



## President's Letter to Members

We had a great time in Atlanta! It's approaching two months since we held our 35th Annual Conference but the knowledge I learned and the memories still resonate. The conference tracks, sessions, and events were outstanding as the best environmental professionals in the country gathered in beautiful Atlanta to share their experiences and practical knowledge. How can we top the President's Dinner at the awe-inspiring Georgia Aquarium! Our thanks goes out to Lynn McLeod and Heather Perrin, 2010 NAEP Conference Co-Chairs, Donna Carter, our Conference Coordinator, and many thanks to the Georgia Chapter for being such an outstanding partner with NAEP this year. The professional wisdom resulting from the keynotes and session discussions at this year's conference was very impressive. See photos from the conference in this newsletter and on our website [www.naep.org](http://www.naep.org). See the articles on this year's Environmental Excellence Awards winners and the special awards given to Past President Jim Melton in this newsletter too. And be sure to read Nanci's fun article on the fearless six and our fantastic whitewater rafting trip on the Occoee River the day after the conference.

I'd like to thank DOE for the excellent coverage of the NAEP Annual Conference in the June 2010 issue of DOE's NEPA Lessons Learned Quarterly Report. We do sincerely appreciate the front page coverage. DOE has been a great supporter of NAEP over the years and this particular DOE quarterly issue commemorates NEPA's 40 years with very interesting articles, including an insightful retrospective from Anne Norton Miller. Check out DOE's website to download the issue.

This year, shortly after the conference, we did an electronic survey to get the real time opinions and thoughts of those professionals who participated, members and non-members, to learn of their conference experience. We learned some very interesting things, capturing a range of comments from accolades for a job well done, to the NEPA Legal Updates was the best session, to the facility logistics were challenging, to we need more time for social activities, to too many concurrent sessions, to "this was my first NAEP conference and I would come back again." Some interesting topic ideas, such as environmental disaster recovery and CEQ proposed rule-making, were offered for future conferences. We wholeheartedly take all the comments received, review them and learn from them. We want to know both the good and the "needs improvement" ones; so thanks to those of you

who responded so articulately to our survey request. Our 2011 conference committee is meeting regularly and they have already discussed the survey comments and are now thinking of ways to make the 2011 Annual Conference in Denver ever better. I know we will have a wonderful conference in Denver next year as we have assembled a great conference team and the longstanding Rocky Mountain Chapter is our partnering chapter. See the NAEP website for the 2011 conference theme and the Call for Papers; abstract submittal deadline is September.

Looking ahead, this year brings positive growth in the leadership of NAEP. I was re-confirmed by the Board as NAEP President for one more year, as was Paul Looney, Vice-President, Harold Draper, Secretary, and Joe Musil, Treasurer. Jim Melton also continues as Immediate Past President on the Executive Committee. I am confident that this next year, the Executive Committee and the Board will lead NAEP to new heights and realizations. Also joining the Board as a newly elected Board of Director from California is Marie Campbell; those of us on the Board wish her great success and look forward to Marie's participation throughout the next three years.

NAEP is looking for dedicated environmental professionals to volunteer and get involved in NAEP and in our many national committees and working groups. We still have openings for Chair of the Publications Committee (this newsletter and our national journal *Environmental Practice*) and Chair of our Education Research and Science Working Group. These are two examples where you can step up and show us your championship leader skills. Let us know if you are interested to get more involved with NAEP by e-mailing me or Tim Bower, our Association Manager.

Recent activity of our thriving NEPA Working Group, under the leadership of Lisa Mahoney, includes commenting on the Obama Administration's proposed changes in the role of Minerals Management Services and in long-established environmental procedures for approval of Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil drilling. Our comments were sent to the President's Council on Environmental Quality and the Obama Administration last week. Also, our active Energy and Environmental Policy Committee, led by Judith Charles, is dialoguing on current topics in the environmental fields that you will hear about in the coming months. It is through the focused and dedicated efforts of individuals like these leaders that our committees, working groups and this association thrive.

