The Technical Program will include keynote speakers:

**Secretary Michael W. Sole**

Michael W. Sole was named Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in December 2006. As Secretary, Mr. Sole oversees Florida’s environmental regulatory and law enforcement programs, the acquisition, conservation and management of public lands, including Florida’s award-winning state parks, and the development and regulation of Florida’s water resources through the State’s five water management districts. Recently appointed Chairman of the Florida Governor’s Action Team on Energy and Climate Change, the Action Team submitted the Phase One report, including recommendations for Florida’s energy policy and greenhouse gas emission reduction strategies. During the 2008 legislative session, Secretary Sole was a leading figure in the passage of the state’s comprehensive energy bill.

**Colonel Paul L. Grosskruger**

Colonel Paul L. Grosskruger assumed command of the Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, in July 2006. Colonel Grosskruger was commissioned into the Corps of Engineers upon graduation from the United States Military Academy in 1983. A recipient of the Bronze Star, Colonel Grosskruger has held a variety of assignments in Germany and stateside. His battalion earned the Presidential Unit Citation for service with the 3rd Infantry Division during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Before assuming command in Jacksonville, Colonel Grosskruger was the Chief of Staff of the U. S. Army Engineer School in Missouri.

Other meeting highlights will include a Water Management District Executive Director panel discussion and a presentation by the State of Florida’s Chief Financial Office. The detailed agenda is on the next page.

The meeting will be held at the Hilton Key Largo Grande Resort and Beach Club, MM 97 US 1 (Overseas Highway) on the bayside of Key Largo. Please read on … an extra room block has been added for Thursday and Friday nights …
Thursday, July 24, 2008

10:30  AWRA Board of Directors Meeting

1:00  Technical Program Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions
  Cathy Vogel, President, Florida Section, AWRA

1:15  Keynote Address
  The Honorable Michael Sole, Secretary, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

2:00  Water Management Challenges (Panel) – Executive Director Perspectives
  Douglas E. Barr, Northwest Florida Water Management District
  David A. Still, Suwannee River Water Management District
  David L. Moore, Southwest Florida Water Management District
  Kirby B. Green III, St. Johns River Water Management District
  Carol Ann Wehle, South Florida Water Management District

3:30  Break

3:45  The Utilities' Perspective (Panel)
  Moderator: Lynette Cardoch, Ph.D., MWH Americas, Inc.
  The Rising Tide: The Future of Coastal Utilities
    Douglas Yoder, Ph.D., Deputy Director, Miami-Dade Water & Sewer Department
  Maintaining a Reliable Water Supply System with the Challenges of Climate Change
    Alison Adams, Sr. Manager, Tampa Bay Water
  AWWA's Climate Change Workshop Perspective
    Pamela Kenel, P.E., Associate Vice President, Global Water Resources & Sustainability Practice, Black & Veatch

5:00  Keynote Address: Comments from the Corps Commander
  Colonel Paul Grosskruger, Commanding Officer, Jacksonville USACE

6:00  President’s Welcome Reception – Poolside
  Entertainment: Deblois

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**Friday, July 25, 2008**

8:00  Call to Order, Announcements and Introductions  
* Cathy Vogel, President, Florida Section, AWRA

8:15  Panel: Corporate Concerns: Dress for Success in a Changing Climate  
* Moderator: Douglas Durbin, Ph.D., Biological Research Associates  
  Florida Agriculture’s Changing Climate  
  Joe Collins, P.E., Engineering Manager, Lykes Brothers, Inc.  
  Reinventing South Florida: The Impact of Global Warming on Water Resources  
  Patrick Gleason, Ph.D., P.G., CDM  
  Corporate Planning for Climate Change: A View from the Trenches  
  Doug McNair, Ph.D., Vice President, ENTRIX, Inc.

