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Upcoming Events:

- **PNWIS 2007 – October 2007 in Boise, Idaho**
- **A&WMA ACE 2008 – June in Portland, WA**



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ACE 2008: ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGE INTERNATIONAL & YOUNG PROFESSIONALS!

In June of 2008, the Air & Waste Management Association (A&WMA) Annual Conference and Exhibition will see for the first time the unveiling of the Environmental Challenge International (ECi). Simply, the ECi will be an international version of the Pacific Northwest International Section's Environmental Challenge with a few new twists, poster presentations and unexpected events! With the efforts of Toby Allen, Northwest Clean Air Agency, and Steve Rybolt, Olympic Region Clean Air Agency, the ECi will be introduced to A&WMA and it will be the beginning of a legacy!

In addition to a student focus, Young Professionals are being recognized and focused upon. Laurel Peterson, Horizon Engineering, will be at the forefront of developing new programs that address professional development, job transitions and networking.

Stay tuned for more news in the next few months for activities related to the ECi and Young Professional concepts!

PNWIS 2007 – BOISE, IDAHO

The 47th annual PNWIS conference will be held October 17-19th, 2007, in Boise, Idaho, at the DoubleTree Hotel - Riverside.

This year's conference theme is "Powering the Future." The technical sessions will cover air and waste management topics, including power generation, clean energy, alternative fuels, and the environmental challenges we face as we power our future. PNWIS is currently accepting abstracts and details can be found by visiting the conference website at <http://www.pnwis.org/PNWIS2007a/default.htm>.

If you are interested in presenting at the conference please contact one of the Technical Committee Co-Chairs, Joan Cloonan (jcloonan@mindspring.com) or Cheryl Robinson (cheryl.robinson@deq.idaho.gov). For other information related to the conference please contact the General Conference Chair, Zach Klotovich (zklotovi@cableone.net).

A&WMA ACE 2008 WILL BE IN PORTLAND AND PNWIS IS HOSTING!

As you may know, PNWIS was selected as the Local Host Committee (LHC) for the 2008 Air & Waste Management Association (A&WMA) Annual Conference & Exhibition (ACE) to be held June 24-28, 2008 in Portland, Oregon.

The LHC has been planning the conference for several months now but we are still looking for enthusiastic volunteers for several committees. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Angie or Dave at our e-mail addresses below.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN
Dan Mahar, PNWIS President

Dear Respected Members:

I'm honored to be your president in 2007. A sincere thank you goes out to Denise Newbould, our past president and the rest of the board for their excellent leadership and dedication as they've pushed PNWIS to new heights. Our accomplishments over the past year include:

PNWIS 2006 – Yes, it was a big success. Mike Williams (Conference Chair) and Chris Robins (Technical Chair) along with their planning committee held another memorable and well attended annual conference in Victoria. The Vancouver Island chapter put their heart & soul into making this a technically stimulating conference at one of our all-time favorite convention centers. Thank you Vancouver Island chapter for hosting the event.

PNWIS 2007 – Will be held October 17-19 in Boise, Idaho and is being hosted by the newly reactivated Idaho chapter under the guidance of General Conference Chair Zach Klotovich. The last time the conference was held in Boise was in 1974. We are stoked that it has returned after a 34 year break. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there!

Expanded Web Based Systems – We've added a mail server and online conference registration system to reduce volunteer effort and increase our effectiveness. The mail server was the brain child of our Communications Chair, Claude Williams, and it has worked extraordinarily well in getting our messages out to members and other interested parties. The other IT project, the online conference registration system was rolled out during PNWIS 2006 under the vision and guidance of Warren McCormick with great success and we plan to use it again for PNWIS 2007.

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EC Fund – Wow, we reached our goal of raising over \$100,000 for the Environmental Challenge (EC) fund. I'd like to thank all those people and organizations that donated money. The fund is now considered sustainable and can generate enough interest each year to provide EC prize money for this annual student event. This is a major accomplishment that demonstrates the success of our student programs and the ability of our members to set high goals and attain them.

