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AWRA Florida Section Bimonthly Meeting

January 26, 2001

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3900 SW 63rd Boulevard
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Come and join us at the January meeting of the AWRA Florida Section! This first meeting of the *real* new millennium will present issues and activities focusing on multiple aspects of careers in water and environmental science related fields. The meeting will be held at the Center for Training, Research and Education for Environmental Occupations (TREEO) in Gainesville, Florida. Recruiters wishing to participate or display materials should contact Allan Biddlecomb at 352-338-0223, or abiddlecomb@jea.net.

AGENDA

Meeting Co-Chairs: Allan Biddlecomb 352-338-0223 Virginia Mirabal 904-964-1207

12:00-2:30 Florida Section Board of Directors Meeting – Section members invited, Meeting at Napolitano's Italian Restaurant, 606 NW 75th St. (Tower Rd.).

3:30-4:00 Registration

4:00-6:00 Program - **Water Resource and Environmental Career Opportunities:**

Individual presentation forum by professionals from diverse backgrounds. This meeting offers an opportunity for professionals and students to learn about:

- Developing a career in water resource and environmental related fields.
- Opportunities in government agencies and consulting firms.
- Upcoming projects and industry trends (of interest to job seekers & professionals).
- How to survive the school to workplace transition.
- Career transitions.
- Other's experiences with The Good, The Bad & The Ugly (environmental protection, agencies, & consultants, not necessarily in that order).

Guest Speakers:

Bob Moresi, P.G., Moffat & Nichol Engineers.

Michael Cullum, P.E., Director of Engineering, St. Johns River Water Management District.

Myra Carpenter, Environmental Superintendent, Georgia-Pacific Corporation, Palatka.

Chuck Padera, Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc.

Roger Rumenik, P.G., U.S. Geological Survey

6:00-7:00 Social Hour - Join us in an informal setting to talk about career opportunities.

7:00-9:00 Dinner and Additional Networking - Buffet provided by Backyard BBQ.

REGISTRATION FORM

AWRA Florida Section Bimonthly Meeting,
January 26, 2001, Gainesville, Florida.

Name: _____ Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Guest Name: _____

Advance Registration: \$26.00 per person x _____ = \$ _____

Registration at the door: \$36.00 per person x _____ = \$ _____

Student Registration: A limited number of complimentary registrations are available for students attending the meeting. Contact Addriane Harris or Allan Biddlecomb at (352) 338-0223, or abiddlecomb@jea.net. (reduced Student Registration Fee at the door, \$10 or less depending on meeting budget).

Please mail registration fees and dues by January 12th to:

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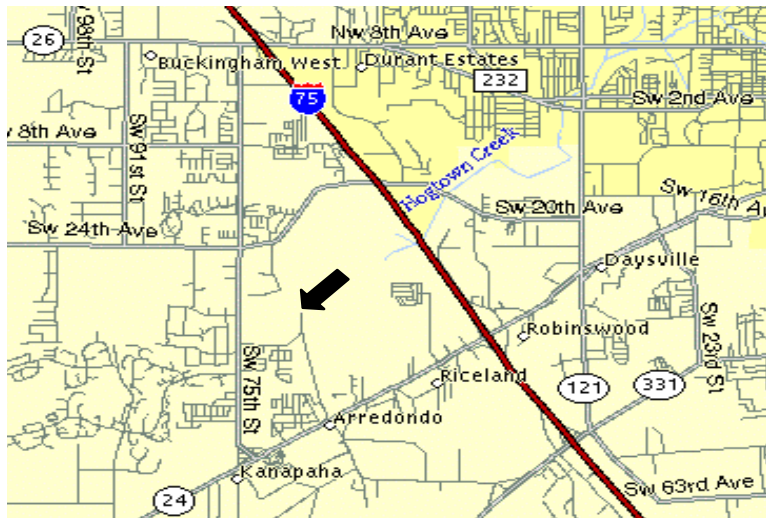
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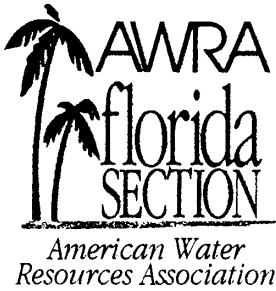
Lodging Suggestions: Cabot Lodge, 3726 SW 40th Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32608 (at Archer Rd & I-75, exit 75). (352) 375-2400, (800) 843-8735. A block of rooms is being held at Cabot Lodge at \$60.00/room, mention American Water Resources Association

Others: Holiday Inn West, 7417 W. Newberry Rd. (I-75, exit 76) (approx. \$61).