9:30  Florida Green/Palm Lodging  
* Bill Hoffman, General Manager, Hilton Key Largo Resort & Beach Club

9:45  Break

10:00  Water & Ecosystems in a Rapidly Changing World (Panel)  
* Moderator: Eric Draper, Audubon of Florida  
  Billy Causey, Regional Director, NOAA National Marine Sanctuaries, Impact of  
  Climate Change on Florida’s Coral Reefs  
  John Ogden, Director of Bird Conservation, Florida Audubon  
  Allesandra Score, Marine Specialist, Florida Program World Wildlife Fund

11:15  Keynote Speaker: Economic Considerations of Climate Change in Florida  
* Kathy Baughman McLeod, Deputy Chief of Staff, Chief Financial Office of the  
  State of Florida

12:45  EcoTour – Depart from & Return to the Hotel Lobby (12:45 – 4:30 PM)

1:00  AWRA Education Fundraiser Wine Tasting (1:00 – 3:00 PM)

5:30  Reception (Beach*)

6:00  Caribbean Luau (Beach*), Silent Auction & Program  
* Entertainment: Deblois and the Band Rock the Night Away

* *There is a backup plan in the event of inclement weather.*
Welcome to Key Largo! As you can see from the technical program agenda, we have a terrific meeting lined up for you, with headliners such as Florida Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Mike Sole and Commander of the US Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District, Colonel Paul Grosskruger! In addition to this outstanding technical program, our 26th year of celebrating the Florida Section Annual Meeting in the Keys continues the tradition of our “ole favorites” – the Friday afternoon field trip, snorkeling in the world famous John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park; the opening evening President’s Reception (held poolside, for a twist on tradition), the Friday night bay-front Caribbean Luau (where Momma Mango is scheduled for her second annual appearance!), and – most importantly – our tremendously successful education program fundraisers: a wine tasting (for you of refined palates) and the popular silent auction. We look forward to a great Annual Meeting and hope to see you there!

If you could not attend the May meeting in Tampa, you missed quite a program. Many thanks to Tampa Bay Water for their gracious hospitality in hosting the Florida Section on a tour of the largest desalination plant in North America and the equally impressive C.W. Young Reservoir. All I can say is “WOW!” Given the statewide emphasis on the need to develop alternative water supplies, it was gratifying to see projects of this magnitude “up close and personal.”

Another gratifying aspect of the May meeting was our community service project on Saturday mourning. Rob Birrenkott did a great job connecting us with Hillsborough County School Board's Nature’s Classroom. A hearty band of AWRAers (mostly members of the UF Chapter along with a student from USF) descended on the environmental education center for a "landscaping-in." Quality First Nursery, with their donation of a flatbed loaded with hundreds of shrubs and trees, greeted us. In addition to the horticulture, our resident engineer volunteer, Dave Watt, designed and built several LARGE planters. Thanks to all who joined in the back-breaking fun!(?)

Seriously, our community service project was a good time, and I hope that activities such as this will become another Florida Section tradition. Having said that, I am truly amazed by how much the Florida Section AWRA accomplishes – all through the volunteer efforts of our members. Bi-monthly technical meetings and The Watershed newsletter, Section website, statewide educational grants for K-12, university level and post-graduate students and teachers, the Sandy Young Scholarship, and most recently, the Section’s joint publication of the Florida Watershed Journal. We can take pride in these many accomplishments. But in an effort to constantly improve our Section, we are seeking your input. Please share your thoughts with us by completing the Membership Survey, which you have received via e-mail. Results to be reported in Key Largo …

Sincerely,
Cathy Vogel
Florida Section AWRA President
AWRA NATIONAL NEWS

Our Own Robert Higgins is a Candidate for Director of the National AWRA Board!
The Nominating/Awards Committee of the National American Water Resources Association, chaired by Past President David R. DeWalle, announced that our very own Robert Higgins is one of four carefully selected candidates for the position of Director (a three-year term) for term commencing January 1, 2009. National members will want to watch their mail for the list of candidates and ballot; the results will be announced in the “Water Resources IMPACT.” Good luck Robert, we’re pulling for you!