EC goes International - The EC competition was developed by PNWIS and the concept is being brought forward to an international forum with the first Environmental Challenge International (ECi) competition to be held at ACE 2008 in Portland. We are working closely with A&WMA to make the ECi a success; in fact, we're sending three student representatives to ACE 2007 in Pittsburgh as a catalyst for developing ECi interest at the national/international level.

Young Professionals Program - This expanding program is for members under 36 years of age. It helps attract and mentor our younger members as they are our future. It is also a logical extension of our existing EC and student program. Many thanks go out to Laurie Bates-Frymel, Steve Rybolt, Toby Allen and Laurel Peterson for their boundless energy making these programs innovative and successful.

Local ACE 2008 Host Committee – The A&WMA Annual Conference & Exhibition (ACE 2008) will be held in Portland in June 2008. Two of our most experienced conference planning members, Angela Hansen and Dave Dornbush, are co-chairing the ACE 2008 Local Host Committee. The committee will assure the event is integrated into our region, and enhance its viability and fun factor. They are still in need of volunteers, so if you would like to get more involved in PNWIS, here is your chance. Please check our web site for details.

The reason that PNWIS is such an active and successful section of the A&WMA is because we have a lot of dedicated volunteers. These volunteers play an active role in helping our profession, their careers and the environment. Please consider volunteering if you have not already been, “part of the fun”.

Dan Mahar
PNWIS President

NEW PNWIS BOARD OFFICERS ELECTED

Submitted by Dave Dornbush, PNWIS Past President Nominating Committee Chair

The PNWIS Board Nominating Committee identified candidates for office late in 2006, emailed the ballot to our membership in mid-January, and the voting results are in! The following officers will serve on the Board May 1, 2007 through April 30, 2009. They were installed at the May 18/19 Turnover Board Meeting in Alaska. At that meeting, **Dan Mahar**, currently President-Elect, began his one-year term as President.

Three new officers joined the Board in May

President-Elect: Bob Humphries. Bob is Past Chair of the BC/Yukon Chapter and Partner with Levelton Consultants Ltd., Richmond, BC, Canada. Bob will assume the role of PNWIS President in May, 2008.

Director Position One: Kevin Schilling. Kevin is the Idaho Chapter Chair, PNWIS 2007 Annual Conference Co-Chair, and Air Quality Monitoring Coordinator at the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Boise, Idaho, USA.

Director Position Two: Tony Ward. Tony is the faculty advisor for the University of Montana Student Chapter; and, a Research Assistant Professor at The University of Montana, Center for Environmental Health Sciences (CEHS) in Missoula, Montana, USA.

And, **THANK YOU** to the officers who have served on the Board for the last two years:

President: Denise Newbould will continue as Past President, and voting member, of the Board

Director Position One: Al Trbovich will continue as Technical Committee Chair with the Board

Director Position Two: Zach Klotovich will continue as the PNWIS 2007 Annual Conference Co-Chair

Updated contact information for 2007-2008 PNWIS Board members is available at <http://pnwis.org/Board/board.htm>

We welcome the ideas and support of all volunteers who continue to support the mission and goals of PNWIS/A&WMA. And, we encourage you to consider a role on the Board next year!

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Check out the following opportunities:

- Sponsorship Committee – if you would like to be a fundraiser or have contacts / ideas we could use your help!
- Green Meetings Committee – help us plan a carbon-neutral conference
- Information/Welcome Center Committee – meet new people and tell them what the great city of Portland, and the NW, has to offer!
- Monitors & Volunteers Committee – help assure the technical sessions run smoothly; and, get free or reduced registration in return
- Outreach Program Committee – educate the public about A&WMA's work and help coordinate fundraising activities for the A&WMA scholarship fund (e.g., golf tournament, silent auction, recycled art student competition)
- Media/Publicity Committee – help get the word out
- Tours & Transportation Committee – let's show off some of excellent environmental stewards in the Portland region
- Social Program Committee – arrange interesting activities for accompanying persons, students, and other delegates
- Student and Young Professional Programs – help make our young delegates feel welcome and connected
- Environmental Challenge International (ECi) Program – help kick off the first international Student EC competition

The LHC holds monthly conference calls on the 2nd Tuesday of each month and we have quarterly planning meetings. We hope you will participate in the ACE and help us showcase the great Northwest. Stay tuned to the PNWIS newsletter, the A&WMA web site, and A&WMA publications for more information.