With the recent horrific Gulf oil spill, there is more environmental awareness among Americans than ever before. Environmental professionals are in the spotlight as we should be as



## Tracking Changes: 35 years of NAEP

### April 2010 Board Meeting Update

NAEP had our annual conference in Atlanta this past April. As part of the conference, the Board of Directors decided to provide a means for the membership to observe and participate in the actions of the Association. We were able to schedule evening Board meetings for Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of the conference. Additionally, we incorporated the Membership meeting into a luncheon event that provided the largest audience of members and attendees a good understanding of who we are and how we operate.

The first short board meeting was held Tuesday night and was attended by several members as well as the Board. The first agenda item of significance was the approval of the Mid-Atlantic Region Environmental Professionals (MAREP). Carolyn Henn became the newest member of the Board as the MAREP representative. Additionally, the Board approved the results of the recent election of Executive Committee members. Ron Deverman, Paul Looney, Joe Musil, and Harold Draper were returned to their offices with Jim Melton retained as the Past President.

The Journal Editors and Publisher have been working this past year to improve the journal. With the new cover, *Environmental Practice* has taken on a more modern look and the content has been modified to allow for themed issues. The recent two-issue Brownfield topic has been followed by a Sustainability issue, a NEPA 40th Anniversary issue, a water issue and an energy issue. The distribution of the journal is increasing with a good source of revenue coming from internet access and downloads.

Thursday night was focused solely on the status of the initiatives originally defined in the summer of 2008 as a means for reinvigorating the organization and putting a direction to the efforts of the Board of Directors. The recently approved Affiliation Agreement was a source of some discussion and, thanks to input from California, the Board made some changes to the document. The Image group is now working on making the working groups, especially the NEPA and the energy working

groups, to become more visible and a larger force in the environmental professions.

The Membership meeting on Friday recognized a number of the active and appreciated members of the Association. NAEP also unveiled the status of the Jim Roberts scholarship fund. With the generous contributions of Bower Management Services, LLC (\$6,000) the Association was able to get a \$10,000 match from the AEP of California to allow NAEP to reach the 5-year funding goal within two years. This is an exciting development and we hope signs of future success.

NAEP also announced the establishment of the Lynton Caldwell Award for Advancement in NEPA and Environmental Practice.

Friday night's last Board meeting session held a detailed discussion of the benefits that are being initiated for members in the coming year. Ron Lamb has worked hard at identifying the potential benefits and provided the Board with a list of benefits being developed. We are looking at the initiation of educational web-based courses within the next few months. From that will come the development of video-based recordings of Conference seminars and other lecture-type courses as they are developed by members and other vendors. Judith Charles and the Energy and Environmental Policy Working Group and Lisa Mahoney and Joe Trnka and the NEPA Working Group are in the process of developing several training classes that will be a part of the new courses to be offered by NAEP to our members.

Kristen Maines, an outgoing Board member, agreed to help Ron Lamb develop these training sessions. We are really glad to retain her talents in this important development for our future.

One of the other exciting initiatives proposed and waiting funding is the initiation of a wire service-based environmental news feed to NAEP members. The details are still being developed. There is a potential for more than one service to be used to provide members with up-to-date information on news affecting our professions. There has been some more information obtained concerning NAEP providing low-cost liability insurance to members who are sole proprietors.

—Paul B. Looney, NAEP Vice President



## Jim Melton Receives Past President Award

The 2009 Arizona Conference was supposed to be the official stepping down for Jim Melton (NAEP President 2007-2009). He was unable to attend the conference because of the illness of his wife. For the past year the NAEP Board of Directors wanted to make sure that Jim got his proper recognition.

Atlanta was the culmination of that effort. Jim received recognition for Extraordinary Service in the Office of President and the "Elusive Gavel of Leadership" to recognize the amazing

success he had in finding and maintaining a competent and committed Managing Director.

