

members to learn about local and regional environmental issues. Chapter leadership provides the opportunity to work closely with the top environmental professionals in your area in planning these activities. There are chapters for members who have been practicing for years as well as chapters for students in many of the leading colleges and universities in the United States.

Another way members can share in the activities of NAEP is to join committees. Committees are groups that carry out specific missions to support and plan the business and activities of NAEP. They run the gamut from membership to national involvement to chapters to international activities. In all there are about 16 active permanent committees as well as several ad hoc committees. The President of NAEP also has the power to appoint task forces which are like committees set to complete a particular task. Once that task is accomplished, the task force dissolves. The President selects the best people to accomplish the task. That could be you.

There are also working groups, which are essentially permanently networking associates that work together to increase their involvement in their specialty by developing positions on issues. Currently there are six working groups: utilities, transportation, ISO 14000, Academic Centers for Environmental Excellence, sustainable development and internet. NAEP acts as an umbrella to organize, facilitate and to coordinate the activities of these groups. Opportunities exist for additional working groups to be created. For instance, a working group that brings together professionals who regulate industries or those that manage environmental areas.

Finally, members can become involved with their Association's journal, and thus impact the dissemination of knowledge in the environmental professions. Members are encouraged to provide feedback to the editors regarding the contents of *Environmental Practice* and to let the editors know whether it is meeting their needs. We are also interested in ideas for special issues of the journal. You can volunteer to serve as a book and/or manuscript reviewer for the journal. And of course, members are en-

couraged to submit manuscripts and news stories for possible publication. See the Information for Contributors or contact the Editorial Office.

### Utility Working Group Sponsors Session at Conference in Kansas City

The Utility Working Group hosted two sessions at the NAEP annual conference. The first session focused on the volatile electric utility industry sector which is of interest not only to those in the industry, but also to those in the consulting sector and all of us, the ultimate end users. The session was titled "Utilities—Streamlining Permitting: Is it Possible? Case Studies from the Power Production Industry." The second session was "Utilities—Perspectives on Contaminated Site Clean-ups." The Utility Working Group also hosted a networking and mentoring session. The topics included current issues of interest to the electric utility industry. Discussions addressed the latest status 316(b), electric and magnetic fields and Toxic Release Inventory reporting. Discussion was lead by Arizona Electric, EPA and the Edison Electric Institute.

### Internet Committee Brings NAEP Access to the World

The Internet Committee acts in a "support" role for other committees and the general membership, facilitating dialogue and information-sharing via the internet. Under the leadership of Geoff Elliott the committee is working on the following projects:

- 1) The Environmental Professional List-server is now almost four years old and has distributed thousands of messages between environmental professionals worldwide. This project has brought many people together, ignoring geographic limitations, and has become an important source for professional development and NAEP outreach.
- 2) Hosting/facilitating the NAEP-Chairs mail list with the express intent of improving inter-committee dialogue and information sharing.
- 3) Hosting the NAEP National Conference website, now including all available ab-

stracts on line. Both a by track and by principle authors index are available at:

<http://naep.org/Conference/1999/Abstracts/ByAuthor.html>

<http://naep.org/Conference/1999/Abstracts/BySession.html>

4) Hosting the website for *Environmental Practice*: <http://naep.org/Journal>

5) Hosting a resource list at <http://NAEP.Org>. The committee is now accepting and expanding/updating the resource list, particularly for job openings. This has become an important outreach as well, especially appealing to NAEP's younger members and potential members in college or just entering the professional arena.

The Internet Committee truly allows NAEP to benefit environmental professionals throughout the world and vice-versa.

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## NAEP Chapter News

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### Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Professionals (PAEP)

By the time this article appears in *Environmental Practice*, PAEP will have concluded its 1999 Annual Meeting. This year, we changed the format of the annual meeting to a one and half day conference! Typically the annual meeting was dinner and speaker and an opportunity for the three sections of PAEP to come together. The purpose of the changed format was to provide better services to our members. We felt that our members wanted an educational-type program which brought together environmental professionals from all sectors and from across the state in an informal setting. The conference was held on April 15-16 in the Poconos region of Pennsylvania. The conference titled "Implementation and Opportunities - Understanding the environ-

mental aspects of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21)" drew approximately 100 people including Bruce Hasbrouck, President Elect and Chair of the NAEP Chapters Committee. Bruce participated in our business meeting and was available to answer questions about the state chapter/NAEP relationship plus on-going initiatives of NAEP on nationwide perspective. Topics of the conference included Transportation and Community and System Preservation Pilot, Recreational Trails and Greenways Programs, and the Role of the Environmental Professional in Implementing TEA-21. Many thanks go out to Bob Hosking, McTish, Kunkel & Associates and Wayne Kober, PennDOT Bureau of Environmental Quality for helping to put the conference together.