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PNWIS 2006 VICTORIA - Submitted by Mike Williams, General Conference Chair

The 2006 annual conference was held on November 8, 9 and 10 in Victoria, BC. The event took place in the Victoria Conference Centre (VCC) on the inner harbor—a perfect location for easy access to the downtown area, restaurants, tourist attractions and ferries from Seattle.

The Weather

At the time we were in the midst of one of the wettest and stormiest periods in Victoria's recorded history. But this did not stop 35 or so people from taking part in the fun run on Thursday morning at 7:00am. Hats off to those sturdy people

The Facilities

We were very fortunate to have first class facilities. The VCC is adjacent to and adjoins the Empress Hotel. The combination of the hotel's expertise in providing accommodation and catering services and the VCC worked extremely well for us. We had the use of one full level of the VCC which allowed delegates and exhibitors to mingle during the whole of the proceedings.

The banquet was held in the Modern History Gallery of the Royal BC Museum. Excellent food was plentiful at 6 or 7 stations located around the gallery. Local beer and wine was provided for the enjoyment of about 190 attendees. The whole evening was a great success and facilitated much laughter, networking and learning. Our thanks to the caterer and her staff who freshly prepared and produced all the food.

Schedule

The schedule, in general terms, followed the usual pattern. The plenary session and technical sessions took place on Wednesday. On Thursday morning technical sessions and the president's lunch were followed by more sessions in the afternoon and the banquet in the evening. The last day, Friday, was taken up with technical sessions, the EC presentations in the morning and the Awards lunch, the last event.

Program

The theme for 2006 was Healthy Communities – Using Science Based Solutions for Sustainability.

Plenary Session Theme was “Integrating science, technology, health knowledge, and policy to achieve healthy communities”

Keynote Speakers were

- Hu Wallis, speaking on behalf of the BC Deputy Minister of Environment
- Ernesta Ballard, Senior Vice President, Corporate Affairs, Weyerhaeuser Company
- Dr Richard Stanwick, Chief Medical Health Officer, Vancouver Island Health Authority

In this year's plenary session speakers spoke to the theme by linking the health of the environment, forests, communities and people. They looked at the relationship of all these with pollution and spoke about what their organizations are doing to address current concerns.

The keynote speakers were from Canada and the United States and spoke from the perspective of industry, government and community health.

There were four concurrent streams of technical presentations. These streams were presented under the headings Air Quality (Two Sub-streams were Management & Compliance and Inventories, Modeling & Monitoring); Sustainable Practices; and Emerging Issues/Scientific studies. There were a total of twenty eight technical sessions including two used for the Environmental Challenge presentations. The Environmental Challenge presentations were heard on Friday morning.

The Environmental Challenge

The EC for 2006 was about energy and transportation needs for Vancouver Island. Particularly it was about establishing a biodiesel plant on the Victoria Harbor. This, as you may imagine, was bound to generate protest. We were not disappointed. A group of protesters led by Laurie Bates-Frymel marched with placards through the Victoria Conference centre (I had to advise the VCC staff that the protest was part of the proceedings and not “real”). A team of people at the conference ably provided expertise to the five student teams. Thanks to the organizers, the “experts” and all the teams and their supporters.

Attendance

The conference was well supported with 233 registered delegates of whom 35 were students. Attendance varied between 209(Wednesday) and 230(Thursday). Our exhibit area was fully taken with 27 exhibitors. Attendees came to us from Washington, B.C. & Yukon, Montana and Idaho, Oregon, Alaska and outside PNWIS

STUDENT PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair: Steve Rybolt (steve@orca.org, 360/586-1044 ext. 110)

Over the last few months there has been an enormous growth in the continuing programs guided by the Student Programs Committee. Student Chapters continue to grow (and shrink) and the Environmental Challenge has reached a new level. In the spotlight is the reality of the Environmental Challenge Fund reaching \$100,000 and the Environmental Challenge being morphed into the Environmental Challenge International (ECi) that will be presented at Air & Waste Management Association's Annual Conference & Exhibition in Portland, Oregon (ACE 08).