Upcoming conferences hosted by AWRA

- **Riparian Ecosystems and Buffers: Working at the Water's Edge, June 30-July 2, 2008, Virginia Beach, VA.** The study of riparian ecosystem functions and the proliferation of initiatives and programs using riparian areas as buffers and living shorelines have demonstrated the need to remain on the cutting edge of science and practice when working at the water’s edge. Several unique events and activities have been organized, including a very special, low cost pre-conference field trip, a carbon off-setting activity that all the conference registrants can participate in, lunches provided each day of the conference (thanks to our generous sponsors!), and a special showing of “RiverWebs.”

- **Annual Water Resources Conference, November 17-20, 2008, New Orleans, LA.** (early registration deadline is October 29, 2008) Dixieland Jazz, Cajun and Creole food, parades and beads, the French Quarter all served up with a touch of voodoo, combine to make New Orleans a most exciting venue for a Conference. While some of the surrounding areas are still working hard on the Katrina recovery effort, downtown New Orleans and the famous French Quarter are alive and well, setting record attendance numbers at many events.

Look for the preliminary program on the web site very soon. In addition to a wide variety of presentations specialty and poster sessions, invited guest speakers include Army Corps of Engineers General Robert Van Antwerp, Abigail Kimbell, Chief of the US Forest Service, author John Barry and Garret Graves, Director of the Governor’s Office of Coastal Affairs. A special Tuesday evening event, carbon off-set activities and Katrina recovery volunteer activities will also be included in the program.

See you in the Big Easy!

For more information, to renew your membership, or become a member of the National AWRA, go to www.awra.org, or contact David Watt at 386-329-4355 or dwatt@sjrwmd.com.

Info from National AWRA FLORIDA NEWS

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**Membership for 2008**
- by Annette Carter

AWRA Florida Section membership dues are due January 1st of each year. We still have a number of members that have not renewed for 2008. If you’re not current on your membership, take a moment now and complete the application in this newsletter. If you are uncertain about the status of your membership please feel free to contact me. You won’t want to miss out on all the great benefits of belong to one of the best professional organization in the State!

The 2008 Membership Directory has been published and you should be receiving your copy in the near future. The Directory has a new look this year as a result of our exceptional growth! We outgrew our seams! The Board would like to thank the Sponsors for underwriting the cost of producing and distributing this important networking tool.

Our Section continues to break membership records with 529 active members! Please take a few minutes to introduce yourself to the new members at the next meeting. This is one of the ways we continue to grow!
Please feel free to contact me for membership questions or with ideas on how we can improve service to our members. I hope to see many of you at our Annual Meeting in Key Largo July 24th and 25th!

Annette Carter, Membership Services Coordinator
ancarter@sfwmd.gov or 561-682-6433

Welcome New Members! (Continued from Back Page)
Chris Rogers, DeSoto County Utilities, Arcadia
Donald Ross, Earth Balance, North Port
Denise Saywack, PEER Consultants, Wellington
Sharon Smith-Tembe, PEER Consultants, West Palm Beach

Board of Directors Summary
- by David Watt

The Florida Section AWRA Board of Directors (BOD) met in Tampa on Friday, May 16, at 10:00 AM. The detailed agenda and minutes will be included on our website after the BOD approves them. Highlights of the meeting include:

