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## **From the President's Desk Kristin Bennett**

FAEP Members,

I want to begin my message this quarter thanking all of our members for your continued support and participation. The FAEP is a member based, member driven, member supported organization. We have received feedback at the state level and the local chapter level regarding topics and training of interest to our members, the ease of joining and renewing on-line on the FAEP website and the many benefits of FAEP membership. We have received positive feedback also about the perks of the NAEP Affiliation Agreement which allows FAEP members to enjoy on-line educational opportunities, webinars and discount prices to participate in NAEP events.

Consider getting more involved with the FAEP. Check with your local chapter to see if there is a committee on which you can participate. Consider seeking a position on the local board of directors or the state-wide FAEP Board. FAEP Board elections will be held in the Fall. You can help ensure the sustainability of your local chapter and the FAEP through your increased involvement and continued support.

### **NAEP Affiliation Agreement**

In 2010, the FAEP entered into an Affiliation Agreement with the NAEP. This is a mutually beneficial agreement that encourages the FAEP to actively promote the NAEP and membership in the NAEP and provides FAEP members many of the benefits of NAEP membership at no additional individual cost.

I want to acknowledge and thank the South Florida Chapter for their generous sponsorship of a portion of the Affiliation fee.

### **Benefits of the NAEP/FAEP Affiliation Agreement include:**

- **Access to the NAEP National News Desk** with current environmental news and access to other E&E Publishing subscriptions offered at a significant savings.
- **Access to the improved E-News** a practitioner oriented open forum that provides National exposure for Chapter news and events.

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## Upcoming Conferences and Workshops

Event	Date	Place
FAEP Annual Conference	Sept. 21, 2012	Pensacola, Florida
Florida Remediation Conference	Oct. 11-12, 2012	Orlando, Florida
Florida Local Environmental Resource Agencies	Oct. 24–26, 2012	Orlando, Florida
Florida Brownfields Association	Oct. 28-31, 2012	St. Petersburg, Florida
Creation and Restoration of Wetlands	Nov. 8-10, 2012	Naples, Florida

President's message continued....

- **Webinar offerings** available as chapter events or individual access at discounted rates.
- **Access to the NAEP Journal, *The Environmental Practice*.**
- **Affiliated Member Discounts for conference registration fees including 2013 in Los Angeles and 2014 in St. Petersburg hosted by the FAEP.**
- **Continuing Education opportunities with the American Public University Partnership** including On – Line Education or Continuing Education, Secondary Degrees, Certification Programs, CEP Credits toward advanced degree and free webinars.
- **Proposed future actions** include National NEPA Training, Florida Regulatory Recognition of CEP, NAEP Committee Restructuring, Scholarships and Membership discounts including car rental, hotel, etc.

Beginning in July, we are including on our monthly calendar of events email a link to the NAEP National Desk, a biweekly publication of current national issues affecting the Environmental Professional. Additional benefits for NAEP members can be accessed through [www.naep.org](http://www.naep.org) by logging into the Members Only portion of the website.

For your very economical \$30.00 FAEP membership fee, you are entitled to all of the benefits of the Affiliation Agreement offered to the FAEP members. The FAEP, with the generous support of the SFAEP, has assumed the cost of the Affiliation Agreement out of our current budget. However, we are actively seeking sponsors to help offset the cost of the Affiliation Agreement Fee. Sponsorship recognition will be provided. If you are interested in helping support the FAEP's continued affiliation with the NAEP and are interested in continuing to receive the many benefits of the Affiliation Agreement, please contact me ([Kristin.Bennett@tetrattech.com](mailto:Kristin.Bennett@tetrattech.com) and 772 781-3414) or the FAEP administrator, Teri Hasbrouck ([info@faep.org](mailto:info@faep.org)) for additional information.

### 2012 FAEP Annual Conference hosted by the Northwest Chapter

The Northwest Chapter is hosting the FAEP Annual Conference, scheduled for September 21, 2012 in Pensacola. The Call for Abstracts has been published. Abstract Categories include Air Quality, Water Quality and Land Use. All presentations should be scientifically based, educational and presented in a respectful manner. Presenters are expected to exhibit the highest standards of integrity and professionalism. Opinion presentations will not be considered. You can get all the necessary information on the FAEP home page where there is a link to the call for abstracts.

### Monthly Chapter Meetings and Events

At the beginning of each month, you receive a calendar that contains information about chapter events across the state. You can get additional information about the chapters from the respective chapter websites, available from the FAEP home page under the "chapter links" tab. As an FAEP member, you are invited and encouraged to attend any FAEP chapter meeting. Every chapter event offers an opportunity for education, training, and networking.

Remember to mark September 21, 2012 on your calendars for the FAEP Environmental Symposium.