Fairfield Inn, 6901 NW 4th Blvd., (off of NW 75th St. (Tower Rd.)) (approx. \$59).

Directions to UF TREEO Center, 3900 SW 63rd Boulevard - West of I-75, off of Tower Road (SW 75th Street), between SR26 (I-75 exit 76) and SR24 (I-75 exit 75) at the Kanapaha Park & Veteran's Memorial.





2001 Membership Application

MEMBERSHIP DUES

New \$10 Regular
 Renewal \$4 Student

DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Please give us the information requested below, as you would like it to appear in the membership directory

Name: _____
First Middle Initial Last Suffix (Ph.D., PE, PG, etc)

Affiliation: _____

Mailing Address: Work Home

Box, Street or Route Suite or Apartment

City State Zip Code

Daytime Telephone: Work Home _____
Area Code

Facsimile: Work Home _____
Area Code

E-mail: _____

MEMBERSHIP INTERESTS

Would you like to receive our newsletter via e-mail? Yes No
 Are you an AWRA National Member? Yes No
 If not, would you like information? Yes No
 Are you interested in sponsorship opportunities? Yes No
 Would you like to be part of a bi-monthly meeting team? Yes No

For membership information, please contact David Watt at 904-329-4355 or david_watt@district.sjrwmd.state.fl.us

PAYMENT INFORMATION

\$_____ Florida Section Water Resources Education Fund tax deductible contribution

Make checks payable to: *AWRA Florida Section*
Return check to: *David Watt, Membership Services Coordinator*
417 Kirby Street
Palatka, Florida 32177

Florida Section membership dues for 2001 are due January 1 and are good through December 31. Contributions or gifts to the Florida Section are deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. Dues payments may be deductible by members as an ordinary and necessary business expense.

Section Use Only:

Date Received: _____ Check #: _____ Amount: _____



American Water Resources Association

What is AWRA? Why you should become a member!

The American Water Resources Association (AWRA) is a scientific and educational non-profit organization. AWRA's mission is to promote understanding of water resources and related issues by providing a multidisciplinary forum for information exchange, professional development, and education. AWRA's vision is recognition as the preeminent organization for information exchange about water resources issues. We accomplish this through the following key strategies:

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- Intensifying multidisciplinary activities
- Developing technological capabilities
- Developing multiple opportunities for outreach to other organizations and to the public
- Creating multiple opportunities for committees to be the primary vehicle for education, member networking, and organizational outreach
- Enhancing the relationship with the student chapters and national organization

The Florida Section will celebrate its 30th Anniversary in 2001. The Board of Directors and members continue to strive to be leaders in water resources issues and education. The Florida Section is proud of our efforts in promoting water resources education and providing a quality forum for our members to share their expertise. The Section sponsors a bi-monthly seminar including a technical program and board of directors meeting at various locations throughout the state.

The Board of Directors invites you to join AWRA. We are confident that your participation in the bi-monthly meetings will expand your knowledge of water resources issues and introduce you to an excellent network of people actively working in the water resources arena. Please take the time to get involved with other professionals interested in the wise management of our water resources. We challenge you to:

- Make the commitment to become a member of the Florida Section
- Get involved in the management of the association by volunteering for a committee
- Participate in the technical program in your area

We are proud of the AWRA Florida Section's accomplishments over the past 30 years. Our association's strength is in its members. We hope that each of you will accept the challenge and help us to achieve even greater accomplishments.

We are truly excited about the programs our Association will bring to you in what we are confident will be another outstanding year. We are hopeful we'll be able to meet you in person at one of our upcoming meetings and thank you for your support of AWRA Florida Section.

See you there!



