencies that may be of interest to our members. If you have an item that you would like included, send the info to webmaster@awma-gbc.org.

EPCRA Toxics Release Inventory Training will be held in Salt Lake City on March 21 & 22. The sessions are currently limited to certain industry sectors, but more sessions may be held if there is enough interest. Get more info on EPA's web site at www.epa.gov/region08/toxics/epcra/workshop.html.

EPA has issued **Interim Guidance on the CERCLA Section 101(10)(H) Federally Permitted Release Definition for Certain Air Emissions**. According to this document, a number of permitted emissions do NOT qualify for the reporting exemption in this regulation. For more information, read FR21de99-166 or get a copy of the notice from the "Downloads" section of the GBC web site.

Election Time for the GBC

It's time for the 2000 elections for the Great Basin Chapter. Nominees are now being sought for the positions of Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Director of Communications. If you are interested, contact Regg Olsen, our current Vice Chair, at (801)536-4165 or by email at vicechair@awma-gbc.org



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 recent months. If you have ideas for agenda items, please let one of the officers or directors know! This is *your* chapter!

GBC Dinner Reservations are now being accepted!

The annual dinner meeting of the Great Basin Chapter is coming on March 14, 2000! This year, Bob Hall, president of A&WMA will be joining us with comments. Joe Martone (below left), A&WMA director and GBC Special Director, will be presenting a travelogue of the A&WMA delegation's recent trip to China, including a visit to the Three Gorges Dam project (below right). The cost of the dinner has come down this year, to only \$18/person for members and one guest per member, and \$23/person for non-members and additional guests of members. Please see the insert included with this newsletter for full details on the dinner.

In order to make this evening as enjoyable as possible for all, we are asking that you RSVP no later than March 7 with your menu selections and payment. Please send your reservations to the address on the flyer. If you have any questions, please contact any of the Chapter officers.





Host City for
the A&WMA 93rd
Annual Conference
and Exhibition

You're Invited to the Annual GBC Dinner Event!

- Time:** March 14, 2000
6:00 to 9:00 pm
- Place:** Doubletree Hotel, East Ballroom
255 South West Temple
Salt Lake City
- Agenda:** 6:00 pm Social hour, including hors d'oeuvres (cash bar available)
- 7:00 pm Dinner:
Doubletree Market Salad with Ranch or Italian dressing
Choice of Marinated London Broil, Stuffed Grilled Chicken Breast or Vegetarian Platter
Potatoes, ginger carrots with broccoli, rolls, coffee, tea, cranberry juice
Apple strudel with vanilla sauce
- 8:00 pm Program:
Introductions by Curtis Dungey, Chapter Chair
Opening remarks by Bob Hall, A&WMA President
Presentation on last fall's Air and Waste Management Association Delegation trip to the
People's Republic of China by Joe Martone, PhD, QEP, A&WMA director and
Chapter Special Director
- Cost:** \$18 per person for members and one guest per member,
\$23 per person for non-members.
(Beverages from the cash bar are not included in this price.)

RSVP and payment must be received by March 7.

Please send your payment and entree selection to

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If you have questions, please contact Rick Sprott, our Chapter Programs Director, at (801)536-4151, by email at rsprott@deq.state.ut.us, or by fax at (801)536-4099.

Also, if you are interested in sponsoring this event, a contribution of \$50-\$100 would help. In exchange for your sponsorship, you will be given space to display your products or services. There is no requirement to display - all sponsors will be acknowledged! Call Rick now if you'd like to help with this!

Remember to check the Chapter web site at www.awma-gbc.org for information on this and other Chapter events!

See you March 14!!