

NWAEP Quarterly

*Quarterly Newsletter of the
Northwest Association of
Environmental Professionals*

President's Letter

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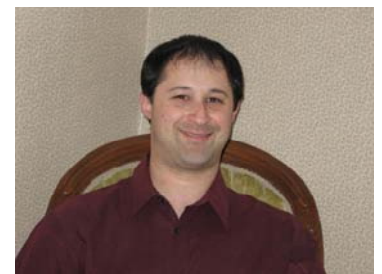
I was very excited by the turnout and the energy in the room at our annual meeting in March at Broadway Grill in Portland. There was a buzz in the room, and it only increased as the evening went on. Several people offered to help with getting speakers for and organizing future monthly events, as well as helping out with updating the NWAEP website. I encourage you all to contact me or the other board members with ideas for future meetings, outings, or workshops to help NWAEP grow. My email is adborok@comcast.net.

You'll notice the new look of the NWAEP quarterly newsletter. Many thanks to Rona Spellecacy and Gayle Birrell for editing and providing graphic design for the newsletter. If you have any articles that you would like to include in future newsletters, I encourage you to contact Rona, ronalee.spellecacy@hdrinc.com

Thanks for all the great energy. I look forward to seeing you at future meetings and to hearing all of your great ideas.

Aron Borok

President



Aron Borok

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Chapter News

NWAEP 2nd Annual Chapter Meeting

NWAEP held its annual meeting on March 28 in Portland. At the meeting, Kristin Duin, Jeff Norville and Mary Pfauth were announced as new members of the Board of Directors. Congratulations to all three, who will be replacing James McAteer, Carol Snead, and Greg

Wolley. We would like to express our appreciation to James, Carol, and Greg for all of their efforts for NWAEP, and we look forward to their continued involvement.

NWAEP Board of Directors

The first meeting of the new Board was held April 16, and new officers were appointed for the coming year.

Aron Borok will remain as President, Jeff Norville will take on the role of Vice President, Kristin Duin will be Secretary, and Mary Pfauth will be Treasurer. Rona Spellecacy will continue as Chapter Representative for all business with NAEP. Congratulations to all!

Allison Hanson Speaks on Springbrook Mitigation Bank



Allison Hanson and 4th graders at Springbrook Mitigation Bank site.

At the May 22 NWAEP Seattle meeting, Allison Hanson discussed the Springbrook Mitigation Bank, which recently won an Environmental Excellence Award from Washington State Dept. of Transportation. After presenting an overview of the site selection process, she talked about partnering challenges and successes, coordination with resource agencies, design issues, and lessons learned.

The Springbrook Mitigation Bank is the first urban wetland mitigation bank in

Washington State. This 130-acre project was a joint effort by the Washington State Dept. of Transportation and the City of Renton, Washington. The groundbreaking ceremony was held December 7, 2006, with local 4th graders planting native shrubs.

The Bank will reconnect floodplain wetlands with Springbrook Creek, re-establish wetlands, and promote environmental education with a boardwalk trail and interpretive signage.

Allison Hanson has 10 years experience in environmental management. She is currently the Deputy Director of Environmental Services at the Washington State Dept. of Transportation Urban Corridors Office. She was previously the Environmental Manager for WSDOT's Alaskan Way Viaduct Project and the I-405 Corridor Program.

NWAEP thanks Allison for sharing the story of this innovative project's development.

Welcome, New NWAEP Members

We're growing! Please welcome these new members:

Student Members

Gene Fiebich
Carol Moffet

General Members

Gayle Birrell
Anne Curran
Christopher Dahl

Bill Jordan
Robert Kremer
Shawn Mahugh
Patrick Marchman
Kim Marcotte
Peter Masson
Jason McKinney
John Meerscheidt
Alicia Oller

Aaron Racicot
Robin Sterry
Amin Wahab
Lorena Wisehart
Sharon Wright

Corporate Members

GeoEngineers (Dwayne Arino, primary contact)
JELD-WEN (Galan McInelly, primary contact)

*Help maintain your chapter's vitality!
Contact a Board Member to contribute to the membership drive, newsletter, workshops, and/or outreach.*

Upcoming Chapter Meetings and Events

Portland

June 27, Happy Hour Mixer. Come join us at 5:00-7:00 pm for a no-host social. Check www.nwaep.org for location. Bring business cards, resumes, and favorite work stories. Look for our NWAEP sign. All NWAEP members and guests are welcome.