NATIONAL NEWS

The Annual Conference was held in Miami from November 6 through November 9, 2000. It again was a success. The conference attendance was slightly under 400, and broke our traditional high registration record, but it included excellent papers. Those that attended were rewarded by technical excellence and expanded subject matter. The hotel facilities were excellent, and the special events were lots of fun. The meetings scheduled for 2001 are:

- The annual Board of Directors meeting in New Orleans between January 18 - 20, 2001.
- The Spring Specialty Conference between April 30 - May 2, 2001 will be held in San Antonio, Texas. The topic is Water Quality Monitoring and Modeling.
- The Summer Specialty Conference between June 27 - June 30, 2001 will be held in Snowbird, Utah. The topic is Decision Support Systems for Water Resources Management.
- The Annual Conference will be held between November 12 - 15, 2001 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Anyone interested in presenting a paper or participating in these conferences, please call the national headquarters (540-687-8390), or your local National Director, Mr. Bob Moresi at 1-813-258-8818.

Summary of Board of Directors Meeting, November 5, 2000

The Florida Section November board meeting was held at the Hyatt Regency in Miami, Florida during the National conference. Provided below are highlights of some of the items discussed at the meeting

- Voting ballots to the general membership were sent out in the last newsletter. Hopefully, everyone cast their vote and returned the ballot in a timely fashion. If there was any confusion or if you did not receive a ballot, please notify Chuck Padera or a Board Member and we will try to fix the problem in future elections.
- Because the Florida Section of AWRA is getting so big - **YEAH!!!** – the Board has hired an accounting firm to help us with making sure we file our taxes correctly and that we do everything correctly to maintain our tax-exempt status.
- Just to let you know how big we are getting, here are the stats: 327 active members (defined as paid through 1999 or beyond) and 197 inactive members (defined as paid through 1998 or prior). **Now, don't forget to renew for 2001!!!** If you didn't get a renewal form in your last newsletter, there is one provided in this edition. **Also, the Board thanks Dave Watt for the excellent job handling our membership responsibilities.**
- For those of us who can get lost fighting our way out of a paper bag, the Board emphasized that all chairpersons must include a map or written directions to each meeting place in the newsletter. **Thanks!!!**
- We discussed the possibility of the Florida Section President presenting a "Presidents Award" on an annual basis. This would be an award to whomever the President felt deserved special recognition. It was agreed to start giving an annual "Presidents Award" at the next Key West meeting.
- In the education department, Allen Biddlecomb is currently working on writing a paper that explains our J. B. Butler and William V. Storch Awards. It is the Board's goal to post the final paper on the Web site for everyone to access. Look for it soon at www.awra.org. **Thank you Allen and Rosanne Clementi for all your efforts in this endeavor.**
- A committee will be formed to look into adding a new membership category. We currently have regular and student members and discussed the need for a post-student or Young Professional category. The intent of this category would be to provide financial support to the recently graduated student (as is done for the student) who may not be able to incur the expenses of a regular member until he/she is established with a firm for several years. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, or wish to be part of this committee, please contact Mike Cullum.
- The Board is actively trying to expand student participation in the Florida Section. Currently, we only have one student chapter at the University of Florida. Kathy Vogel has been in contact with someone from FIU Civil Engineering Department and Gail Murray is working on contacting FAU. **If anyone is interested in helping get other colleges or universities to consider participating in AWRA, please contact Mike Cullum or Kathy Vogel.**
- An update on the 2001 meeting locations and chairpersons: **January 26, 2001 – Gainesville**, Allan Biddlecomb; **March 16, 2001 – Wakulla Springs**, Rand Edelstein; **May 18, 2001 – Tampa**, Rick Stebnisky, Rosanne Clementi; **July 26 & 27, 2001 – Key West**, John Wehle; **September 21, 2001 – Jupiter**, Gail Murray; and **November 16, 2001 - Ft. Myers**, Ron Hamel. **If you would like to help with any of these meetings (any and all help is greatly appreciated), please contact the meeting chair as soon as possible.**



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**TAKE NOTE -
Your WATERSHED Editor has a
NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS**

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*We hope everyone has a safe holiday
and Happy New Year!*