The focus over the next quarter will be the spawning of the ECi and a focus on the birth and rebirth of new student chapters and members. ACE 08 has taken a toll on committee members involved with the Student Programs Committee (SPC) but continued growth in the committee will focus on new individuals becoming part of the SPC. The SPC is actively looking for volunteers to reach out to local universities and students.

Continually, as part of the PNWIS Blue Sky III Strategic Plan, prioritization and motivation will be placed on students and young professionals to encourage their participation and growing roles in A&WMA chapter and section programs.

The Environmental Challenge – PNWIS 2006

In 2002 there were two universities involved with the Environmental Challenge (EC). Five years later we have had over eight universities participating in the EC and it is expected to grow dramatically in the next few years with the addition of new Canadian teams and new teams from the Northwest and beyond.

At PNWIS 2006 Annual Conference we had a great turnout and a fantastic Environmental Challenge problem. Thanks to the help of Dianne Humphrey, Camosun College, and the conference planning committee for their valuable help with the development and implementation of the problem! In addition, the EC had extremely active role players that created protests and beyond! Thank you to the role players for the memorable experience:

Peter Hess – Bay Area Air Quality Management District
(A&WMA President during the Conference)
Claude Williams – Puget Sound Clean Air Agency
Laurie Bates-Frymel – Greater Vancouver Regional District
(Young Professional)
Warren McCormick – B.C. Ministry of the Environment
Laurel Peterson – Horizon Engineering (Young Professional)

Five teams were involved in the Environmental Challenge 2006. For the first time in EC history a team outside of Section participated; University of Regina - Saskatchewan. All the teams had magnificent solutions to the problem and many ran into real world problems while trying to unravel and solve the problem. In the end, it was the closest margin of victory between all the teams in EC history! Congratulations to our winners and all that were involved in PNWIS 2006! A total of \$4,000.00 in cash prizes were awarded to the winning teams!

Environmental Challenge 2006 – Victoria, British Columbia

First Place (\$1,600) Western Washington University –
Huxley College of the Environment
Team Name: Pacific Consulting
Team Members: Stacy Glenewinkel, Jamey Stoddard, David Van Dyke, Kyle Pieti

Second Place (\$1,000) Western Washington University –
Huxley College of the Environment
Team Name: Vancouver Island Advisory Commission
(VIAC)
Team Members: Aislin Muto, Kathleen Weinand, Kathryn Spaulding, Linda McGuinness

Third Place (\$600)
Team Name: RENU Consulting
Team Members: John Cannon, Marissa Siemens, Amanda Richard, Mikel Siemens

Honorable Mention (\$400)
Team Name: Team Conduction
Team Members: Luke Roberts, James Thullbery, Christy Baril

Honorable Mention (\$400)
Team Name: EE3
Team Members: Li He, Xianghui Nie, Xiaudong Zhang

To view the Environmental Challenge 2006 Problem and the winning teams' presentation and proposals visit:
www.pnwis.org/ECF/e-challenge.htm

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Online Registration

All those that registered did so this year using the new online registration system for the first time. This system was specified by the conference team and developed by consultants who did a great job. It saved a lot of time and hassle in spite of a few startup glitches. Generation of statistics, and keeping track of delegates and payments proved to be very easy. It was especially good for our volunteers who have, as always, to juggle time.

Sponsors

We thank our eight sponsors for their support for PNWIS 2006. Their help and support was essential to the success of the event and we are very grateful for their participation.

- British Columbia Ministry of the Environment
- University of Victoria Facilities Management

- BP Cherry Point Refinery
- Levelton Consultants Ltd
- Environmental Services, Capital Regional District, British Columbia
- Sunlight Interiors Ltd
- The Zethof Consulting Group
- Riverend Consulting Ltd

Conference Team

My thanks to all the members of the 2006 team. Your work was exemplary. I really appreciated your ability to produce the goods on time and your first class team work.