PAEP entered the technology-age by placing its quarterly newsletter on the website (<http://home.earthlink.net!/paep>). We hope to reduce costs from duplicating and distributing approximately 250 newsletters. Please check out our website using the above address. It is also accessible through the NAEP website.

PAEP currently has 241 members, with new members being added every month. Upcoming events include a tour of a wetland mitigation project at Bartums Gardens in Philadelphia, a wetland conference, and a joint meeting with the American Society of Landscape Architects.

### Southwest Texas State University Student Chapter of NAEP

As a NAEP student chapter we have enjoyed a great year; it began in August of '98 and will end in May of '99. Our year has been filled with field trips and speakers. Our field trips have included the San Marcos River Clean Up; National Geography Awareness Week/Texas Recycle Day; New Orleans trip/conference on the Mississippi River; South Texas Nuclear Plant; Camp-out with the Geology club; Earthday 99; 1999 Geography Dept. Alumni Reunion; and Flood of 98 conference. Our speakers have included Dr. Eyton (professor with the geography dept.), Semester at Sea; Dr. Joe Moore (professor with the geography

dept. and biology dept.), Environmental Legislation; Dr. Brock Brown (professor with the geography dept.), Wildlife Restoration; Dianne Wassenich (President of The San Marcos River Foundation) and Deborah Lane (Trainer for the River Rangers); Dr. Bob Larsen (professor with the geography dept.), Closed Landfill Inventory; Dr. John Tiefenbacher (professor with the geography dept.), Air Pollution Research; and Dr. Randy Simpson (professor with the biology dept.) Flood of 98 and its effect on Turtles in the San Marcos River.

One of our biggest accomplishments this semester has been the River Rangers. Our first speaker of the semester was Dianne Wassenich and Deborah Lane. Dianne and Deborah are heavily involved in the San Marcos River. Dianne oversees the educational aspect of the San Marcos River and Deborah assist in the training of River Rangers. They presented to the student chapter the importance and how to become a River Ranger, a program that trains students in water sampling protocol. The students then do water sampling once a month to assist the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission in monitoring water quality for area rivers, lakes and streams. The training process consists of three phases. The first and second phases are an introduction to the program and the third phase consists of the individual testing their site on their own. After the third phase, the individual is then a certified water monitor. We have had fifteen people go through the training and we estimate over twenty more to become certified.

We have conducted fundraising events including a bake sale, as well as, designing and selling our own T-shirts in order to continue sponsoring field trips and speakers. Our meetings are held at the beginning of each month and to date we have 70 members. We have had a huge response from our members to all of the activities, meetings, and field trips that are presented to them.

Our elections will be held on April 28th for new officers. These officers will hold office from August 99 to May of 2000. The goals of our student chapter are to expand our membership by contacting other envi-

ronmentally related departments at the University, such as, Biology, Chemistry, Aquatic Biology, and others. We have signed up with the San Marcos Parks and Recreation's Adopt-a-River Program and we will be responsible for cleaning up a section of the San Marcos river four times per year. We look forward to our upcoming year.

### Metropolitan Washington Environmental Professionals (MWEP)

MWEP elected officers and committee chairs for 1999. They are:

Bill Vocke, President

Catherine Swan, Vice President

Chuck Schilke, Executive Vice President

Pat Dobak, Treasurer

vacant, Secretary

Mark McBride, Membership

Don Zelazny, Programs

The Board also welcomed Ms. Cindy Schild as a new Board member. Cindy writes MWEP's popular "Regional Roundup" section of the monthly newsletter. She is also performing outreach to local colleges and universities to encourage greater student membership.

MWEP sponsored a brown bag lunch on May 18, 1999 on "A New Framework for Environmental Performance Measurement." This "look-into-the-future" program examines new ways in which the EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance is seeking to measure the impact of the Agency's enforcement and compliance programs. Call the MWEP Hotline at (202) 966-0965 for the latest information on future programs.

