



Southern Air Mail

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Message from the Chair

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As Chair of the Southern Section, I am pleased to have this opportunity to address each of you as we approach our Annual Meeting & Technical Conference. This year's Conference, which convenes in two weeks, will be held at the **Sea Palms Resort and Conference Center** (www.seapalms.com) on beautiful St. Simons Island, GA. This setting will provide everyone with an opportunity to participate in a conference that has become a valuable conduit for networking and the exchange of information. Old friendships will be renewed and new ones welcomed.

As host Chapter this year, the Georgia Chapter is working diligently to prepare for another excellent conference. If you haven't registered, **it is not too late**. The dates are **August 8-10** for the technical sessions with a golf tournament on August 7. Conference registration and lodging information is available on the Section web site, <http://www.ss-awma.org/>. Or, you may go directly to the Georgia Chapter's web site, <http://www.gaawma.org/>, and register for the conference as well as the golf tournament. A draft agenda is also available on either web site. My guess is that you will be able to find several topics that will be of interest to you whether your interest is air or waste. Due to the tremendous response for this year's conference, we have provided an alternate hotel for lodging, the Sea Palms Inn (**800-870-3736**; remember to identify yourself as an A&WMA conference attendee to receive the conference rate of \$99 per night plus tax). The Sea Palms Inn is also located on St. Simons and is less than 4 miles from the Conference hotel.

I have asked each of the Chapter Chairs to notify me regarding upcoming Chapter events. It was my goal this year to attend at least one Chapter event for each of the five, Southern Section Chapters. Due to an employment change and my involvement in the

planning of the Annual Conference, such an opportunity will likely be more feasible after August 10.

If I were to ask for your support as members of the Southern Section, there is one area where we could use your help, membership. Your support in a membership drive associated with this Annual Meeting would be instrumental in the sustainability of your Chapter and Section. Your assistance would allow those individuals who are not members to take advantage of all that A&WMA has to offer while at the same time obtaining a great, introductory membership rate. If your colleagues who are attending the conference are not members (they likely won't see this newsletter; that is the reason that I'm asking your help in passing it around) they could fill out the attached membership application form, bring it to the conference, (or mail it to Justice Manning whose contact information is on the Board roster), and pay only an additional \$50 above the conference registration fee of \$300 for non-members and be a full fledged member for one year. Renewal would be at the normal rate of \$180. Please share this information and provide a copy of the application form. Thank you.

Please review the Editor's Notes section of this newsletter for new items in the Association. It has been an honor serving you as Chair, and I look forward to the opportunity to meet more of you either this year or in later years. The entire Board appreciates your support of the Southern Section, especially the Annual Conference. You may see the contact information for your representatives later in this newsletter. If there is any way that the Board may serve you as members of the Southern Section, please don't hesitate to call on me or any other member of the Board.

Brian Queen

Notes from the Editor

Justice Manning

I appreciate the opportunity to represent the Section at the 100th Anniversary A&WMA Annual Conference and Exhibition. I enjoyed seeing former colleagues and meeting some of the young, upcoming professionals in our field. I talked with some of the students who had poster presentations at the meeting. Some extremely bright and energetic young people were among this group. And the Association finally is giving them just recognition. Student and Affiliate members are now eligible to vote and hold office at all levels of the Association, based on action of the A&WMA Board on Sunday, June 24, 2007. Good for us!

Of course, this is evidence of a dynamic, ever-alert organization, but especially one in decline of members! Don't despair: we had begun a turnaround during the first quarter of this year, prior to the Board taking that action. That also means that another task faces us at the Section and Chapter level: we must revise our bylaws. I expect that HQ will be giving notice and guidance on this requirement in the very near future. I stand ready to assist any unit that would like some help in achieving this task. This, right after the Eastern Tennessee Chapter approved the first revision of their bylaws since they were adopted in 1987.