Finally my best wishes to Zach and his team for PNWIS 2007 in Boise.

VANCOUVER ISLAND CHAPTER HAPPENINGS - submitted by Chris Robins

The Vancouver Island Chapter proudly hosted PNWIS 2006 in November. Most of our Board members were involved in organizing the Conference, so we have all taken deep breaths and returned to our normal schedules and activities and pace of life.

Thanks largely to the efforts of Heather Sinnott and Melissa Szybel we have been able to continue with our popular monthly luncheon series. Over this fall we have covered diverse topics from the ever popular local debate on sewage treatment issues to management of hazardous wastes and on to more global issues like persistent organic pollutants. These lunch events have been well attended and we've been treated to both informative talks and delicious food at the Ambrosia Catering & Event Centre.

We have completed the process of Nominations for the next Board. The new Chapter Chair is Andrea Mercer. Andrea has been a key participant in Chapter activities for a number of years and is excited to take her turn as Chair. Andrea was able to attend Leadership training in Pittsburgh, the first time the Chapter has sponsored a representative to attend.

The Chapter was recently successful in obtaining a "recommended" status from the BC Ministry of Education for Science and Technology grade 11 for the AWMA Air Quality Environmental Resource Guides.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA CHAPTER

– submitted by Tony Ward

We have been on Winter break, and school has just started back up for the spring semester. We have not had much activity in our chapter last semester and through the break. We lost several of our key officers through graduation. However, we will be having a meeting this month and I will be heavily recruiting for our chapter. We will again have an active chapter this semester, with invited technical speakers once a month. The UM student chapter will also be coordinating with the Montana Chapter and Montana Tech Chapter, making the Montana Chapter active again. I'll keep you updated on our progress.

IDAHO CHAPTER REPORT

A planning meeting for the 2007 conference, held on January 17, was well attended and there was a high level of interest in assisting with the conference. Zach Klotovich, General Conference Chair, reported that formation of the planning team is nearly complete.

PUGET SOUND CHAPTER – submitted by Terry Nyman, Puget Sound Chapter Chair

Puget Sound Chapter meetings are held at 6:30 pm on the last Tuesday of each month. Meeting locations alternate between Bellevue and somewhere in the Seattle area. Our next Chapter meeting will take place at Amante Pizza, 4730 197th St. SW in Lynnwood on February 27 at 6:30 pm. Please see: http://www.pnwis.org/Ch_PS/PS.htm for additional meeting information. Please join us if you can.

Chapter Activities Update

- Our annual summer social event, “Last Gasp of Summer BBQ With A View!” was held in September. It was a great opportunity for Puget Sound Chapter members to visit with old friends and extend networks with new friends. The event was a success with 47 attendees.
- The Chapter’s Winter Social event was held at Jay and Linda Willenberg’s home in Issaquah on February 2. Thirty-six people enjoyed the beef brisket, pulled pork, pork ribs, chicken and other goodies.
- The Puget Sound Chapter made a \$5,000 contribution to the Environmental Challenge Fund. In addition, we provided financial support for two student teams from Huxley College of the Environment, Western Washington University to attend the annual technical conference in Victoria and participate in the Environmental Challenge competition (the Huxley teams took first and second place at the event).
- Planning is in progress for a brown-bag lunch event focused on environmental risk assessment. Steve Rybolt is organizing this event that will be held in the Olympia area.
- A technical committee headed by Agata McIntyre is organizing a training session on the new air quality dispersion model, AERMOD. Please stay tuned—more information will be posted at the Chapter’s web site when available.
- Chris Drechsel and Claude Williams will be attending Leadership Training in Pittsburgh this April.

We’d love to see you at a Chapter meeting if you’re in the area. The Chapter’s long-standing policy is to buy the first beverage at the Chapter meeting.

OREGON CHAPTER ACTIVITIES - submitted by Laurel Peterson and Kathi Furtomick

On September 19, 2006 the Oregon Chapter jointly sponsored a Fall Specialty Conference: Mercury: Global Problem, Local Solutions with the Northwest Environmental Business Council (NEBC). The Chapter is happy to report the proceeds from this conference were donated to the Environmental Challenge (EC) Fund.

