

ton, Westinghouse Hanford Co.) identifies, establishes and promotes Professionally Accepted Methods of Practice for implementing requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969. Emphasis is placed on establishing Tools and Techniques to assist federal decision-makers and NEPA practitioners in reaching decisions, streamlining the NEPA compliance process, and promoting efficient, effective, and integrated environmental planning.

The *Training Committee* (led by Leslie Wildesen of ETCI Incorporated), which works to provide NEPA training courses for environmental professionals, is planning to present a NEPA training course at the 1999 NAEP Conference.

Utility Working Group Stimulates Discussions on Real World Issues

The Utility Working Group is increasing NAEP outreach to utility interests by providing a forum for exchange of information regarding topics of concern to the industry. Development of a newsletter and sponsorship of technical sessions at NAEP's annual conference have supported the Working Group's visibility within the utility community. Participants in the Working Group's activities now include a number of individual utility companies and well-known industry associations, such as Edison Electric Institute, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and the Electric Power Research Institute.

This year, the Working Group again plans to be a highly visible presence at the annual conference, and has actively solicited papers addressing current issues of interest to utilities. This is a time of constant change for the industry, and the Working Group wants to stimulate discussion on environmental practices and strategies that have the flexibility to adapt to these changes.

Sustainable Development Working Group Forwards Evolution of Sustainable Development

Publication of a Sustainable Development guidebook and the design of a Sustainable

Development logo are two new projects of the Working Group. The logo would be used to represent all products and services developed under the Sustainable Development guidelines established in the guidebook. The group has recommended that Environmental Justice be included as a topic in the category of socially and politically sustainable development. Critical points of the philosophy of Sustainable Development include renewability, equitability, human development, life cycle planning, waste management, stewardship ethics, holistic management, technology, research and the enhancement of natural processes and education. Ongoing projects of the Working Group include development of a track at the 1999 NAEP Conference and a Sustainable Development internet site to be unveiled this summer.

Working Group on Higher Education Will Meet with Academic Centers of Excellence at Annual Conference

This Working Group is developing standards to enhance credibility for the industry through enhancement of the accreditation process. The outcome is better prepared professionals. NAEP's participation enhances intern opportunities for environmental industries.

A briefing paper has been prepared by Dick Perrine and will be shared with the Academic Centers of Excellence at the June 1999 annual meeting. The issues currently being considered include NAEP accreditation of programs, accreditation of training programs leading to the CEP credential and accreditation of university curricula in preparation for the CEP.

Other areas that are being considered are formal academic accreditation of curricula for environmental professionals and accreditation of web-based courses for environmental professionals.

The process of accreditation will require many discussions, however, the core committee has established that it should start as a pilot program with the cost of the accreditation borne by the educational institution. Standards should be based on the core

competencies as assumed by NAEP with CEP test responses being used to determine feelings about core competencies.

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NAEP Chapter News

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This section reports news of the state, local, and student chapters of NAEP. For information on chapter representatives and membership fees, contact Donna Carter at the NAEP National Office, (904) 251-9900; naep@ilnk.com. To contribute news from your chapter, contact Bruce Hasbrouck at (813) 287-1960; bhasbrou@hdrinc.com.

California

1st CalNAEP Conference Being Planned for the New Millennium

CalNAEP is in the advanced stages of planning a statewide environmental conference with the Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP). The conference will be held May 22-24, 2000 in Santa Barbara. The conference theme is "Environmental Crossroads" and the three major tracks are coastal resources, biodiversity, and water issues.

On January 14, 1999, John Larson, President of the Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP), and John Baum, President of CalNAEP agreed to jointly sponsor this statewide environmental conference. This is an exciting new opportunity for each environmental organization to work together. AEP has strong experience in areas pertaining to the California Environmental Quality Act, and CalNAEP has broad experience in areas pertaining the National Environmental Policy Act and general environmental issues. The combined depth and breadth of AEP and CalNAEP will foster a synergy that will be mu-

tually beneficial to environmental professionals in each organization.

The conference will be held at the Radisson Hotel, which is a beautiful facility conveniently located across from the beach, with a special conference room rate of only \$109 per night. The first evening will include a private reception at the Santa Barbara Zoo (adjacent to the Radisson Hotel), which is considered one of the prettiest zoological parks in the country. The evening at the zoo will include special presentations by several animal keepers. The zoo also has a special program that will entertain and educate children for a morning, which will allow parents time to explore the City on their own.

