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President's Message

Hello San Francisco Bay Area AEP Members - Welcome to summer in the Bay Area! We have a full Chapter Board at this time and would like to welcome Ed DeBellevue as Vice-President of Programs, Ian Forrest as Secretary, Dustin Joseph as Treasure, Igor Lucan as Graduate Student Representative, and Michele Ross as Membership Director. Thank you to our new Board members for stepping forward to participate at the Board level.

Our Board meetings are open to the membership, if any of you are interested in attending. The dates of the meetings are posted on our website. Our Board looks forward to participating in AEP's statewide Chapter Summit, hosted by our Chapter for Chapter Board and State Board Members on August 5. We hope to be filled with new ideas and energized to engage our members more fully on issues of concern to environmental professionals.

I would like to challenge each of you to reach and invite others to join AEP and attend functions. There are a lot of benefits to being a member of AEP, professionally and personally. We are really fun people to be around and accomplished professionals, as well. We are interested in hearing from you. If you have a suggestion for our Chapter, please e-mail me and if you are interested in preparing an article for our newsletter, please e-mail Brian Holt, our Newsletter Editor.

June Board Meeting

On June 19th, the Chapter Board of Directors held their third board meeting of 2006 at Jupiter Brewery in downtown Berkeley.

On the agenda were items ranging from a review of Board position descriptions, discussion of upcoming programs, and changing Board members. This month we begin including our Board Meeting minutes at the end of the Newsletters.

Board meetings are held on a quarterly basis, or more frequently as needed. The general membership is invited to attend, and meeting times and locations are typically posted in advance on the Chapters website at www.califaep.org/sf.



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2006 AEP/APA Joint Holiday Party

The San Francisco Chapter of the Association of Environmental Professionals will again be joining with the American Planning Association to host a joint holiday party. Last years event was a big success and we look forward to seeing you again this year.

This year it is expected to be held in the East Bay. The date and venue have yet to be determined. Look forward to more details soon!

Board Member Profile – Vice President Ed DeBellevue

For over 15 years Ed DeBellevue has been the lead environmental planner, project and program manager for a global educational institution, SYDA Foundation, where he work primarily in New York State and in Maharastra India. Projects for the foundation included irrigation works, environmental assessments for land acquisition, and species surveys. He also developed a global environmental responsibility program for the organization, which included requirements and guidelines for waste recycling, energy conservation, and for habitat and species management.

Ed has worked in the environmental field since receiving his Bachelor of Science in Zoology from the University of Florida in 1972. His first job was as an environmental consultant in Gainesville, Florida where he preformed field work and environmental assessment work on a variety of projects for the consulting firm Eco-Impact. He returned to the University of Florida to obtain an advanced degree a year later. He was a research assistant at the university's Center for Wetlands and pursued his Master of Science in Ecology. His research work studied and quantified the exchanges of energy and materials through both natural and human influenced landscapes in Hendry County in South Florida. After graduating he participated as the energy and material flow modeler for a very large EIS for a nuclear submarine base in Southeastern Georgia for Environmental Science and Engineering, Inc., Gainesville, FL.

Ed is currently offering his creative environmental project and program management skills in the San Francisco Bay area, and seeks to secure a fulltime position in either a environmentally related business, agency or institution.

Good Luck Morty

Long time AEP member and Vice President Morty Prisament has relocated to Boise to work with Tetra Tech. Morty's new position is Principal Environmental Project Manager, Energy and Water Resources, for Tetra Tech, EMI. Morty will continue planning and participating in Chapter programs as the Vice President, although he will relinquish his legislative program responsibilities. Morty will be attending the Statewide AEP Board Members Retreat in Walnut Creek in August. Although based in Boise, he will also continue working on Bay Area projects, as well as other projects in California and the Intermountain West. A major focus will be developing sustainable planning and renewable energy opportunities and, to that end, he envisions continuing his work with the Chapter's Green Planning Panel. Morty will also continue sailing California waters on his boat, which is berthed in Richmond's Marina Bay.

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Welcome New Board Members

We would like to introduce you to our new Members and announce recent changes on our Board. We have a lot of interest at Board level and are looking forward to everyone's participation and contributions.

Vice President (Programs) - As many of you may know, our longtime AEP member and Vice President, Morty Prisament has taken a new position and relocated to Boise Idaho, (Congratulations Morty!); however, he anticipates returning to the bay area often for work and would like to remain involved. Ed DeBellvue, see his profile on page 2, has stepped up as the Co-Vice President and has a number of great ideas for future programs and ways to increase coordination amongst our membership. Welcome and thank you Ed!