Another push that is being geared up for emphasis from HQ is the need for all chapters to be incorporated and registered as a tax-exempt organization. Only two of our Chapters (GA and W/M TN), plus the Section, has achieved that status. Some may need to find the documentation for this because an IRS form must be filed periodically. Hopefully, guidance will be forthcoming.

I attended three Committee sessions, two at the request of the Section and one from when I was a more active National member. These committee meetings were: Sections and Chapters Council Membership Committee meeting, the Finance Committee meeting, and the Health and Environmental Effects Committee of the Air Toxics Division. Stan Vasa of our Section, AL Chapter, is an active member of this committee, as well as Chair of the Air Toxics Division. The first, chaired by Steve Dixon, appeared to be a "rehash" of some presentations made at the Incoming Officer Training in April, which is posted on the A&WMA web site, http://www.awma.org/members/sc_resource/index.html, near the bottom of that page. The Finance Committee meeting entailed the Association Treasurer, Amy Gilligan, requesting us to present problems/needs at this session and she would compile and research these and present "answers" in a summary email, in successive monthly

emails, or a newsletter. A suggestion to establish another committee dealing with finances, with monthly conference calls (which I discouraged), and a newsletter were mentioned. Apparently, Amy will prepare monthly newsletters addressing some of the issues raised at this meeting in more depth.

I attended the business meeting on Tuesday morning (after all, I am a dues-paying member!) and all three Keynote sessions. The presentations were excellent, with Lester Lave, an economist, and Charles Bunch presenting on Tuesday morning. Former EPA Administrator and former New Jersey governor, Christine Todd Whitman, presented on Thursday morning. Each had a point to make. Dr. Lave made a point that pollution control costs were less than 2% of the GDP in the 1980s and that is still the case today. He thinks that a \$3 floor is needed on gasoline to give alternative fuel makers an assured-market for their entrepreneurial products. Prior to making this point he stated that ethanol from corn is *not* a viable goal for the reduction of carbon, which is the source of greenhouse gases. If the government insists on ethanol, even though it results in about a 35% penalty on mileage, then it should be made from switchgrass rather than corn.

Mr. Bunch, CEO of PPG, made some excellent points from industry's perspective. First of all he said that the Energy Security and Climate Change "train" will continue; we may as well "get on board." He did caveat the Global Climate Change picture with the need for an awareness that it is more than a "temperature" problem, *viz.*, availability of energy at a reasonable price is part of the problem. An interesting fact of his presentation is that the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh is the largest LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified building in the world. He emphasized the need for the government to develop a comprehensive energy policy prior to developing a climate change policy. Mr. Bunch suggested that the National Association of Manufacturers had outlined an excellent policy that might be used as a model.

On Thursday, Ms. Whitman continued the theme that the long range environmental problem is global climate change. However, the most immediate problem appears to be an adequate supply of drinking water. Gov. Whitman was a polished speaker and at ease with technical information. She was not shy about admitting areas where she lacked expertise, or knowledge.

Your Board **roster** is published because this is the first newsletter since the new members took office in January 2007. Please use this one, or the copy on the web site, for contact information. Thank you.

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Upcoming Audio + Web Conferences

Online	Clearing the Air on NSR Thursday, September 6, 2007 • 2:00-4:00 p.m. Eastern
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Student Activities - Preparing our Future Professionals Tuesday, October 2, 2007 • 2:00- 4:00 p.m. Eastern
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Upcoming Specialty Conferences

www.ebw-expo.com/	Energy from Biomass and Waste Sep 25 - 27, 2007 • Pittsburgh, PA
Carrie Hartz 412-904-6008 email	The 17th Annual Conference of the International Society for Exposure Analysis October 14 - 18, 2007 • Durham, NC

I'm still looking for persons willing to contribute news items/articles to the newsletter—your newsletter. What would you like to see here? Are you satisfied? If not, your editor is willing to accept an article or news item from you! Yes, you saw it correctly—**YOU!!**

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