This landmark conference is being held in Santa Barbara, which helped spark the environmental movement with the first Earth Day in 1970, and is also the birthplace of the NAEP and the AEP. Anyone interested in participating in the conference planning and implementation should contact John Baum, Conference Steering Committee at Jacobs Engineering (805) 595-4130 or john.baum@jacobs.com.

Pennsylvania

PAEP Chapter News

The Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Professionals conducted its second annual strategic planning session in October. We revisited issues discussed the previous year and commenced a new campaign. We realized that we had accomplished many of the tasks set forth in 1997, but there is still more to undertake. One accomplishment was hiring a consultant to oversee our membership database. Having a consistent address for mailings and one person responsible for the membership roster will improve how we communicate to our members. We would like to welcome *Steven Rhoads* as our new membership coordinator!

To bolster services provided to members, we decided to embark on a new adventure for 1999. We will extend our Annual Dinner Meeting to a 1.5 day Conference! The conference will focus on environmental issues of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). We are proud to host the conference that will enlighten planners, environmentalists and transportation pro-

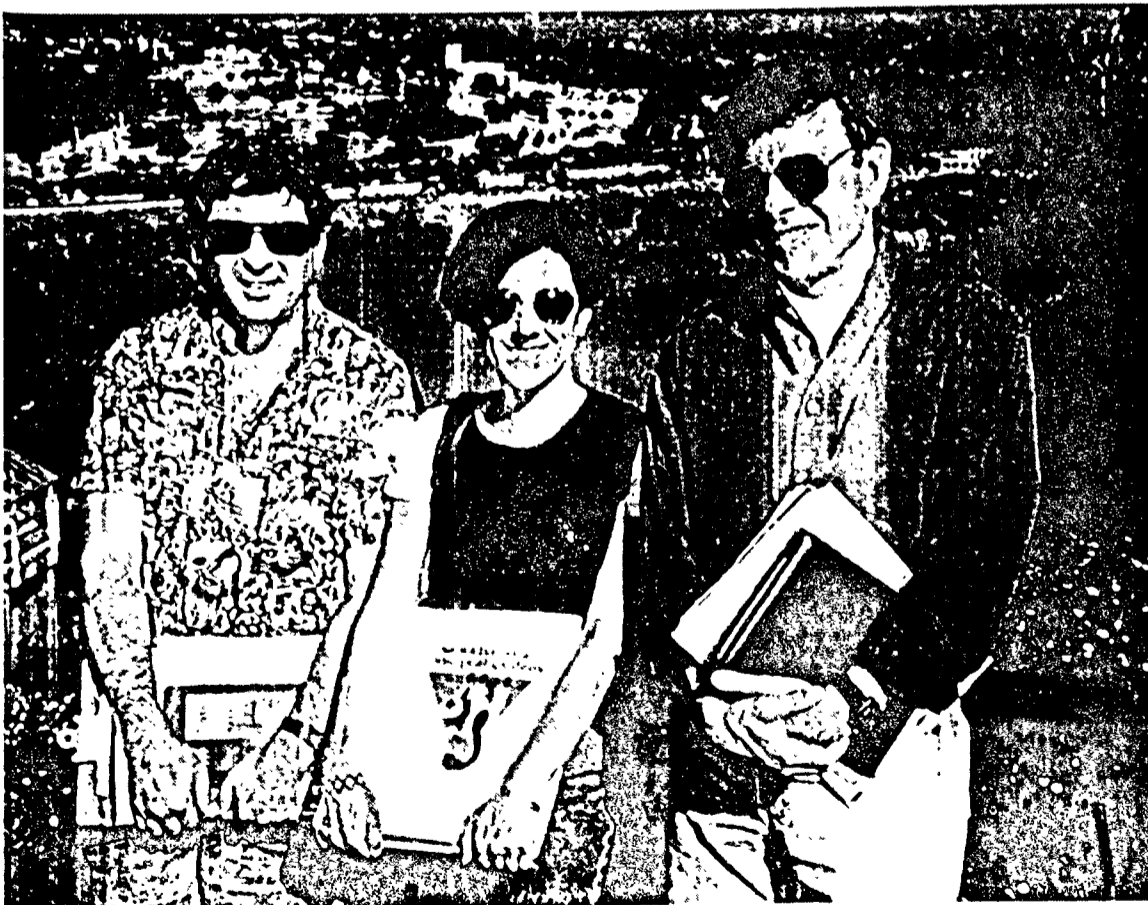
fessionals on the myriad opportunities of TEA-21 offers. We hope to have Federal, State and local officials speaking on topics ranging from Environmental Streamlining Provisions to Long Range Transportation Planning.

