

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

by Rodney Sakrison, President, AWRA Washington Section

A Year of Progress

This will be the last Newsletter of 1996, so first let me thank you for the opportunity to serve as the President this year. I know I speak for the Board of Directors in that 1996 was a great year for the organization. We made real progress providing the membership and the public an interdisciplinary forum for the discussion of water resources issues. We hope we have met some of your needs to keep up to date with current news and practices in our field.

It's exciting to know that we have such a broad subject area to explore. From groundwater quality standards, state-of-the-art stormwater management, and water rights processing, to municipal water supply planning, we have covered many different areas this year. In all cases, we have attempted to bring the best representatives of these areas as speakers and contributors to our newsletter. With our strong core group of directors and officers, the expectations for next year are even higher than this year.

As you read this Newsletter, the State Section will have completed revision of our by-laws and incorporated as a non-profit business. Several significant policies will have been put in place that will give the Board of Directors more flexibility to guide the organization. I believe the most important change will be the expansion of the size of the Board. We anticipate bringing on at least four additional directors this year. This will allow new board members to develop their commitment over a somewhat longer period; also, former officers will be encouraged to stay on the Board after their terms of office have expired. I expect you'll see greater continuity and consistency from the State Section from year to year. In this newsletter there is a complete slate of candidates for the positions on the 1997 Washington State Section Board of Directors.

This fall has brought on new challenges. We co-sponsored a conference with the Oregon Institute of Hydrology on the Floods of 1996 in Portland. It was well attended and had a decidedly technical bent. The variety of flood issues that were addressed during the two-day conference was impressive. The State of Washington was well represented by Steve Wells, Assistant Director for Growth Management of the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development; Tim D'Acci, of the Department of Ecology; and Derek Booth, of the University of Washington's Center for Urban Water Resources Management.

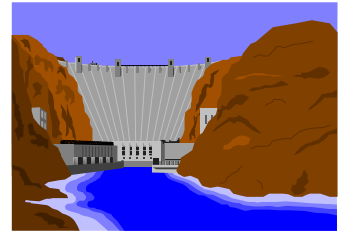
Looking further ahead, the State Section has taken the first steps to express interest in sponsoring the National AWRA Conference and Symposium in 1999. The reaction of the AWRA Conference Planning committee has been positive, and we have been penciled-in to hold the conference late in the summer of that year. This will be a milestone for the State Section, and our initial planning steps will begin in early 1997.

On November 20, we will have our annual conference and membership meeting at the Seattle Art Museum. We promise an interesting program on water supply issues facing the Puget Sound basin. This year I hope you will have enough interest in the workings of our association to stay on for the annual business meeting and participate in the election of the 1997 Board of Directors. Meet the new and current board members and let us have a chance to get to know you better. See you at the Art Museum.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, November 20
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
**Washington Section
Annual Fall Conference**
(see page 5 for details)

4:45 p.m.
**Annual
Membership Meeting
and Election of Board
Members**



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INTERIM WATER GROUP PLANS PRESENTED AT SEPTEMBER DINNER MEETING

On September 19, in Bellevue, Gwenn Maxfield, chair of the Interim Water Group and Commissioner of the Woodinville Water District, presented the group's ambitious plans for the coming year. The group is spearheading an investigation of the political, technical, and economical realities of developing an alternative to Seattle's water supply for Eastside consumers.

From Gwenn's presentation, it is clear that the group is well organized, with representatives from 26 water districts and cities in King, Snohomish and Pierce Counties. These representatives will be coming together monthly, on the third Wednesday of each month, over the next 18 months, as the group evaluates the feasibility of forming a "New Entity" for water supply.

The Interim Water Group's next meeting, November 20 at Tibbets Manor in Issaquah, will summarize recommendations to date and for future research, and discuss how to proceed with the next steps towards developing this "New Entity." Future meetings will be held at the Kirkland Maintenance Center. Although the November meeting will keep Gwenn busy most of the day, she has agreed to join the Washington Section Fall Conference panelists that morning (see page 5) to discuss the breadth of the "water crisis" in the Puget Sound Area.

For all those interested in hearing a summary of the Interim Water Group's November 20 meeting, Gwenn extends an invitation to join the group that day at 5:00 p.m. at Tibbets Manor. She would also like to remind AWRA members that all interested citizens are encouraged to attend the group's monthly meetings.

BY-LAWS, INCORPORATION DOCUMENTS AND NOMINEES, OH MY!

On October 21, the Washington Section Board of Directors met to discuss the by-laws and articles of incorporation that the organization would be proposing at a general membership meeting that evening. At this time, the Board also finalized the slate of nominees for next year's leadership.

A special membership meeting was held that evening, and a motion was adopted to organize the Washington Section of AWRA as a non-profit corporation under Washington State law. This status will clarify the organizational structure of the association and give it a formal legal existence, a step that will improve contracting agreements and offer some liability protection to the Board. The articles of incorporation are in the final stages of preparation for filing with the State.