He was joined on stage by his daughter Shauna, who reminded us that she has been going to the Conference probably longer than most of us NAEP members. Margi was there in the spirit of the moment, another presence at annual conferences who will be sorely missed.

Finally, he was also awarded a Tribal Talking Stick which had been customized to describe the wisdom, clear thinking, power, courage, and ability to "listen with big ears" that he brought to NAEP Board meetings during his tenure symbolizing his excellent leadership. He presided over some of the most turbulent years of NAEP, but as we are seeing, he brought us out the other side of the storm on a heading toward success.

Jim will remain this next year as the Past President. From that spot he can provide the Executive Committee with more of his insight and keep NAEP going toward the vision he had for the Association over six years ago when he joined the Board of Directors.



## 2010 Environmental Excellence Awards

*Robert Cunningham, NAEP Awards Committee Chair*

At the recent NAEP Conference in Atlanta, Ron Deverman presented nine Environmental Excellence Awards, one in each of eight categories and a President's Award. The projects demonstrated exemplary effort and accomplishment and a common theme. Project sponsors and participants took that "extra step" to go beyond traditional practice to engage a wide variety of people, ideas, and novel solutions to achieve noteworthy environmental accomplishment.

The Award Committee; Jim Melton, Connie Chitwood, Nic Stas, and Helene Merkel; evaluated nominations independently and as a group to reach consensus. The "extra-step" soon became evident as the committee evaluated nominations. The *Gonzales Pass Widening Improvements US Route 60: Phoenix to Globe Highway* submitted by Victoria Bever of the Arizona Department of Transportation received recognition for outstanding public involvement/partnerships. It, like other projects large or small, achieved significant results through active engagement among affected people, organizations, and available technologies. A rather typical highway widening project transformed to a collaboration-building and environmentally sound civic accomplishment.



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The *Archaeological Discovery, Education, and Heritage Tourism of the USS/CCC Water Witch* presented by Chad Carlson received the President's Award. The Georgia Department of Transportation in planning for a highway project near Savannah, Georgia, extended the normal right-of-way survey to a broad, 2-to 3-mile corridor to search for and later discover a long forgotten Civil War ship. The "extra step" paid off. A historically significant civil war naval vessel was discovered spawning noteworthy historical interpretation for Savannah, Georgia residents and visitors. Projects, like the *Brownfield Redevelopment Success Story — Tampa International Center/IKEA Home Furnishings* (Environmental Stewardship) presented by Steve Folsom and the *Water System Improvement Program (WSIP) Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, Bureau of Environmental Management* (Planning Integration) described by Darcey Rosenblatt revealed how project proponents moved out to embrace a wide variety of people and ideas to improve the environment and the world we live in — the essence of Environmental Excellence.

Other award-winning projects by category are:

NEPA Excellence, *Development and Implementation of Masonville Dredged Material Containment Facility, Masonville Cove Environmental Education Center, and Associated Mitigation Plan at Masonville Cove*, presented by Katilin McCormick;

Environmental Management, *Cross State Landfill Redevelopment*, presented to the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County, described by Robert G. Cooper;

Conservation Programs, *Dublin San Ramon Services District/East Bay Municipal Utilities District Recycled Water Authority (DERWA) Public Information and Outreach Plan* presented by Ingrid Norgaard, Project Manager, ICF International;

Education Excellence, SASWE (Sustainability, Satellites, Water, and Environment) Research Group, received by Faisal Hossain; and

Best Available Environmental Technology, *North Torrey Pines Bridge Seismic Retrofit Project*, presented by Jason Reynolds for the City of Del Mar, California.