Kristin Bennett  
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# Florida Association of Environmental Professionals

## 2012 Annual Conference

The Northwest Chapter of the Florida Association of Environmental Professionals (FAEP) is hosting the 2012 Annual Conference for the FAEP on Friday, September 21, 2012. The symposium will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Pensacola; registration starts at 7:15 AM, sessions from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Registration deadline: September 14, 2012.

FAEP/NAEP members get a discount rate. If you are currently not a member and would like to join, go to: [www.faep-fl.org](http://www.faep-fl.org) We are also extending the discount rate to our partner associations: AWMA and ACS.

**PLENARY/OPENING SESSION Speaker:** Mr. John Appleyard, Historian and Storyteller, attended Northwestern University and Oxford University and graduated from the University of Delaware in 1947. He is the author of numerous books including: The Second Great Document, The Third Great Document, The Spanish-French Confrontation, and numerous radio enactment plays and playlets.

**KEYNOTE/LUNCH Speaker:** Dr. Jack Davis, University of Florida Department of History. Professor Jack E. Davis received his Ph.D. in 1994 at Brandeis University. He works with students whose interests lie in southern, civil rights, and environmental history. Before joining the University of Florida faculty, he taught at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (where he was director of environmental studies), the University of Jordan (where he was a Fulbright scholar), and Eckerd College.

### Call for Abstracts:

The NWFAEP Chapter is seeking presentations that address the following:

- Water Quality: including R&D, State & Federal Regulations, conditions & improvements
- Air Quality: including R&D, State & Federal Regulations, conditions & improvements
- Land Use: including practices, transportation, Brownfields, Green Building Design, alternative energy, Biofuels

Please submit abstracts to Mary Gutierrez at [mary.community@cox.net](mailto:mary.community@cox.net) or fax: 850-458-7944 by COB Sunday, July 15th, 2012. Mary is available to answer any questions at: 850-549-7472.

### Accommodations:

The Pensacola Crowne Plaza is offering a special group rate (Group Code AEP) for the FAEP conference through August 20, 2012 for the dates of September 19-23, 2012. Space is limited and first come, first serve, so book your room early. Click here to for the e-booking link. If you wish to extend your stay outside of the September 19-23rd dates, you will need to book a separate reservation on the website or contact the Crowne Plaza Pensacola Grand Hotel (+1) (850) 433-3336.

### Sponsorships:

Sponsorship levels are available, some of which include a vendor table, marketing opportunities and sponsorship recognition.

Levels:  
Platinum -\$800  
Gold - \$600  
Silver - \$350  
Bronze - \$125

For more details on sponsorship levels and the application form contact Rob Abramowski, NW Chapter Board Member at 850-469-4423 or [rabramow@aerotek.com](mailto:rabramow@aerotek.com)

Go here for more information or to register: <http://faep-nwfl.org>

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## **Dr. Richard Kramer 2012 Memorial Environmental Excellence Award**

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Dr. Richard J. Kramer, CEP, Memorial Award for Environmental Excellence was established by the Academy of Board Certified Environmental Professionals (ABCEP) to recognize extraordinary achievements of individuals in the environmental profession. Dr. Kramer's involvement in ABCEP spanned more than two decades. In 1982, he was the 31st person to earn the CEP designation.

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# Environmental & Land Use Law Section

## 2012 Ethical Challenges for the Environmental Lawyer and Consultant

August 9 –11, 2012  
Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort and Spa  
1000 PGA Tour Boulevard  
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082  
800-457-4653

### Invitation:

The Florida Bar's Environmental and Land Use law Section (ELULS) would like to extend an invitation to attend the ELULS Annual Update & Ethical Challenges for The Environmental Lawyer & Consultant programs that will take place August 9-11, 2012 at the lovely Sawgrass Marriott in Ponte Vedra, FL. More information and registration form for the Annual Update & Ethical Challenges programs are posted on our website: <http://eluls.org/2012-annual-update-and-ethical-challenges-for-the-environmental-lawyer-and-consultant/>.

**Affiliate Membership:** Please note that there is a discounted rate available for section members and environmental consultants are eligible to be affiliate members of ELULS—more information about membership can be found here: <http://eluls.org/membership/>. We would also like to extend the invitation to attend our Affiliates committee meeting that will take place in the morning at 8:30 on August 11th—more information about the Affiliates committee is posted here: <http://eluls.org/affiliate-membership-committee/>.



