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AWRA National Comes to Florida - Community...Conversation...Connections

November 6-9 2000

Miami Florida

Hyatt Regency Miami Hotel

Almost every day we are constantly bombarded with information. The American Water Resources Association attempts to channel the information into knowledge that can be used in this ever changing fast paced environment in which we operate. AWRA's Annual Water Resources Conference provides a home - a sense of community - for multidisciplinary conversations and networking.

We would like to invite you to attend this premier multidisciplinary event that will include several water resources educational sessions. This year's conference will feature over 30 technical sessions on numerous topics related to water resources management and research. In addition to the concurrent technical sessions there will be two interactive and provocative plenary sessions. The first one on Tuesday, November 7, will focus on the Everglades; and the second one on Wednesday, November 8, will feature an interesting dialogue on aquaculture.

Rejuvenate with new and creative ideas after attending the Third Water Information Summit (see inside back cover for additional information), a three-day meeting being held prior to AWRA's conference and hosted by the WaterWeb Consortium. This meeting focuses on the use of the internet to support and promote the application of integrated water resources management.

Additionally, three very informative field trips that will compliment the technical program are planned. Mark your calendar now to join us in Miami to participate in this unique community of multidisciplinary water resources professionals and you will soon find yourself engaging in stimulating conversation and connecting with your colleagues.

To register contact AWRA National at: Voice: 540-687-8390 / e-mail: awra.org

The National Board of Directors voting is over and the Board has been selected.

Your local representatives are Mr. Bob Moresi, and Ms. Patti Lodge. If you have any questions about national activities feel free to call them. In addition, the National officers for next year are: President: John Grounds, President-Elect: Ken Lanfear, Secretary/Treasurer: D. Briane Adams.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the Conference in Miami.

J.B. Butler Science Grant

In July, 200 the Board of Directors approved the recommendation of the Education Committee for awards through this grant.

- The Board approved the award of \$350.00 to Lori Swafford at Lafayette Elementary School in Mayo, Florida. Ms. Swafford had requested these funds to purchase teaching tanks and the appropriate books, water cycle study cards, video on aquatic habitats, etc., to teach a program the third grade teacher had developed called "The Last Drop". This program was developed to allow the students to explore what happens to water if it is polluted.
- The Board approved the award of \$300.00 to Leslie Jones at Julington Creek Elementary School in Jacksonville, Florida. Ms. Jones requested the funds to construct a watershed model for a program developed for grades three to five. Their goal is to simulate the ecosystem of the Upper Kissimmee Lakes, River and Lake Okeechobee.
- The Board approved the award of \$347.29 to Melissa Cole and Joan McGhee at Milwee Middle School in Longwood, Florida. Ms. Cole and Ms. McGhee requested these funds to do a year long study of Lake Trout on the school campus. They planned to purchase microscopes and an algae and environmental problem set.
- The Board approved the award of \$340.50 to Camille Sewell and Margaret Sims at the Manatee Observation Education Center in Fort Pierce, Florida. Ms. Sewell and Ms. Sims requested these funds to develop a program that focuses on the protection and enhancement of seagrass beds in the Indian River Lagoon for grades nine through twelve. This program uses 11th and 12th graders as interns to teach the curriculum. They planned to purchase Discovery Scopes, a wetland video and Oceans Alive (part 3).
- The Board approved the award of \$302.59 to Erin Clary at the E. Dale Joyner Nature Preserve at Pelotes Island in Jacksonville, Florida. Ms. Clary

requested these funds to purchase cast nets, plankton net, dip nets, thermometer, secchi disk, etc., to develop a program for middle school students for a hands-on program to study the salt marshes. The program will give the students an opportunity to learn about data collection and analyzing their data.

- These awards total \$1,990.23. On behalf of the Education Committee I would like to thank the members of the Florida Section for their support so that we can help inspire our next generation.