## Christopher Faulkner is 2010 Zirzow Student Award Recipient

Audrey Binder, CEP

Christopher Faulkner, a graduate student at Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia, was selected as this year's Zirzow Student Award winner, at the 2010 National Association of Environmental Professional's (NAEP) Annual Conference in Atlanta. Christopher is working on his Master's degree at Georgia Tech's School of City and Regional Planning in Environmental Planning and Management, and was nominated by Dr. Michael Elliot and Dr. Bruce Stiftel of Georgia Tech, for his distinguished environmental work and academic achievement.

After getting his Bachelors degree in Environmental Science from Berry College, Christopher spent several years in the field of environmental education, working for the Jekyll Island 4-H Center on Georgia's coast and then at the Fernbank Museum of Natural History. In 2006, he took a position with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (GAEPD), and in 2009, he became a Grant Manager in GAEPD's Nonpoint Source 319(h)



Program, where he administers and manages projects funded to address non-point source pollution issues.

Christopher is the tenth recipient of the Zirzow Student Award, presented in honor of Charles F. Zirzow, one of the founding members of the NAEP, who passed away in 1997. Mr. Zirzow had a long and distinguished career in both the public and private sectors, including a distinguished career in the U.S.

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Navy. Among his many accomplishments to the NAEP, was the development of the Environmental Professional Certification Program, built on the premise that Environmental Learning is a lifetime process. The Zirzow Student Award was established in 2001, and is presented to a deserving college student or recent graduate, who has been recognized by their department for their academic achievement.

Christopher was formally recognized at NAEP's Service Awards Luncheon on April 30, 2010. The Zirzow Award includes his Conference fee, a one-year Student Membership in the NAEP, a cash award, and a Certificate of Recognition. The award was presented by Audrey Binder, Fellow Committee Chair, and by Ron Deverman, NAEP President.

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we are the individuals trained to actually do something, to clean up environmental disasters and protect our environment through the exemplary work we do in government, consulting, regulatory compliance, health and safety, environmental technology, and in academic programs.

At my wife Mary's suggestion, before we left Atlanta after the conference, we visited the Martin Luther King Jr.'s Memorial Visitors' Center. It was a very moving experience. I hadn't realized the connection between Dr. King and Gandhi, but as a young activist for civil rights King had traveled to visit Gandhi and learn non-violent forms of protest. King's words and speeches are quite impressive and inspiring and his challenge to always do positive, life-changing acts to help other people has motivated me every day since returning from Atlanta. I am motivated to go beyond what King called "the darkness of selfishness" to act positively towards others – to be a better person and give – selflessly – to my family, community and profession. What will you do today to act positively, to change someone's life? Enjoy the summer and think Denver in 2011.

Ron Deverman, NAEP President

## NAEP Appreciates the Support of AECOM Technical Services

The NAEP Board would like to thank AECOM Technical Services, Inc., for allowing us to hold our July 2010 Board Meeting in their Pittsburgh office. AECOM did so because they support "NAEP's work and the organization's contributions to the environmental profession", according to Ms. Jennie Granger, AECOM's Technical Leader of Environmental Services for Pennsylvania.

For more than 50 years the companies that have joined together to become AECOM have been leaders in their respective fields. AECOM's vision is to make the world a better place. With over 46,000 dedicated employees serving clients in more than 100 countries, AECOM is one of the largest and most respected professional technical and management support firms in the world. AECOM has one purpose: to enhance and sustain the world's built, natural and social environments for the clients and communities they serve.

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## Highlights from Atlanta, Fun & Informative! Were You There?

337 people attended the NAEP 2010 Annual Conference in Atlanta at the end of April. If the post conference survey is any indicator, the large majority of those attending also plan on attending a future NAEP conference. When asked what was important to them — topics, speakers, and networking opportunities scored equally well.

If you were one of those who attended, the following will bring back some good memories. If you didn't, here's what you missed! Photos can be seen at <http://naep2010.shutterfly.com>.

We kicked the conference off with a great keynote talk by Horst Greczmiel from the Council on Environmental Quality. Horst discussed the purposes and policies of NEPA and the role of CEQ in implementing NEPA. He then talked about the changes being made as NEPA enters its 41st year, with greater focus and emphasis on government transparency and accountability.