Secretary - Ian Forrest, an attorney in San Francisco, has agreed to serve as the Chapter Secretary and did an incredible job with taking minutes and other tasks during our last Board Meeting. Minutes have now been posted on the Chapter website and are included at the end of this newsletter. This should be a great service to our members to learn more about current happenings at the Board level. Thanks Ian!

Treasurer - Dustin Joseph, an environmental planner with RBF Consulting in Walnut Creek, has agreed to take over our Treasurer duties. Welcome to the Board Dustin!

U.C. Berkeley Student Representative - Igor Lacan, a graduate student at U.C. Berkeley, is currently working on ecology of urban trees and streamside vegetation including riparian eucalyptus. We look forward to increased presence at U.C. Berkeley and greater involvement of the students.

Legislative Representative - In addition to Vice-President, Morty also served on the Legislative Committee. As Morty has relocated, Brian Holt, current Newsletter Editor, has agreed to begin serving on this committee.

Wine Tasting Event a Success!!

On June 1, 2006, 35 environmental professionals from around the Bay Area (and beyond!) gathered for a festive wine tasting event at Alameda's Rosenblum Cellars. Several different firms and agencies were well represented at this fun and informal social event and many individuals became new members as a result! Attendees enjoyed a spectacular sunset over San Francisco and got to know one another while enjoying a variety of unique wines and tasty hors d'oeuvres. These events are great networking opportunities, not to mention a lot of fun! Please join us again in the future and thanks again to everyone who attended, and a BIG thank you to Mary Laux for all her work organizing this great event.

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Shall We Establish an AEP SF Chapter Member Online Group?

WHO and WHERE

Several AEP SF members have been talking about starting an online group for AEP SF Chapter members, at Yahoo or Google. Many of you may already be familiar with these groups as members of several other groups.

So through this notice we are polling our members asking for their interest in having and using an AEP SF Chapter member online group. If you would like an online group established please, send email to Ed DeBellevue, V.P. for Programs at ed.debell@gmail.com. If there is enough interest we will proceed to set up the group and send out invitations to join.

WHAT

The online group can function as both a list server and a news group. Group members can post messages, calendar events, photos and more. We envision the following information exchange: requests for and postings of information on specific topics of mutual interest including: jobs, regulations nuances, agency and firm contacts, activities, events, programs, trainings, workshops, developing legislation and regulation changes; and much more.

WHY

Online groups allow folks with interests in a particular area to develop a greater communication and group dynamic. The online group allows members to become more in touch and familiar with their fellow members interests and abilities. It makes distribution of relevant useful information a snap. It builds member knowledge base, cohesion and spirit.

HOW

Signup: If an AEP SF member wants to become part of the group one signs up at the online group site. Select a user name and password, and fill out some profile info. Then select how frequently or if you want to receive messages posted by group members as emails (options: when posted, once a day, or not at all).

Use: The most frequent use of the online group is for message posting. To post a message you log in and click on the Post link. To look at the recent message postings click on the Messages link and then on the individual message links. It's that easy.

MORE WHAT

The online group would not officially be associated with AEP or AEP SF Chapter. None of the information posted by online group members are the opinions of AEP or AEP SF. Neither does AEP or AEP SF validate the correctness nor accuracy of any posted information by the online group members.

The members of this online group would be acting individually to associate via the group. Only current AEP SF Chapter members would be invited to join and remain members. The online group would initially not be monitored and would become monitored only if problems developed with inappropriate postings.

INTERESTED?

Please contact Ed DeBellevue, Co-Vice President, at ed.debell@gmail.com to express your interest and for additional information

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Jobs Available

Environmental professionals look to AEP for current news, information and jobs in the environmental field. Employers seeking environmental professionals advertise with AEP to recruit the best qualified staff. AEP is pleased to offer this popular advertising service for jobs in the environmental profession in the Bay Area region.

For more information on advertising with the AEP, or to view complete job ads and descriptions, please visit the S.F. Bay Area Chapters website at www.califaep.org/sf.