Carlyn Kowalsky receives national recognition for her involvement with Take Stock in Children

Carlyn Kowalsky, past-president of AWRA and assistant general counsel for Florida Water Services, has been named National Mentor of the Year for her commitment to the Foundation for Orange County Public Schools, Take Stock in Children Program.

Nominated by her mentee, Alexius Williams, Carlyn will travel to Washington, D.C., on October 6 with Williams to receive her award from Embark.com and the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) at the 56th annual NACA National Conference. Carlyn was chosen from more than 300 applications across the nation for receive the honor.

Carlyn has been a one-on-one mentor with Alexius for the past four years, providing her with academic and emotional support. During that time, Carlyn helped guide the young woman from a single-parent home through high school and into college.

Take Stock in Children serves more than 280 Orange County students and nearly 6,000 students in 58 other Florida counties. Mentors serve as role models to students and meet at least one a week with their student. The Take Stock in Children scholarship pays full tuition for two years at a community college and an additional two years at a four-year state college.

The Foundation for Orange County Public Schools raises more than \$1 million for public education each year. Almost 300 students are enrolled in the Take Stock in Children program and have been awarded tuition-paid college scholarships. Annually, the Foundation awards nearly \$75,000 in grants to teachers for creative classroom projects.



2001 Membership Application

MEMBERSHIP DUES

New \$10 Regular
 Renewal \$4 Student

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

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Area Code

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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
 David Watt, Membership Services Coordinator
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 Palatka, Florida 32177***

Return check to:

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.

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ALL POINTS BULLETIN

We are unable to communicate with several of our active members as shown below. If you can help us contact them, please contact (or ask them to contact) David Watt at 904-329-4355 or David_watt@district.sjrwmd.state.fl.us Thanks!

Kenneth A. Carper
 Leslie Church
 Tom Sear

Alexander Macbeth
 Mark McDuff
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Welcome New Members!!

(includes new and reinstated members since the last newsletter was published)

Brian P. Armstrong
 Hamid Ghohestani-Bojd
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 Christopher J. Peters
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Ima A. Calzada-Bujak
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2001 Board of Directors Election

Each year the voting membership of the Florida Section, American Water Resources Association elects directors to its board. The nineteen (19) member board is composed of fourteen (14) elected directors and the past presidents for the previous five (5) years. Board members determine the policy and lead the activities of the Section in accordance with its Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. Directors are expected to actively participate in association activities and to attend regularly scheduled board meetings. Any board member who misses three (3) consecutive board meetings in a year may be removed by action of the board.

Ballot Directions – You are voting for all fourteen (14) candidates on the ballot for this election. Mark your choices on the enclosed ballot in the space provided next to each name and mail the ballot as soon as possible. Election results will be tabulated in December and published in the January issue of the Section newsletter “the Watershed.” Newly elected board members will be installed at the January 2001 board meeting.

2001 BALLOT

Please indicate your selection with an X, or indicate a write-in candidate.

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NOMINEE/RESIDENCE</u>	<u>WRITE-IN CANDIDATE</u>
[]	[]	Allan Biddlecomb/Gainesville	_____
[]	[]	Michael Cullum/St. Augustine	_____
[]	[]	Rand Edelstein/Panacea	_____
[]	[]	Ron Hamel/Ft. Myers	_____
[]	[]	Robert Higgins/West Palm Beach	_____
[]	[]	Don McEwen/Havana	_____
[]	[]	Mike Mesiano/Atlantic Beach	_____
[]	[]	Gail Murray/Tequesta	_____
[]	[]	Paul O’Neil/Palm Harbor	_____
[]	[]	Roger Rumenik/Tallahassee	_____
[]	[]	William Stimmel/Orlando	_____
[]	[]	Cathleen Vogel/Coconut Grove	_____
[]	[]	Dave Watt/Palatka	_____
[]	[]	Sanford Young/Tallahassee	_____

Please mail your completed ballot no later than December 1, 2000 to:

Chuck Padera, Tellers Committee
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