Our website is up and running (<http://home.earthlink.net/~paep>). It contains information on useful links to environmental agencies and information, the Board meeting minutes and announcements for upcoming programs hosted by the Eastern, Central, and Western sections. In 1999 we hope to broadcast the quarterly PAEP newsletter on the website. Thanks to *Drew Ames* (Gannett Fleming) for volunteering as our webmaster.

New Board members were elected in September. *Terry Rightnour*, *Rich Pugh* (Gannett Fleming), and *Bob Hosking* (McTish, Kunkle and Assoc.) will join *Rich Butula*, *Karyn Carl* (McCormick, Taylor & Assoc.), *Wayne Kober* (Director Bureau of Environmental Quality, PennDOT), *Darlene Stringos* (Skelly & Loy) and *Bill Zemaitis* (URS Greiner Woodward Clyde) to represent the Board of PAEP.

Programs sponsored by the sections were varied in 1998. The Eastern Section hosted a joint meeting with the American Society of Landscape Architects on *Environmental Landscaping for Natural and Cultural Functions and Values*. The Eastern Section also hosted three sessions on wetland construction, wetland monitoring, and "Through the Seasons in a Woodland Autumnal/Vernal Pond." The Central Section held a dinner/presentation which described the Susquehanna River Basin Commission's for regionalizing its functions across state lines. They also hosted a dinner/presentation to discuss providing expert testimony and depositions as an environmental professional.

At our Annual Dinner Meeting we presented the Karl Mason Award to three distinguished people who have significantly contributed to the betterment of Pennsylvania's environment. The recipients of the 1998 Karl Mason Award were: *Paul O Swartz*, Executive Director of the Susquehanna River Basin Commission, *David Witwer*, past Executive Director of the Del-



John Baum (CalNAEP), Donna Hebert (AEP), and Mel Willis (CalNAEP & AEP), Year 2000 Conference Steering Committee reviewing the Santa Barbara Zoo

aware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor and Deputy Director of the State Heritage Park Manager; and *William R. Adams, Jr.*, who advanced geotechnical guidelines and managed the Allegheny County Geotechnical Center. Congratulations to all!

Rocky Mountain

The RMAEP elected new officers from the standing Board of Directors. The new officers are:

President—Carl Eriksson

Vice President—Ted Patenaude

Secretary—Steve Brown

Treasurer—Ted Patenaude

Other Board members are:

Bruce Brown, Sara Kohn-Rhoades, and Nancy Van Dyke.

All Board members and Officers may be reached through our web site at <http://www.rmaep.org>.

The RMAEP is continuing to gain new members. We are finding that our well-advertised technical presentations, and our website are reaching more and more people. Things are looking up!

Speaking of our website, we launched this professional website in August 1997. It has grown in the last year and a half, with expansions including a links page and a newsletter page. Our website has seen a 416% growth in the number of hits from October 1997 to October 1998! We will continue developing and expanding our web site, to better serve our members and gain new members.

RMAEP has been hosting presentations in Salt Lake City and Denver. We hope to make these a monthly event, but we have found it difficult to draw enough people during the summer months.

The really big event for the RMAEP in the last year is becoming a IRS-recognized tax exempt organization. This came about sixteen years after organization. Because we applied for the bulk mailing rate available to nonprofit organizations, we discovered that we did not have the IRS tax exemption status. In fact, we had not obtained the fed-

eral tax ID number required of all corporations. So it was catch-up time. Carl Eriksson, vice president at the time, prepared the somewhat lengthily application forms for obtaining the ID number and tax-exempt status. Several months later, RMAEP was granted tax-exempt status as a non-profit business league.

President Jennifer Barlow prepared and submitted the paperwork for the bulk mailing rate. After all was said and done, we were denied the nonprofit organization bulk mailing rate! But we did accomplish one important thing: we are now a legal nonprofit organization. Lesson learned? When the articles of incorporation are submitted to the state, in which the organization identifies itself as nonprofit, that is only the FIRST STEP. The organization then must obtain an ID number, then apply for tax-exempt status. Not doing so can create huge problems, especially if the organization has (or has had) paid employees.