Thomas Reid Associates Environmental Consulting – Associate CEQA Analyst

Menlo Park, Ca

Posted: July 18, 2006

WRA – Project Manager & Biologic Technician

San Rafael, Ca

Posted: July 10, 2006

EDAW – Air Quality and/or Noise Analyst

Sacramento, Ca

Posted: July 10, 2006

City of Alameda – Supervising Planner

Alameda, Ca

Posted: July 10, 2006

Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc – Environmental Planner

Davis, Ca

Posted: July 8, 2006

RBF Consulting– Multiple Positions

Northern California Offices

Posted: June 22, 2006

Foothill Associates – Planning & Permitting (Regulatory) Specialist

Rocklin, Ca

Posted: June 20, 2006

EDAW – Junior Urban Environmental Planner

Sacramento, Ca

Posted: June 20, 2006

Pacific Municipal Consultants – Senior Environmental Planner

Sacramento/Chico/Oakland, Ca

Posted: June 9, 2006

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June 19th 2006 - Board Meeting Minutes

I. Preliminary

A. Present at meeting:

1. Mary Laux, Social Events Director
2. Brian Holt, Newsletter editor
3. Joan Douglas, Chapter Director
4. Ian Forrest, Secretary elect.
5. Leann Taagepera, President
6. Ed DeBellevue, Co Vice President of Programs elect
 - ♦ Expressed interest in networking and job opportunities
7. Morty Prisament, Co Vice President of Programs –
 - ♦ Will look forward to remaining involved with California and SF AEP. Legislative opportunity. Opens opportunities for AEP personnel. (Left meeting early as moving to Idaho)
8. Igor Lacan, Berkeley Student Representative elect - Graduate School at UC Berkeley in Urban Forestry. Member of AEP for a number of years. Masters in aquatic ecology.

B. Not present

1. Michelle Ross, Membership Director elect
2. Dustin Joseph, Treasurer elect

II. Director's Report

- #### A. Last meeting concerned the conference - the write-up went out and was well-received.

III. AEP Summit

- #### A. Upcoming is the AEP Summit - August 4-5, 2006 - 1st weekend in August (8/4 - 8/5/2006) in Walnut Creek, for any officer of the AEP.
1. Meeting on Friday night mixer. We have to organize a dinner or group plan for people to go out. Will probably include 100 people. All regional boards plus State board.
 - ♦ Transportation/logistic issues - shuttle or cab service
 - ♦ Venue suggestions for Friday night are needed - Pyramid, Sushi Groove, Matrevi's, etc.
 2. Program will include Saturday leadership training, membership retention, development, burnout avoidance. Post conference reception with wine and cheese.
 3. At Renaissance club sport. Bart access. Can stay there, the state will pay for 1 night. Fitness club. Health oriented restaurant.

IV. Position Description Updates

A. Vote Necessary?

1. Treasurer and Secretary must be voted upon. Membership and Student reps can be appointed.

B. Review of bylaws

1. Must go to membership for a vote after changed by Board.
2. Board members asked to review alterations in bylaws for vote of Board. All changes must be then submitted to membership for vote.

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3. Splits from North County Chapter. Sacramento and Vacaville should be together. Often, you join where you work, unless you specifically choose otherwise. Secondary memberships - we get subventions but we need to make sure that those areas are being served. As per our bylaws, we can keep them as part of our chapter.
4. Suggested that Secretary NOT choose the venue for the programs - the programs person should coordinate the venue with the speaker. The Secretary should take the reservations - done via e-mail. Also must check a hotline for telephone reservations. Alternatively, the programs person and the Secretary should coordinate on the details. Secretary should be responsible for the Agenda.
5. Details and descriptions of the duties and responsibilities on a micro level are not necessary but we do need sufficient guidance for future boards.

V. New Board Members

A. Proposed Board Members

1. **Michelle Ross** - She is interested in being the membership coordinator (Membership Director). Michelle Ross works at Christopher Joseph & Assoc. in Petaluma so travel may be an issue.
 - ◆ She has picked up and ran with some other events as well - "The Basics Of CEQA" tentatively to be held on 10-24-06. TBA.
2. **Dustin Joseph**, Environmental Planner at RBF - New Treasurer.
3. **Igor Lacan**, Student Representative at UC Berkeley
4. **Ian Forrest**, Secretary
5. **Ed DeBellevue**, Co Vice President of Programs Director. E.Debellevue is interested in being a co-programs director with Morty.

B. Elected Board Members: Ian Forrest, Ed DeBellevue, and Dustin Joseph unanimously approved.

C. Appointed Board Members: Michelle Ross and Igor Lacan unanimously appointed

VI. Events

A. Recent Event Briefing

1. **Trails Meeting** - Good turnout. RBF's facilities complimented. Nice room. RBF was accommodating. Convenient access with BART. Dual speaker role well received.
 - ◆ People want water not soda.
 - ◆ Good RSVP's - people seemed very interested as per the program as per their RSVPs.
2. **Wine Tasting** - 35 people, it worked out perfectly between cancellations. 1st purely social event. Seemed to be a great mix of people.
 - ◆ People were very excited about the networking opportunities. After work seemed to attract a different mix of people. Lot's of great conversations and marketing and networking opportunities. Cocktail party-esque.
 - ◆ Seemed a good type program to do annually.