Board of Directors meetings were held on April 12, and May 17.

### North Texas Association of Environmental Professionals (NTAEP)

NTAEP, in cooperation with EPA, Region 6 held a Conference on Environmental Issues Associated with Land Development. The conference was attended by nearly 150 people throughout the Dallas/Fort Worth area. All exhibit booths were sold and the

one-day conference provided a lot of publicity for the chapter with news releases and a follow up story by one of the area's most respected environmental reporters. Membership is growing for NTAEP and the resurgence has generated a lot of interest in the area from environmental professionals.

### Texas Association of Environmental Professionals (TAEP)

TAEP was incorporated as a non-profit organization and chartered as the Texas chapter of the National Association of Environmental Professionals in 1988. The Association was originally formed by seven EP's who worked on the project for more than a year to get off the ground. Now, with more than 300 members statewide, TAEP meets during the lunch hour the third Thursday of each month. One of the guiding principals of the association was the promotion and fostering of environmental education. Consequently, the majority of the Association's revenues are given back to the community in the form of scholarships and grants. TAEP provides scholarships to full-time students seeking graduate or undergraduate degrees in environmentally related disciplines from Texas Colleges or Universities. The Environmental Technician program at San Jacinto College has also been supported by our grants. TAEP has been a sponsor of the local high school science fair.

TAEP provides grants to non-political Texas organizations whose work is dedicated to the restoration and preservation of the environment. Previous recipients include the Texas Nature Conservancy, National Wildlife Research Center, the Houston Zoological Gardens, and the Houston Advanced Research Center.

### Michigan Association of Environmental Professionals (MAEP)

Rena M. Pomaville, PhD, was recently honored by the MAEP with their Outstanding Environmental Professional Award. This award was created by the MAEP Board of Directors to recognize those who have made a significant contribution to the profession of environmental management in

Michigan. Award recipients are selected based on their involvement in activities which will advance and promote the environmental profession at local, state and national levels.

Rena is principal and co-owner of Insight Environmental Services in Brighton, Michigan. She received her bachelor's degree in chemistry from Grand Valley State College and her doctorate from Wayne State University. She is an adjunct faculty member at Wayne State University in the Hazardous Materials Management program and teaches courses in real estate assessment, facility compliance auditing, environmental auditing and environmental sampling. She has served on her township's planning commission and zoning board of appeals, as well as Livingston County's emergency planning commission.

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### New NAEP Members

Janet Bounds, Unocal, AK  
 Ovie Ekewenu, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada  
 Julie Baker, Miami-Dade County D.E.R.M., FL  
 Jamie Rothenberg, Four Jay's Consulting, Inc., FL  
 Dave Meyer, Electric Fuels Corp, FL  
 Bill Lynn, PBS&J, FL  
 Jay Claypoole, Parsons ES, GA  
 Nancy Convard, HI  
 Craig Simonsen, Seyfarth, Shaw, Fairweather & Geraldson, IL  
 Kristi Pawski, IL  
 Philip Stevens, Indiana University, IN  
 David Bronson, Dames & Moore Group, KS  
 Stacy Basham-Wagner, LA  
 James Cowan, Acentech Inc., MA  
 Melani Oakley, Burns & McDonnell, Inc, MO

Peter Romano, Kimley Horn & Assoc., NC  
 Nancy Schultheis, Nimmo & Co., NC  
 Rebecca Hunnicutt, NC  
 Robert Schaffeld, Duke Energy Power Services, NC  
 Hanna Makaruk, Los Alamos National Laboratory, NM  
 Charles Malone, NV  
 Lori Pope, Dunaway & Fletcher Inc, SC  
 James McKay, TX  
 Laura Rectenwald, Stephen F Austin State University, TX  
 Donna Gritman, TX  
 Gary Alexander, Myriad Development, TX  
 Kevin Koch, TX  
 Charles Bevers, TX  
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 Linna Manomaitis, VA  
 David Guillaudeu, VA  
 Bruce Fischer, Terra Solve, WA  
 Charles Webb, CHZM Hill, WI  
 David Rodebaugh, CHZM Hill, WI

*Every effort is made to ensure that this list of new NAEP members is accurate. Please contact the National Office if you notice an error or omission (see inside back cover for address).*

### New Certified Environmental Professionals



**Kenneth J. Caligiuri** is an Environmental Engineer at Randolph Air Force Base in San