The Oregon Chapter continues to sponsor a monthly series of technical lunches. The following is a summary of topics for the technical lunches.

February 21, 2007: Joint LRAPA, NEBC, A&WMA Meeting in Eugene, OR Claude Williams (PSCAA) "Emissions From Composting Facilities Based on Source Testing: Dispelling the Don't Ask, Don't Tell Policy"

March 20, 2007: **Green Chemistry: Applications at Nike** (Andy Chen, Nike)

April 17, 2007: Spring Fling

The Oregon Chapter has expanded the Board to include six Directors.

PNWIS 2006 AWARDS

At the PNWIS 2006 annual meeting in Victoria, British Columbia in November 2006 PNWIS held its annual awards ceremony. The following were the recipients of this year's awards.

Chris Robins, Capital Regional District

Robert Stockman Distinguished Achievement Award

This award is presented annually in recognition of an outstanding contribution to air quality management in the PNWIS region and for a long-standing contribution to PNWIS.

Kim Marcus, URS

PNWIS/A&WMA Executive Committee Award

This award is presented to recognize persons who have gone beyond the call of duty in their volunteer work for PNWIS.

Beverley Williams

“Hawkeye” Award

This award is presented to an inspector or internal auditor who diligently enforces regulations in the PNWIS region.

Angela Hansen, Am Test-Air Quality, LLC

Hard Hat Award

This award is presented to a source tester or engineer who provides air pollution control or waste management through innovative techniques.

Grover Christiansen, Ministry of Environment

Lab Coat Award

This award is presented to a person demonstrating accomplishment toward pollution control through ambient air testing or waste analysis.

University of Victoria & Boeing Integrated Defense Systems Environmental Environmental Achievement Award

This award is presented to organizations that have used innovative techniques to reduce or prevent air pollution or waste.

Jeff Nagel, Black Press

Media Award

This award is presented to a representative from the media who consistently presents accurate, balanced and in-depth information on the environment.

Claude Williams, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency

Excellence in Presentation

This award is presented for the best presentation of a paper or poster at the annual meeting.

Agata McIntyre, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency

Bent Black Banana

This award is presented to some person for some reason! The award is on the “lighter side” and is generally presented for some unusual contribution at the annual meeting.

Mike Williams, PNWIS 2006

Certificates of Appreciation/Recognition

These certificates are presented to individuals, firms, agencies, or other organizations that have made some significant contribution to the fields of air pollution control and waste management or to the volunteer work of PNWIS.

Willenberg-Hansen Chapter Recognition Program

Moby Award

Alaska Chapter
BC/Yukon Chapter
Idaho Chapter
Oregon Chapter
Puget Sound Chapter

Eagle Award

Huxley Student Chapter
Montana Tech Student Chapter
Vancouver Island Chapter

Moose Award

University of Montana Student Chapter

Student Paper Awards

First Place Eleanor Setton, University of Victoria
Second Place Jason Allen, University of Washington
Third Place Christy Lightowlers, University of Victoria and

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ENVIRONMENTAL NUISANCES CONFERENCE – Submitted by Kathy Preston

On May 7 to 9, the BC and Yukon Chapter of A&WMA hosted a technical conference on Environmental Nuisances in Richmond, BC. Issues associated with noise, light, odour and fugitive dust were discussed. The plenary session set the tone for the conference with a discussion of policy perspectives on environmental nuisances generally as well as those specifically associated with confined feeding operations. We heard about new guidelines for noise in Alberta and for odour in Ontario. We also learned how seriously nuisance complaints are taken by the courts and regulators in Ontario – merely satisfying Certificate of Approval requirements may no longer be sufficient as companies can still be prosecuted for nuisances based on the principle of “adverse effect”. A recurring theme throughout the conference was that industry should proactively get to know their neighbours, give tours and explain the benefits of their facility to open the communication channels so that any potential complaints are made to the facility rather than to a regulatory authority.