B. Future Events

1. On the radar screen in SF's hosting of the Statewide conference.
 - ◆ Projected dates TBA.
 - ◆ Preliminary things that need to happen/need to be considered are: TBA.
2. Sports events - may want to plan a sporting event. Group discounted tickets are a possibility.
 - ◆ Do we have any contacts with the Giants? Or Other?

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3. Green drinks - Planner's bar of the month. Social networking group. Vote on and pick a bar to meet in each month.
4. Upcoming hike - cancelled given NASCAR event. Too close for comfort. Notice went out to cancel the event. Event has been postponed.
5. Ed and Leann have been working on an event - Idea is to get diverse organizations with an environmental focus and pick up members. Focus on (1) Environmental Businesses (Consulting); (2) NGOs; and (3) Agencies.
 - ◆ PRBO Conservation Society in Petaluma - Dynamic organization. Want to contribute to newsletter article. They have scientists to figure out the best mitigation techniques to use in projects. Much of this research is available online. they have a new outreach person and E.DeBellevue is communicating.
 - ◆ PRBO is an Advocacy group? - Primarily a research group and while central focus has been birds, they now deal in habitat.
 - ◆ Intention is to do one program (at least) per month.
 - ◆ Program event with the Coastal Conservancy
 - ◆ Another group would be the RWCQB - new requirements come online in August - the C3 program.
 - ◆ Bay Conservation and Development Commission
 - ◆ SF Bay Estuary Institute
6. July Program? Seems to be a busy month and interest may have waned. No program will be set for July.
7. August? Left open to develop.
8. Research projects from the graduate students would be a great source of programs. The students could present their projects. Could have a networking/presentation with the local graduate programs.
9. At all events, make sure membership coordinator or other has membership information to distribute.

VII. Newsletter Items -

- A. Currently soliciting items. Certain reports being solicited. Hope to publish something by the 2nd week in July. Great forum to get your ideas out there.
- B. Efficient - ask people if they already have something written.
- C. E-Publishing is great because we can print outside of the box. Moving towards a monthly newsletter/e-mail in pdf format.
- D. Send newsletter items to Brian Holt.

VIII. Other Business

- A. *What is going on with NAEP/AEP relations (E.DeBellevue)?* Separate in name, but AEP is now considered the official AEP representative organization. The NAEP is now considered rolled into the AEP (Joan).
 1. Other Organizations?
 - ◆ CEP - Membership requires 8 years of experience and passing a test. Akin to the AICP.
 - ◆ REA - more hazardous materials focused.
 - ◆ QEP?

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B. *Some e-mail addresses are bad for the newsletter* - Brian has contacted Michelle Ross to update the list and request that she follow up with these members to update the information.

C. *For Student Chapters* - there are grant programs. A student rep at this point just contacts students, invites them, let's them know about the events and the discounted rates. great for networking. Liaison between students and chapter. Scholarships are possible and the State AEP provides grant money (appx \$1000).

D. *Bulletin Board* - E.DeBellevue, depending upon conservation based slant of membership, has proposed posting to a 3rd party site. An online community of advice for CEQA/NEPA practitioners.

1. Is this something that the membership can do and AEP advertise? Yes, but it may require monitoring. If AEP is promoting it as an official conduit, we need to be careful
2. Put something on the website about interest.
3. Marc Descollonges may be able to monitor this discussion.
 - ♦ Monitored or not monitored - if monitored, all postings must go through M.Descollonges. May go unmonitored until reports of abuse are noted.
4. E.DeBellevue to draft up a section for the Newsletter to poll interest.

E. *More than one person can be programs director as per bylaws* - Held jointly with M.Prisament and E.DeBellevue. They will coordinate between themselves.

F. *Marc Descollonges* has requested we keep him informed about events with the AEP. He needs some lead time to put the events on the site. Mary Laux, E.DeBellevue & M. Prisament to copy him on the program e-mails.

IX. Requested Actions

A. Submit comments on proposed bylaws to Joan Douglas by June 27, 2006.

B. E.DeBellevue to draft section about online community for Newsletter.

C. All Board Members to submit ideas for future programs (social and academic) to Board.

D. All Board Members to submit Newsletter submissions by July 10, 2006 to Brian Holt.

E. Board members are invited to E-mail Morty Prisament about legislative liaison position and submit request to Board to take up that responsibility.

F. RSVP by July 1st to RSVP for the Chapter Summit (8/4-8/5/2006 in Walnut Creek). See <http://califaep.org/workshops/summit.htm> for more information.