The by-laws were also discussed and tentatively approved at the October 21st membership meeting. Final by-laws will be adopted by the Board at the membership meeting following the Fall Conference on November 20.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Election of Board of Directors

The Washington Section's annual general membership/business meeting will be held at 4:45 p.m., after the Fall Conference on November 20 at the Seattle Art Museum. Included on the agenda will be an election for the 1997 Board of Directors. As discussed in the President's Notes, the Washington Section has expanded the Board to allow for greater guidance of the organization. A slate of nominees has been prepared by the Nominating Committee.

Short biographical sketches of each candidate will be available at the Fall Conference. Members current at the time of the meeting are invited to attend and participate in the election.

1997 AWRA Washington Section Board of Directors - NOMINATION BALLOT

Please nominate one person for each position. Write-in candidates (current 1997 members only) will be considered. Thank you for folding this page in half and mailing it in before November 18. The postage is prepaid.

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	Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	Steve Foster, <i>US Army Corps of Engineers</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	Andy Lukas, <i>Brown & Caldwell</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Phil Beilin, <i>Snohomish County Information Services</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Chris Pitre, <i>Pacific Groundwater Group</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Student Representative (to be named later)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Karen Welch, <i>Independent water resources consultant</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

STUDENT CHAPTER AT UW

A Student Chapter of the American Water Resources Association has been long overdue in the State of Washington. Different centers and departments at the University of Washington have always had a strong interest in water resources issues; however, the AWRA has never had a strong foothold in those areas. Typically, those areas are dominated by other academic and professional organizations. As an outgrowth of the "Land Use and Water" class taught by Rod Sakrison, AWRA Washington Section President, there is a group of graduate students in the Department of Urban Design and Planning interested in forming a Student Chapter. Key professors in the Department of Landscape Architecture, Civil Engineering and the Center for Urban Water Resources Management have also given their support.

A student chapter can serve several functions such as bringing in guest speakers, holding field trips, and facilitating professional contacts in the field of water resources. Some of the students interested in the Student Chapter are currently working on a planning studio project with Bob Penhale, watershed coordinator for the Department of Ecology in Bellevue. They came to Rod looking for project ideas, and it wasn't too hard to find a few options that would work for the studio and the agency. With the broad and talented membership of the State Section, there should be some exciting opportunities for further collaboration with the University of Washington.

We hope members of the State Section will step forward to get involved with the Student Chapter. The first organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 29. If all goes as planned, you can expect the introduction of new officers for the Student Chapter at the AWRA Washington Section Annual Fall Conference.

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THE WATER CRISIS - 1996 WASHINGTON SECTION FALL CONFERENCE

The Washington Section's Annual Fall Conference will address the myth, realities and opportunities surrounding the perceived water crisis in the Puget Sound Area. On **November 20 at the Seattle Art Museum**, three panels of leading water resources experts will address the management, regulatory, scientific, and socio-economic elements of our water supply challenges. The first panel of speakers will identify key causes and issues pertaining to the "crisis" or its myth. The second group will focus on scientific and technical dimensions that closely affect the public policy debate and decision-making process, and the third panel will offer potential solutions to the dilemma.

As a special event this year, **Dr. Jim Riley, University of Washington Mechanical Engineering professor, will discuss the classic works of Leonardo Da Vinci**, relating his command of art and science to water resources issues. He promises biographical anecdotes and a visual presentation of Da Vinci's drawings, now owned by Bill Gates and on tour in New York City.

The \$95.00 registration fee includes a continental breakfast, lunch, two snack breaks and 1997 membership dues.

Conference Panel Summary (see the official flier for details):

Panel 1 - *Defining the Causes and Elements of the "Crisis"*

Jim Miller, City of Everett; **Chuck Lean**, Bogle and Gates; **Dave Hilmoe**, Seattle Water; **Gwenn Maxfield**, Woodinville Water District.

Panel 2 - *Technology's Role in Managing the "Crisis"*

Dan Malarkey, ECONorthwest; **Forrest Olson**, CH2M HILL; **Jim Carr**, AGI Technologies; **Linton Wildrick**, Washington Department of Ecology.

Panel 3 - *Approaches and Progress in Averting the "Crisis"*

Jim Miller, GeoEngineers; **George Edwards**, King County Water Pollution Control; **Jeff Barry**, CH2M HILL; **Geoff Clayton**, RH2 Engineering.

The AWRA Washington Section's Membership Meeting and 1997 Board Elections will take place at the Art Museum following the conference at 4:45 p.m.

A preliminary conference announcement was mailed to members and others on the section's master list in early October. The more formal and *final* conference flier should have just recently come across your desk. If you did not receive one and would like to, please contact Mike Wert at 624-9190 or Teresa Platin at 453-5000.

**AWRA WASHINGTON SECTION
1997 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

NAME:

ORGANIZATION:

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Check if you would like to be actively involved on a committee during 1997. You will be contacted to determine what committee involvement you would like.

1997 Membership Dues (through October 1997): \$25.00. Please make check payable to **AWRA Washington Section**.

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