Three parallel sessions on the science and technology of noise and light, odour and fugitive dust were held in the afternoon. There were so many good presentations in the various sessions it was difficult to choose just one stream. Fortunately, the

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**STUDENT PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT –continued from page 5
 The Environmental Challenge Fund Breaks \$100,000**

Ten years ago there was a vision to start a program for university students. The programs goal was to “stimulate the pursuit of multidisciplinary environmental studies, at the university level, through tangible rewards for innovative solutions to problems involving potentially complex environmental issues.” Today we know it as the Environmental Challenge (EC).

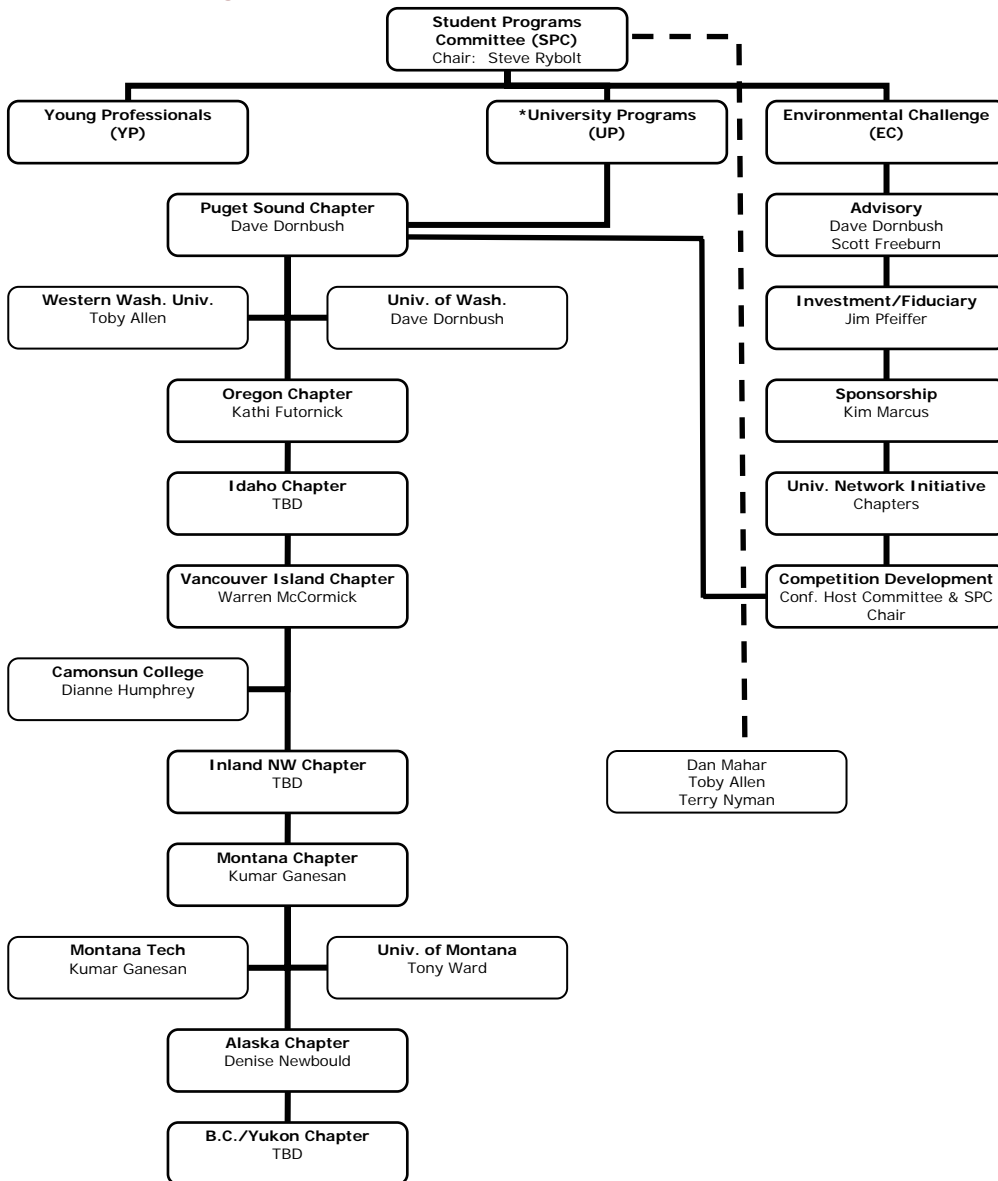
In an effort to maintain a steady stream of funding for prize money and scholarships (i.e. tangible rewards), the Environmental Challenge Fund was created and a \$100,000 goal was set. The \$100,000 goal would establish self-funding prize and scholarships money based on the interest earned on the investment.