The theme of the conference was NEPA related and the NEPA breakout sessions were so popular, at times there was standing room only. Next year we'll have larger rooms, I promise! The other breakout sessions were equally popular with dynamic discussions ongoing.

Much to everyone's delight, Wednesday evening the President's Dinner was held at the Georgia Aquarium. This was a fantastic event with free access throughout the aquarium, followed by dinner while the beluga whales in their section and the whale sharks in the main aquarium entertained us. See the photos in the Day 2 album at <http://naep2010.shutterfly.com/>.

Our exhibitors and sponsors were pleased with the exhibit hall setup and the food the Hyatt provided was exceptional. No one went hungry. We have already sold 8 exhibit spaces for the 2011 conference next April in Denver, so if your company is interested in exhibiting, you should reserve a space now. Contact

me, Donna Carter, at [naepfl@verizon.net](mailto:naepfl@verizon.net) if you have questions. The exhibitor and sponsors information and application are available on our website.

So mark your calendars now. The 2011 conference starts with a full day of extra training on Tuesday April 26th and the conference itself starts with a reception Tuesday evening. If you are interested in presenting a paper, please submit an abstract using our online site. We hope to see you all in Denver.

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## NAEP In The News

NAEP was featured as the lead article in the U.S. Department of Energy's June 2010 NEPA Lessons Learned Quarterly Report. The article really highlights the great work of the 2010 Conference Committee in putting together an excellent program that centered around NEPA while addressing many current issues. Please click the link below to download the entire newsletter.

<http://data.memberclicks.com/site/naep/USDOEJune2010NEPALLQR.pdf>

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## NAEP Annual Meeting Pictures

Please click the link below to view pictures from the Annual meeting. Thanks to our resident expert photographer Robert Morris for volunteering to provide NAEP with his services and these great shots.

<http://naep2010.shutterfly.com/>



## WooooHoooo!!!!

By Nanci Regnier, Regnier & Associates, Inc.

Saturday, following the 2010 NAEP National Conference, six brave souls ventured north of the Atlanta border into the Blue Ridge Mountains of Tennessee to raft the Ocoee River; home of the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games whitewater events.

After a shoreside safety briefing, our guide, Jay of the Rolling Thunder River Company, began by strategically assigning our seating on the raft with Ron Deverman (HNTB/NAEP President) and his wife, Mary Nolan (NolanDeverman, LLC) situated in the back row; then Phyllis Ha (NOAA/Hawaii Chapter) and Carolyn Henn (Apex Companies Inc./MAREP Chapter) taking their seats in the middle portion of the raft; and Robert Morris (US Army Corps of Engineers/NAEP Board Member and North Texas Chapter Member) and myself, Nanci Regnier (Regnier & Associates and Rocky Mountain Chapter) seated at the ever exhilarating front of the raft. Oh my! That means we're going head first into the rapids!

Before our journey could begin, we were drilled on the much needed commands Jay would call out during our "whitewater" trip. Sitting in the raft on dry land, we practiced the proper way to hold our paddle, how to paddle forward and backward, when



to put our paddles in an upright position, diving to the center of the raft with paddles up, what to do if you fell out of the raft, and finally, how to pull someone back into the raft. We were ready for action!

We put our raft in at the middle section of the Ocoee, just below the first waterfall, and immediately advanced into our first rapid. Whoa! The water was pretty darn cold! However, with our adrenaline rushing, anticipating and negotiating each oncoming rapid, and listening for Jay's next command, we forgot all about being cold..... PADDLE FORWARD! ONE STROKE BACK! PADDLES UP! HIT THE DECK! PADDLE FORWARD! KEEP PADDLING! WOOOOHOOOO!