- Several exciting venues and meeting formats are planned for future meetings. The next meeting is July 24th and 25th in Key Largo with a theme of water resources impacts associated with climate change. The July meeting is also considered our annual meeting, so there will be lots of extras (Ecotour, Wine Tasting, Silent Auction, Awards, etc.) in addition to our excellent technical sessions. The following meeting is September 19th in Clewiston with a focus on agricultural water resources issues.
- After our best year for education awards, members are encouraged to continue to get the word out to students and teachers about our education awards. The deadline has been extended and information about the awards is posted on the web site.
- Improvements continue on our website. We encourage members to check it out and give us your feedback.
- Membership records continue to be broken which is a great indicator of the value and quality provided by AWRA. One of the benefits of membership is the annual Directory; it is a great networking tool. The 2008 Directory will be published and mailed out soon. If you have not already done so, please pay your 2008 Annual Dues – it’s only $20! Board Member Annette Carter is stepping down as our Membership Committee chairperson, so the Board is looking for a member to take on this very important role. This is a great way for a member to become more active, and be considered for future vacancies on the Board. Please contact Annette or any Board member if you would like to find out more about participating on the Membership Committee.
- Speaking of membership…the Board approved and you should have received a combination survey, Board of Directors Ballot and Bylaw revision that requires member attention by July 7th. In addition to attending our Board of Directors meetings, this is one of the best ways to have your voice heard. We need your input to continue to improve this organization, and the Board encourages every member to complete this survey tool. Thanks!
- The first issue of the AWRA Florida Section/FWEA produced Florida Watershed Journal was a success! We are looking for good papers and sponsors to keep it going with the goal of making it a quarterly publication.
- Board member Paul O’Neil and his assistant (who really does all the work) Carol Lynch are stepping down as our newsletter editors. [Subsequent to the Board meeting, Board member Doug Durbin agreed to accept this role.] We are extremely grateful to Carol and Paul for their many years of service. Remember, Board meetings are open to all members of the Florida Section and their guests. Please feel free to arrive early at one of our bi-monthly meetings to sit in on our lively discussions. The Board always welcomes member input.

Technical Program Summary – May 2008
By Rafael Frias and Doug Durbin

This meeting in Tampa moved away from the typical seminar presentation setting and instead comprised a field trip to two alternative water supply projects in the Tampa Bay area. The tours were led by staff and contractors for Tampa Bay Water and provided a first-hand opportunity to see major water supply projects in operation, and to ask questions of those who operate them.

Tour of Tampa Bay Water’s Tampa Bay Seawater Desalination Facility
This plant, squeezed onto just eight and a half acres of land, currently produces 25
MGD of potable water, equivalent to about 10 percent of Tampa Bay Water's’ total water production. After a series of setbacks and design changes, the plant became fully functional in November 2007. The plant costs about 17 million dollars annually to operate, of which about half is for electricity alone to pressurize water and move it through the reverse osmosis (RO) membranes.

Source water for the plant comes from the cooling water supply for the adjacent TECO coal-fired electric power plant. To provide adequate pre-treatment, raw water from Tampa Bay moves through screen filters, settling ponds, large sand filters, diatomaceous earth and cartridge filters. After this treatment, it is introduced to the membrane system where reverse osmosis removes the salt; this results in water so pure that lime and additional post-treatment must be added back to prevent corrosion of pipes and plumbing fixtures. The concentrated seawater left over from the desalination process should not significantly increase Tampa Bay's salinity because it is diluted in up to 1.4 billion gallons per day of power plant cooling water, a 70-to-1 dilution ratio. Monitoring during the plant's first year of operations showed no measurable changes in salinity, even when the plant was operating at maximum capacity.

**Tampa Bay Water's C.W. Bill Young Regional Reservoir**

The C.W. Bill Young Regional Reservoir has a 15.5 billion gallon capacity. It covers some 1,100 acres on 5,200 acres of property owned by Tampa Bay Water and the Southwest Florida Water Management District in southern Hillsborough County. The reservoir, completed in 2005, is two miles long, one mile wide, and the dam is five miles around at the top. The facility is an earthen structure, with an embankment approximately 300 feet at its base and an average height of 50 feet. The embankment is armored with 16 inches of soil cement, which includes a stair step design for wave run-up control, and a geomembrane and soil-bentonite cut-off wall for seepage control. A water control structure allows for water inflow into the reservoir through flap gates and outflow through intake screens at different reservoir levels.