Seattle

July 17, Happy Hour Mixer. Please join us at 5:00 pm for a Happy Hour at Rock Bottom Brewery, 1333 5th Avenue, Seattle. That's downtown Seattle on the corner of 5th Avenue and Union Street.

September 18, Presentation by Lucia Athens, City of Seattle Green Building Team. Plans are being finalized. Look for the September newsletter to find more details on this not-to-be-missed event.

Member Spotlight: Carol Snead

Carol Snead bikes to work as a NEPA practitioner with HDR in Portland. She has about 20 years of experience preparing EAs and EISs for a wide assortment of projects. Her educational background is in geology, but she spends most of her time on the biological, cultural, and social issues that affect project planning and development. Most recently, Carol has been leading the effort on a Draft EIS for an Indian casino in the Columbia River Gorge.

Carol joined NAEP and NWAEP in 2000. She is one of the founding members of the NWAEP Portland area group. "I got involved with NWAEP when I first moved to Portland. I've made some terrific friends through NWAEP." Carol currently serves on the Board of NAEP and recently "retired" from the NWAEP board. She's an active member of the NWAEP programs committee, working specifically on the half-day workshop programs.

Carol lives in NE Portland with her husband Peyton and two young kids, Ben and Ellie. They love Portland's easy transit and strong sense of community. The whole family strives to maintain a sustainable lifestyle – and they enjoy every minute of it, especially during "Family Beach Week." Carol loves to load up on fresh produce at Portland's Saturday farmer's market.

Watch out, Carol says she is on a mission to save the planet, "ever since I saw *An Inconvenient Truth*."



Carol Snead

Call for Papers/Presentations for 2008 NAEP Conference

Changing Climates is the theme of the 2008 NAEP/AEP Annual Conference in San Diego. Papers and presentations are requested for individual speakers, panels, hot topic luncheons, and poster displays. Papers/presentation proposals are requested in a number of topical areas.

The 2008 Conference Committee will evaluate

abstracts using the following criteria:

- Relevance to the conference theme
- Originality
- Quality
- Clarity of information
- Practical solution and application

Find more information and submit your abstract through

the online submission form at www.naep.org. Choose Annual Conferences and 2008. If you have questions, contact John S. Irving at John.Irving@inl.gov or 208.526.8745. Student research papers are welcome and will compete for cash awards. The Abstract Deadline is **September 16, 2007**.

*The 2008
NAEP/AEP
Annual Conference
will be held
March 25-28,
2008, in
Downtown
San Diego.*

NAEP Opens Nominations for President's & Environmental Excellence Awards

The NAEP Presidents and National Environmental Excellence Awards will again be presented at our March 2008 Conference in San Diego. The deadline for submitting nominations for 2008 has moved to **September 30, 2007**.

Nominations are accepted in one or more of these broad Award areas:

- NEPA Excellence
- Educational Excellence
- Environmental Management
- Planning Integration

- Public Involvement/Partnership
- Environmental Stewardship Conservation Program(s)
- Best Available Environmental Technology.

For more information and a nomination form, go to www.naep.org. Questions? Contact Lynn McLeod at mcleod@batelle.org or 781.952.5291.





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We're on the Web:

www.nwaep.org

The Northwest Association of Environmental Professionals (NWAEP) was founded in 1992 and became official affiliate of the National Association of Environmental Professionals (NAEP) in 2005. We are a nonpolitical interdisciplinary organization made up of professionals in Washington and Oregon. Our members are from the full range of environmental professions, including environmental management, planning, impact assessment, environmental protection, compliance, research, engineering and education.

Our **goal** is to provide opportunities for and to encourage the professional development and recognition of members through meetings, conferences and other activities.

Our **policy** is to promote advancement in scientific interdisciplinary environmental education, research, planning, assessment, review and management.

Our **objectives** are to encourage and facilitate full participation in NWAEP goals and activities by all persons qualified to be members of NWAEP, and to encourage diversity among members of NWAEP in order to assimilate the widest range of views and concerns of professionals engaged in the environmental field.

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The NWAEP Quarterly will be named soon, with a nod to the icons shown on our logo above.

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Hydrogeologist Charles San Juan speaks to NWAEP members at Seattle's Gasworks Park in Sept. 2006.