We were pros in no time and the good news is no one ever fell out of the raft! Although, while maneuvering through the last washing machine of a rapid; I was thrown to the middle of the raft onto my back between Phyllis and Carolyn. I was stuck there doing my finest impression of an upended turtle, legs too short to get myself back up and over the middle baffle of the raft; that was until Bob Morris regained his balance and could muster the strength to pull me upright and back into my seat. Thanks Bob! We had many laughs and a fabulous day! Next time you're in the Atlanta or Tennessee area, be sure and check out the Rolling Thunder River Company [www.rollingthunderriverco.com](http://www.rollingthunderriverco.com) and ask for Jay.





## California Association of Environmental Professionals Chapter Report

By Roger Turner NAEP Liaison, June 2010

The California Chapter has been quite busy these past three months. We have been earnestly reviewing the NAEP Affiliation Agreement, we conducted our CEQA Workshops at 10 venues this year, continue our meetings with the California legislature in Sacramento regarding environmental legislation and policy and with the Governor's staff, and we have been working hard for retaining membership, and recruiting new members.

In April 2010 the AEP received the final and changed NAEP Affiliation Agreement and Spirit document. AEP thanks the NAEP Executive Board for listening to our concerns and making significant changes to the agreement. The revised document reflects a reduced annual cost for affiliation from \$5,000 to \$2,000 maximum; made the 25% NAEP membership in a Chapter an incentive goal rather than a punitive measure; eliminated the review of Chapter By-Laws (except for those items that directly affect NAEP); and there are other important changes to the Affiliation Agreement acceptable to AEP. This is a significant milestone improvement in relations and friendship from NAEP to its chapters.

AEP has completed an Action Plan to send the Affiliation Agreement and Spirit document to its members for review. During the next five months the chapter will have an active dialogue with its members and call for a vote of the general membership in October this year. By November 2010 the CAEP will know if it will renew its affiliation with NAEP or not.

AEP continues to work on membership issues with NAEP and ABCEP. Membership materials are made available to new potential members for greater exposure to AEP and NAEP. What do these two professional organizations represent? We intend to answer this question.

The AEP has updated its Conference Manual which will be greatly appreciated by chapters as they develop their conferences in the future. A part of this process includes a handoff by the past Conference Chair to the current chair to understand all that goes into developing a conference. Also, the AEP Permanent Conference

Committee supports the current conference chair in many ways including formalizing the conference venue. The next CAEP conference will be in Monterey, California in 2011. You all come, ya hear!

Another activity to roll out this summer is an AEP Student Chapter Handbook. This handbook is being created because of the need to have a well developed road map on the "how to" create and retain student chapters at our colleges and universities. It will assist chapters in organizing, establishing and running a student chapter. It is expected that this handbook will be quite valuable as a living document that will continue to grow with additional experiences from all student chapters. The AEP state Board is anxiously waiting to see this Handbook! It will be presented to the AEP at the July 17th Board meeting.

The AEP continues the journey redeveloping its web site. The new website is up and running and is changing weekly with improvements that make it more user friendly for our members. This is the go-to site for current information on chapter activities. The website is more responsive and robust in capabilities for multi-tasking with features including membership renewals, conference and workshop registration capabilities. One new added feature is a searchable version of CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines. Another great feature includes a template that the Chapters can use for their own websites. This saves costs and time for not creating their own individual websites.

AEP has published the 2010 AEP CEQA Book (with newly adopted Guidelines) earlier this year. This handbook is provided to all members as a benefit. Additional copies can be ordered for \$10.00.

AEP is continues to explore the possibility of a joint venture with CEQAmaps in taking over the functions of the State Clearing House for CEQA document processing. This is in response to the Governor's proposal to eliminate, or significantly change, the roles of the Office of Planning and Research (OPR). This is an important issue and very interesting to be on the road less travelled by state government. This may be an opportunity for AEP. More later as this program develops.