The reservoir has aerators to circulate the water to prevent the growth of algae and maintain acceptable water quality. Water is pumped into the reservoir through an 84-inch pipe from the Alafia River, Tampa Bypass Canal and Hillsborough River during periods of high flow. Water is gravity-fed back from the reservoir to the Regional Surface Water Treatment Plant during drier periods. The minimum pool elevation is 75 feet above sea level and maximum pool is at 136.5 feet. When full, it can provide the 25 percent of the region’s water needs for more than 200 days.

More information on both of these TBW facilities can be found at [www.tampabaywater.org](http://www.tampabaywater.org).

**The Florida Aquarium**

For those who were less interested in water supply than in aquatic biology, a concurrent tour of the Florida Aquarium in Tampa was taken by a number of meeting attendees and their guests. The behind-the-scenes tour was attended by over a dozen members and their families. The group was able to learn about the aquarium's instructional programs, how they receive and purify their seawater, and how the staff maintains the exhibits. We also learned how the staff prepare the diets for all their animals residents, and at the end of the tour, we got to feed the fish in one of the exhibits. After the tour, everyone enjoyed viewing the exhibits from the front as well. It was a fun, educational experience for everyone! Information on the aquarium can be found at [www.flaquarium.org](http://www.flaquarium.org).
From the Education Committee

We have extended the deadlines for all the Rosanne Clementi Education Funds to the 15th of June. Do not be distressed, if you need a couple more days to get your submission to us we will not refuse your application if it is submitted within a reasonable time frame. Thanks to all the members who called schools and teachers to encouraged them to apply.

It is time to discuss the Key Largo meeting at which we raise significant funds for our grants and scholarships. Remember that Bubba Doc is no longer with us and the Key Largo Meeting will be chaired by Momma Mango. You must come and see her at her first meeting! She has some surprises for you! We have some great items to offer at the auction including another “Cooler of Cheer”. So if you plan to attend please participate in the Silent Auction and enter for Momma Mango’s Magnificent Table! It is not too late to donate money or a basket to the auction just call or email Momma’s assistant, Rosanne Clementi at 813 752-1289 or rclementi@sesi.cc.

Wine Tasting for the Sanford N. Young Scholarship Fund

This classy event is back for the third year! Momma Mango does not have anything to do with this event so it will truly be classy. This will be on Friday from 1:00 to 3:00 while the water lovers go off snorkeling. There is room for 26 people of refined taste to sample several fine wines donated by our very generous benefactor and wine connoisseur, Ed Finch. The donation is $60.00 a person and you are guaranteed not only the opportunity to taste fine wines, but enjoy the company of others who share the passion for wine tasting. Please sign up early. We look forward to toasting to your good health!

HOTEL INFORMATION

The meeting will be held at the Hilton Key Largo Grande Resort and Beach Club, MM 97 US 1 (Overseas Highway) on the bayside of Key Largo. Telephone Number: 888-871-3437.

Hotel Room Rates: Standard Room $144; Grande Water View $174; Grande Suite $250. Room rates are subject to applicable taxes and rates above are single. A $13 Resort Fee will be assessed per room per day. Check in time is 4:00 PM. Double occupancy rate will apply, check with hotel for details. An extra room block has been added for Thursday and Friday nights … These are Canopy Rooms and the AWRA group rate is $164/single and $184/double.

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Hilton Key Largo – Thursday, July 24\textsuperscript{th} and Friday, July 25\textsuperscript{th}, 2008

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Return application & your check to: Annette Carter, Membership Services Coordinator
c/o South Florida WMD
3301 Gunn Club Road
West Palm Beach, Florida 33406

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Angela Dippold, University of South Florida student, Lutz
Stephen Hanks, MACTEC Engineering & Consulting, Miami Lakes
Kimberly Kunihiro, Orange County Utilities, Maitland
Dina Liebowitz, University of Florida student, Gainesville
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