Southwest Texas State University Student Chapter News

The SWT NAEP student chapter held its first meeting of the semester on January 27. Melissa Chesser, president, introduced the guest speakers Diane Wassenich representing the San Marcos River Foundation and Deborah Lane of the Adopt-A-River Program and equipment manager for the River Rangers. Diane gave the members a fine introduction to the Foundation's background and its work on behalf of the waterway. She indicated that the Foundation has a sizable endowment that enables it to take part in a variety of public programs that center on safeguarding and improving the quality of the river. Their efforts range from producing educational material for grade schools to filing law suits to force government agencies to fulfill their responsibilities.

The Foundation encourages students to participate by attending meetings, taking internships, and helping with the annual river cleanup—this year to be held on Feb. 27, starting at 10 am at Riverside Park. More information is available from the Founda-

tion's web page: <http://www.sanmarcosriver.org>. Last fall, the Geography & Planning Department won the prize for the largest contingent at the river cleanup. Participants receive a free meal and the satisfaction that they assisted in an important task.

Deborah Lane discussed the water quality testing program carried out by the river rangers. Volunteers receive training in water quality testing and then sample the river for a period of months. The sampling data is used to monitor changing conditions in the stream and to build a long-term data base of water quality information.

Upcoming events for the the Chapter include a camp out with the Geology Club at the University camp and a picnic with Texas A&M and University of Houston-Clearlake chapters of the NAEP later this spring. Other speakers planned for the spring term will discuss the Texas closed landfill inventory and flood awareness in San Marcos.

North Carolina

The North Carolina Association of Environmental Professionals (NCAEP) had an extremely successful 1998 and looks forward to a stronger year in 1999.

In a Strategic Planning Session held in early November, Chapter leaders developed a new set of goals for the coming year. The mission statement: "To serve and develop members through networking, training, and recognition for the purposes of enhancing the environmental profession" summarizes it all. In addition to quarterly newsletters and dinner meetings, the Chapter has developed incentive packages for its officers, committee chairs, and new individual and corporate members. The Chapter continues to maintain an active and evolving webpage (www.ncaep.org) where announcements, meetings and new members are posted, regulatory and legislative links are provided, and opportunities for job vacancies are given to corporate members. Lastly, in addition to developing a formal Committee structure for 1999, the NCAEP is coordinating with the State licensing board to approve continuing edu-

cation credits (professional development credits) for our sponsored programs. This will be extremely exciting as it will enhance participation from a variety of licensed professionals.

University of Kansas Student Chapter

The Jayhawk Association of Environmental Professionals, the student chapter at the University of Kansas, is planning a chapter meeting this spring with representatives from the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve. Located in the Flint Hills, about a 2 hour drive from the 1999 Conference Site in Kansas City, is one of the few large preserves of prairie in North America. The current officers for the year are Brian Goodack (Geography), Mandi Chace (Environmental Studies), and Clark Langemeier (Environmental Studies). Electronic contact information for the officers are pepsi@falcon.cc.ukans.edu (Brian), mandikc@hotmail.com, and clarkl@eagle.cc.ukans.edu. If any students coming to the NAEP conference this summer have questions about things to do and see in Kansas City, feel to contact Brian, who hails from the Greater Kansas City metropolitan area. *Editors' Note:* For a picture of the tallgrass prairie landscape in Kansas, see the cover photo of *NAEP News*, 23(5): Oct/Dec 1998.

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Debbie Builder, CA
Richard Murphy, CO
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Charles Bien, US Dept of HUD, DC
Cheryl Miller, Coastal Planning & Engineering, FL
Christy Draper, Analytical Services Inc, FL
Teresa Billig, Electric Fuels Corp, FL
Donna Romanello, Electric Fuels Corp, FL

John Frederick, Electric Fuels Corp, FL
Ann Reed, IMC-Agrico Co, FL
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Vicki Currie, FL
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John Rhyne, Group Technologies Corp, FL
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New Certified Environmental Professionals



William W. Benerman
William (Bill) W. Benerman graduated from Colorado State University in 1983 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Management. Bill has been employed by various consulting firms in the field of environmental regulatory compliance and is presently working as an Environmental