The AEP is conducting an audit of our financial books for the 2009 year. This process will be very good for the organization to assess our financial performance and understand our current bookkeeping practices.

The AEP Spring CEQA Advanced workshops have been





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completed. The program was well received even in a tough economy. This is still a major success and an excellent program developed by AEP each year to bring in the latest legislative issues and court cases affecting CEQA. This Workshop is a cornerstone for professional development produced each year by AEP.

The summer edition of the *Environmental Assessor* (EA) will be coming out in July. We have decided to publish it on our AEP Website as a PDF version. When the AEP Board approved the budget for 2010 there was decided to produce only one hard copy of the EA each year in January to provide registration and other pertinent information about the annual Conference. The remainder editions will be published electronically via the web. So keep an eye on the AEP website for information and other postings.



## Georgia Association of Environmental Professionals Chapter Report

The Georgia Association of Environmental Professionals (GAEP) proudly co-hosted the successful NAEP Annual Conference that was held in Atlanta at the end of April. GAEP is continually working to develop and schedule activities for the membership that includes alternating Lunch 'n Learn programs and networking events. GAEP is also proud of the new format, look and feel of our quarterly newsletter. To see it and learn more about upcoming chapter events please visit [www.gaep.org](http://www.gaep.org), or join us on LinkedIn or Facebook.



## Chapter Report: Illinois Association of Environmental Professionals

In July, IAEP will host a summer seminar entitled "Meet the New Leaders". IAEP members will have the chance to meet the new Chief of the Regulatory Branch of the Chicago District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the new Field Supervisor of the Chicago Field Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Both agencies will be working more closely regarding Section 404 wetland permitting and endangered species act issues. This dinner event will be an opportunity to see what direction these new leaders will be taking their agencies and learn about new regulatory updates.

September marks the annual golf outing planned for White Deer Run Golf Course, a portion of the proceeds from the outing fund the monetary awards for our University student essay competition in the fall.

Dr. Kelly Tzoumis, board member, co-editor of Environmental Practice and NAEP liaison has stepped down from the board to focus more on the journal and her students. We have selected an IAEP board replacement and new IAEP Chapter representative to the NAEP board for the interim and will vote at the next Board meeting in July to officially accept each position.



## Texas Association of Environmental Professionals Chapter Report

Planning for TAEP's fifth annual Environmental Challenges and Innovation Conference (ECIC) has been initiated with an anticipated event date in early February 2011. More to come!!



## What's happening with MAREP?

**W**e're official! The Mid Atlantic Region Environmental Professionals association (MAREP) was voted in as an affiliated NAEP chapter on April 27th at the Board Meeting during the conference in Atlanta.

Since then, MAREP hosted its second event on May 20th at the Rock Bottom Brewery in Arlington, VA. Environmental professionals from consulting, academia, contracting, etc., gathered for food, networking, and a technical presentation on Vapor Intrusion given by Pete Granholm, National Program Manager for Apex Companies, LLC. Feedback from the event was extremely positive. MAREP has been described as energetic, well-organized, and ambitious.

MAREP's organization continues to evolve. Joe Buchy, Project Manager for MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, has taken on the role of Treasurer; Karole Braunstein from HydroGeoLogic, Inc. has agreed to lead our Events Committee; and Mike Weller, Associate at Bracewell & Giuliani, will be leading our

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Our organization is evolving because our membership is growing! We finalized annual dues amounts and our membership application, and we've started collecting official (i.e., paid) memberships. With each MAREP event or meeting, we have added official members and met new contacts for potential future memberships. All of this has been very encouraging to our core members who have been working very hard since December last year to get to this point.

We are in the final stages of development on our website, and we have reserved the MAREP domain. For a sneak peak, check out [www.marepweb.org](http://www.marepweb.org).

MAREP is a young and growing professional association. We've accomplished a lot in a short period of time, and we have much larger aspirations for the near future.