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## **TBAEP Announces First Annual Environmental Photography Contest**

- **Why** a Photo Contest?
  - ◆ Raise awareness of the Association within the community,
  - ◆ Enhance current member participation, and
  - ◆ Create revenue for our student scholarship fund.
- **Who:** Open to everyone (members and non-members)
- **What:** Photo contest (additional information below), \$10 for the first photo, and \$5 for each additional entry, enter up to five (5) photos.
- **Where:** TBAEP's Chapter boundaries encompass Citrus, Hardee, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas and Polk Counties.
- **When:** Contest begins on April 9th and will close on or about July 20<sup>th</sup>. Winners will be announced in late August and the photos will be displayed for the last quarter of 2012 and the first 3 quarters of 2013.

### **TBAEP's First Annual Photography Contest: "The Nature of Environmental Professionals"**

We welcome you to participate in our first annual photo contest to support TBAEP. As stated above, the **Goals** of the contest are to raise awareness of the Association within the community, Enhance current member participation, and create revenue for our student scholarship fund.

Currently, TBAEP awards individual students up to \$500 annually. The organization would like to both continue to support this practice and build our endowment fund while also increasing the public's knowledge of TBAEP.

The contest will feature a Nature/Environmental & Industry Theme. We are looking for photographs that **embrace your love of the outdoors, feature the local environment and nature, or creatively showcase the industry in which you work**. You must live or work in one of the counties listed above, and the photograph must have been taken in the State of Florida.

There will be one **Best In Show/First Place** winner as well as **Second Place, Third Place** and **Honorable Mention**. Entrants may enter up to five (5) photos, but individuals may only place once in the winners circle.

Photographs will be judged by a panel of esteemed professionals including the Presenting Sponsor, a local professional photographer and an Environmental Professional from the TBAEP membership.

Winning photos will be published on wrapped canvas and displayed in rotation at up to four public locations, including:

- **EPC of Hillsborough County** (Oct, Nov, Dec)
- **TECO's Manatee Viewing Center** (Jan, Feb, Mar)
- **SWFWMD** (April, May, June)
- **Last Location TBD** (July, August, Sept)

Winners will also be featured at Falliday, our Annual Members' Appreciation event held on November 29<sup>th</sup> 2012, and possibly at other local industry events & tradeshow, venue & schedule permitting.

In addition, winning photographs will be featured on the Florida Association of Environmental Professionals (FAEP) website (see image above/right) <http://www.faep-fl.org/> Go to [www.TBAEP.org](http://www.TBAEP.org) for more information.

**Hurry! The contest entry opportunity ends July 20th!**

## NAEP Webinars

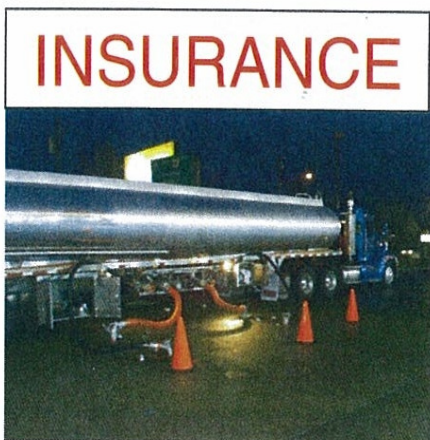
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With the current economic conditions and job market, Environmental Professionals need to stand out in order to compete for jobs or to advance their careers. Recognizing this challenge, the National Association of Environmental Professionals (NAEP) and American Public University (APU) are bringing together top academic leaders and subject matter experts to collaborate on a 3-part webinar series, helping educate environmental professionals on this highly informative topic of career preparation. Register today at [www.studyatapu.com/NAEP-Webinars](http://www.studyatapu.com/NAEP-Webinars) to learn critical skills that may help you shape the future of your career in this field!

NAEP and APU have selected some of the top environmental experts today to provide relevant and cutting-edge career advice that you can use to help you advance in your field. The caliber of the experts speaking at this webinar series really highlights both NAEP and APU as thought leader organizations in the environmental field as well as their legitimate interest and commitment toward helping drive professional advancements through career-relevant education.

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During a recent meeting at the **TradeWinds Resort** in St. Pete Beach, this program was described to attendees as they ate a delicious meal of Red Grouper. Each diner was provided a tag so that they could go online and track the fish harvest location, the fish type, the captain of the boat, and the fish house where the boat landed. Go here to check out the system and find out more: <http://mygulfwild.com/track-your-fish/> The tracking number was GSA1060022 and the zip code was 33706. You can go the website and find out if your favorite seafood restaurant serves Gulf Wild™ seafood.

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## FAEP Group Discount Memberships

Did you know that FAEP provides a discount on our memberships to employers who have 5 or more members? If your company or organization qualifies for the Group Membership you save \$5 on each FAEP new member or renewing member, lowering the FAEP membership fee from \$30 to \$25 for every one from your company or organization. If your company or organization is on this list, you are eligible to join or renew at the discounted Group rate. The FAEP Board would like to extend a thank you to the following employers for supporting their employee's professional development and the FAEP mission:

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