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We are all aware that the Olympics will be in Utah in 2002, but what are the environmental concerns that are being addressed by the SLOOC? Diane Conrad has been assigned the task of identifying and resolving those issues for the games. She will summarize the complex environmental preparations required of the host cities and present an overview of the activities that are in progress as well as the efforts that are ahead.

Diane will also discuss the resources that will be needed to meet this challenge. We are encouraging her to use this luncheon as a platform to describe and solicit help that she might need from the members of the Great Basin Chapter of the Air and Waste Management Association since our members represent a significant portion of Utah's environmental professionals.

When: January 20, 1998 12: 00 Noon
Where: Chuck-A-Rama, 2960 S. Highland Dr. Salt Lake City
Cost: \$10.00 (includes buffet lunch, tax, and tip)
RSVP: Larry Cottone by phone at 269-0550, by fax at 265-3656,
or e-mail ccienvir@slkc.uswest.net

Attendance will be limited to 30 people so respond soon to reserve your place!

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The local chapter learned two things at this year's inaugural luncheon meeting:

- 1) The association's annual meeting is the primary fund-raising activity for A&WMA, and 2) Friday is not a good day to hold chapter meetings.**

Steve Stasko, explained how each year's annual meeting is the single largest source of revenue for the association's budget, about \$6.4 million this year. If we did not feel an imperative to make the 2000 meeting here in Salt Lake City a success, we should now! Steve also touched on the major activities we must prepare for the meeting and discussed some of the work the association does internationally, such as assisting eastern Europe improve environmental management.

Concerning the second lesson learned in regard to 'Friday meeting' days: Although we already knew it's a poor day to meet, we just couldn't avoid it. Owing to Steve Stasko's busy travel schedule, we had to fit it in on a Friday. The board will try to plan future meetings on Tuesday's with technical tours on other days.

Local Planning for 2000 Annual Meeting Getting Serious

November 6, 1997 was a landmark for our Chapter. That date marks the first meeting of our newly formed "Executive Board". The Executive Board is comprised of environmental management leaders from Utah government and industry. For the next 30 months, the Executive Board will focus exclusively on making the annual meeting of the Air & Waste Management Association in Salt Lake City scheduled for June 18-23, 2000, "all that it can be."

Mr. Steve Stasko, the A&WMA Deputy Executive Director and Annual Meetings Manager, attended the meeting to share information about how our local planning committees will work with national A&WMA staff to successfully plan and execute the largest conference of environmental managers held in North America!

We need your help! Joe Martone, the General Conference Chair, is, right now, actively seeking motivated individuals to "step up to the plate" to accept the challenging and rewarding opportunity to chair one of about 15 local planning committees. Joe hopes to have most of the key committee chairs in place by June 1998 so they have an opportunity to attend the annual conference in San Diego (June 1998) or Saint Louis (June 1999) to learn first hand from their counterpart organizers in those cities. Some of the local planning committee chair positions have already been filled! If this interests you, please call Joe now (281-2426)!

If you prefer not to be a committee chair, but rather serve as a committee member, call Joe anyway- he is compiling a list of volunteers to provide to the committee chairs. If you plan on attending the annual meeting in San Diego, please let Joe know that too so we can plan a Utah delegation soiree of some sort.

Hill AFB Tour

A&WMA-GBC members toured Hill AFB in December. John Vidic, our tour guide, showed the group several state-of-the-art de-painting operations. First, the tour group was taken to the F-16 bead-blasting facility. The pollution control equipment for de-painting facility features bag houses, electrostatic precipitators, a VOC incinerator and a bead-blast material recycling unit. Besides observing an F-16 being de-painted the group was allowed to enter the blasting chamber and fondle an F-16.

The tour also took us to see the robotic de-painting facility and the laser de-painter. Hill AFB features the only DoD laser radome de-painting facility in the nation. This state-of-the-art facility can precisely remove old paint in 1/10th the time of conventional methods.

A&WMA-GBC would like to thank John Vidic and Steve Rasmussen for this very interesting tour.

New Members!

The Great Basin Chapter welcomes our newest members:

Lee H. Beverle- Williams Energy Group

Ingrid Deklou- Williams Field Services

Karl Nieman - Utah State

Fido Obeidi - BYU

Yuan Rea - BYU

Eric Stewart - U of U

We hope you can join us in this year's exciting venue of talks, lectures, classes, and tours. If you are interested in helping with the national meeting in 2000, give us a call !

Other Activities of Import

Member Regg Olsen of the Utah Division of Air Quality has been commissioned to compose new Great Basin By-Laws. These articles of operation have been lost in the shuffle over the 10 year history of our chapter. Chapter Chair Rick Sprott determined that the By-Laws are and will be necessary for future consistency and functionality of the Chapter. While no easy task, Regg has started on the basic format and outline and has identified key issues that will add value to these important documents.

Several Great Basin Members have had their papers or poster sessions accepted for presentation at the National Meeting in San Diego. Lets get a list together for the next A&WMA Newsletter and show the Great Basin's influence at the National. If your paper or poster session has been accepted, please e-mail Erin Hallenberg at ehallenb.ch2m.com or call at (801) 281-2426 ext. 226.

In most organizations you only hear about the financial situation if the organization is having a cash flow problem. We are please to report our chapter is doing fine and in the black. We do, however (oh-no here they go !), look for ways to cut the cost of operations without diminishing services. One way of doing this is e-mailing the newsletter directly to you. Mailing newsletters via the post office usually cost approximately \$ 50. We are currently compiling a list of e-mail addresses to better facilitate our distribution. Please e-mail ehallenb@ch2m.com so we can direct our monies to better serve our membership. And please let us know if our e-mailed newsletter reaches you in a readable format ! You will also be able to catch the latest newsletter here on the web.

Calendar of Events

The 1997-98 Board has put together a technically exciting, thought-provoking schedule of events for the Winter and Spring of 1998.!

January 13th - GBC Board Meeting

January 16th - Regional Haze Presentation, by Dave Mill (Past Chair) at the U of U Chemical Engr. Building Room # 2325 @ 1PM

January 20th - Diane Conrad Speaks on environmental issues for SLOOC

January 26th - QEP Exam at CH2M HILL

February 12th & 13th - EPA/A&WMA Compliance Assurance Monitoring Workshop

March 17th -“CAM Implementation in Utah” Panel and Workshop at DEQ Building #2, 168 North 1950 West, Room 101 @ 9:00 AM (Hey, EPA might show !)

May Tour of the Phillips 66 Refinery

Did you Know?

The Great Basin Chapter consists of over 150 member located in Utah, Nevada, and Wyoming. Our members represent the environmental and engineering professionals from Federal, State and local governments, several utilities, 28 different industries, consulting and private practice firms, attorneys, three Universities, and four research facilities. The Great Basin Chapter is part of the Rocky Mountain Section, which also includes the New Mexico Chapter.

National A&WMA is starting a program where you can earn A&WMA dollars for recruiting new members? A&WMA dollars can be spent on the purchase of the associations books, classes, and reference material.

1997-98 Officers:

Chair : Rick Sprott UDAQ

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Annual Meeting Chair: Joseph Martone/CH2M HILL

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