We have several opportunities available for leadership roles in the areas of training, student organization, community outreach, environmental programs, and more. This is a great opportunity to get involved in our earliest stages for maximum impact at the local level. Please contact Carolyn Henn or Jack Mulrooney for more information and/or to be added to our distribution list for upcoming events. MAREP's next event is scheduled for June 24th.

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## A Thank You from the Tampa Bay Association of Environmental Professionals Student Scholarship Winner

First, I'd like to thank all the members of the *Tampa Bay Association of Environmental Professionals* (local chapter of the Florida Association of Environmental Professionals) for the opportunity to attend the NAEP 35th Annual Conference. The scholarship gave me the chance to speak with environmental professionals from around the country and from a variety of backgrounds. I can not thank you enough for your help and your dedication to students.

When I arrived in Atlanta, I immediately felt welcome by all the incredibly friendly and interested people attending the conference. I volunteered at the Registration Desk for most of the first day and some of the second, which was great because I was able to meet a lot of the professionals as they arrived and give back a little at the same time. Working with the conference staff was also a wonderful experience – they were extremely helpful and amiable people. The good-spirited energy of both the staff and the attendees really made the week memorable for me. They were always happy to share their stories with me and were tremendously encouraging, something that I was very grateful for.

The various keynote speakers that attended the conference were both informative and encouraging. They highlighted projects such as ensuring protection for national historic sites and buildings, and developing plans for mixed-use, smart growth policies in cities. The speakers illustrated what it was like to actually implement these ideas and strategies they used to make their projects successful. The insight I gained from their projects have really helped me understand how to make the places we live in sustainable. One keynote speaker that I greatly enjoyed listening to was Garret Graves from the Office of Coastal Activities for the State of Louisiana. His presentation on the Louisiana's Comprehensive Master Plan for a Sustainable Coast highlighted the integrated approach the state is taking on wetland restoration, environmental mitigation, and storm protection. In light of the recent oil disaster in the Gulf of Mexico, the information he offered was both incredibly important for environmental professionals to be

acquainted with and cause for hope.

Throughout the conference I attended a number of seminars that ranged from Brownfields to Environmental Education to Climate Change and Renewable Energy planning. The sessions were incredibly informative, and often offered new and innovative ideas on the environmental issues we face today. One of the concepts I learned in implementing environmental policy was to employ cooperative modeling – a method of approaching environmental policy in which we consider all environmental and social systems. This approach was one of the most valuable strategies I learned at the conference – not only is it useful for planners and government regulators, but it can also be implemented at the local, community, regional, and national levels. The idea of modeling using systems thinking is definitely something that could be adopted by Eckerd College as well as government agencies.

The conference allowed me to gain insight into the role of both regulators and private agencies and how they implement strategies to make sustainability a reality locally. Sessions like Climate Change Planning at the Local Level and Funding Renewable Energy were essential to the overall great experience I had at the conference. The absolutely wonderful evening at the Georgia Aquarium was also a terrific experience and I felt really connected the group of individuals at the conference through the collective admiration of the wonders of the sea.

I hope to apply what I have learned at the conference into my forthcoming career in Environmental Studies in order to promote sustainability and positive interactions with our environment in the future. Once again, I must thank the Tampa Bay chapter of NAEP for the scholarship and this wonderful opportunity – your dedication to and interest in students and our potential careers is greatly appreciated.

—*Jacqueline Ayala*  
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As many of you know, Jim Roberts, a longtime member of NAEP passed away in the fall of 2007 leaving a legacy of leadership and ethical living. A scholarship committee was formed to flesh out a vehicle that will reflect both Jim Robert's life and his wishes for NAEP and future environmental professionals.

Jim Roberts was a great leader committed to professionalism and ethics in the environmental field. In 2008, the National Association of Environmental Professionals (NAEP) Board of Directors approved the formation of the Jim Roberts Memorial Scholarship Fund to continue Jim's good work and encourage others to follow in his commitment to the industry.

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