At the PNWIS 2006 Annual Conference the \$100,000 goal was met! At PNWIS 2006 alone, over \$25,000 was contributed to the fund, making this dream a reality! Thank you to all the generous sponsors and individual donations that will support our future environmental leaders!

Sponsorship Recognition

Leadership Circle (\$10,000+)	Mentor (\$500+)	Club (\$100+)	Graduate (\$25+)
The Boeing Company Pacific Northwest International Section (A&WMA) Puget Sound Chapter (A&WMA) Alaska Chapter (A&WMA) BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc.	Melissa McAfee Idaho Chapter Dave Dornbush Montana Tech Student Chapter	Arthur Davidson Spring Environmental Al Trbovich Beth Fifield Hodgson Armina Nolan Rodney James James Nolan Claude Williams Anne Schlapia Terry & Lynda Nyman John Thielke Beverly Williams Jane Koenig Merlyn Hough Christy Schmitt Kathi Futornick Woodward-Clyde Consultants (URS) Martha Moore	Jessica Stark
Benefactor (\$5,000+)	Sustaining (\$250+)		
Oregon Chapter (A&WMA)	Spring Environmental Aware Consulting Kumar Ganesan family Denise Newbould		
Patron (\$1,000+)	Jim Pfeiffer & Julia Belli Kim Marcus Geomatrix Consultants, Inc Dan Mahar Maggie & Lee Corbin Brian Doyle Angie & Kris Hansen		
Scott Freeburn Willamette Industries (Weyerhaeuser) B.C./Yukon Chapter (A&WMA) Weyerhaeuser Company			

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Environmental Challenge 2006 Participants - Photo by Steve Rybolt

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

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If you have ideas for nominees for our 2007 annual meeting in Boise, Idaho, please send them to:

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session co-chairs did an excellent job of keeping people to their allotted time and so it was possible to move from one session to another. The next morning was even more interesting as the three parallel sessions dealt with case studies and solutions. I attended the fugitive dust session where some great ideas on dust mitigation were presented.

On the second afternoon we came full circle and focused on community relations and stakeholder consultation. We were provided on some very interesting and different perspectives on how profound an impact these “nuisance” issues can have on members of the public. In particular, Janet Stavinga shared with us some of her experiences as a city councilor when residents would call to complain in the middle of the night stating, “If I am awake – You are awake”. We were also provided with excellent advice on how best to communicate to the public.

There was also a student poster session organized by Olga Petrov of BCIT. The BC & Yukon Chapter of PNWIS co-sponsored students attendance and the poster session.

Based on the feedback I received at the conference, I believe that most attendees found the topics relevant and useful. I would like to thank Steve Hart for spearheading the conference; Carrie Hartz for taking care of facilities, registration and all other administrative duties; Olga Petrov for taking the initiative and organizing a student poster session; and the technical program committee (Dan Hrebenyk, Russ Lewis, Mike McGinley, Adeline Narjoux and Randy Rudolph) for finding such great speakers.

The Electronic Newsletter

This is the tenth edition of the electronic PNWIS Newsletter. The goal of the Board is to release it electronically to the membership twice per year to let you know what's going on across our Section. We are also interested in including articles from Members, Chapter Boards and others. Please submit your articles to Chris Robins by e-mail to crobins@crd.bc.ca. Submissions will be reviewed by the PNWIS Newsletter Editorial Board made up of Terry Nyman and Angela Hansen. Thanks to Sheila Brown for formatting and Claude Williams for looking after distribution. Claude is also instrumental in maintaining the PNWIS web site at www.pnwis.org. Please take a few minutes to visit the site.

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