

FLORIDA BEACON

From the President's Desk
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Florida Association of
Environmental Professionals

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THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN "CHAPTER BENEFITS" AND "MEMBER BENEFITS" OR "WHY DO I HAVE TO JOIN THE FAEP WHEN I JOIN A LOCAL CHAPTER?"

The FAEP is comprised of the state chapter and eight local chapters. Having local chapters enables the association to provide training, educational opportunities and networking throughout the state in a very cost effective and convenient manner. Local chapters also provide the opportunity to address local matters that are of interest to you.

The FAEP functions as an administrative arm to serve your local chapter. The administrative tasks FAEP handles are behind the scenes and most FAEP members are likely unaware of how much the FAEP does for the local chapters which in turn benefit the local chapter members. The FAEP assumes responsibility for the local chapters for the following matters:

- ◆ Provides financial support to the local chapter hosting the annual FAEP conference;
- ◆ Provides financial support to the local chapters to help with local events such as member appreciation events and training. This additional financial support enables many chapters to offer low or no cost events to its members;
- ◆ Provides general liability insurance for the local chapters (often required by venues where we hold our events);
- ◆ Files the annual IRS tax filings;
- ◆ Files and pays for the annual state registration with the Department of State, Division of Corporations;
- ◆ Files and pays for the annual state registration with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs;
- ◆ Pays for the NAEP/FAEP Affiliated Chapter annual fee;
- ◆ Operates and maintains the FAEP webpage;
- ◆ Maintains the membership database including tracking membership renewal dates and sending renewal notices;
- ◆ Sends the monthly calendar of events to the FAEP membership;
- ◆ Publishes the FAEP quarterly newsletter The Beacon.

We found it was efficient and organized to have the FAEP handle these administrative matters.

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FAEP Annual Conference!!!

The Central Chapter is very excited to host the **2013 FAEP Annual Conference** at the Doubletree at the entrance to Universal Studios on **Sept. 11-13**.

If you are interested in sponsoring, please see more information on page 6 and our website www.faep-fl.org. The conference agenda is now available through a link on our website, and there is still an opportunity to become a sponsor of this exciting conference!

Just go to our website to find out all the latest information!

Find out more about FAEP
Member Benefits at our website:
WWW.FAEP-FL.ORG

Interested in becoming
a member of FAEP?
Click on **Renew-Join Here**

President's Message Continued...

By providing these services, the burden has been taken off the local chapters and has centralized the administrative aspects of the organization into one location. These things are "chapter benefits." It benefits the chapters and chapter leadership. The local chapters and chapter leadership are then able to devote more time and more resources to providing member benefits such as training sessions, monthly luncheons, networking events and more.

Membership in the FAEP also provides members benefits from the National Association of Environmental Professionals through the NAEP/FAEP Affiliation Agreement, including discount rates to participate in the NAEP webinars and discount registration for the NAEP annual conference. This will be particularly valuable when the FAEP hosts the 2014 NAEP annual conference April 7-10 in St. Petersburg. We will be working for even more benefits from the NAEP in the coming months.

Admittedly these activities are not glamorous. Frankly, the administrative matters are tedious and time consuming. However, in many instances (IRS, Sunbiz, FDACs) they are legally required and in others (insurance, membership database and webpage, monthly event calendar), they just make good sense.

With this additional responsibility comes additional cost. The FAEP is limited in the ability to generate revenue. While there are a number of FAEP sponsorship opportunities, the primary source of income for the FAEP is membership dues. For this reason, the FAEP Board of Directors recently made a tough but necessary decision to adjust the membership dues rate beginning in the FAEP 2013-2014 fiscal year.

Effective October 1st, the FAEP membership rate will change from \$30 to \$40. This is the first rate change in eight years. Even with this change, the FAEP still has one of the nation's lowest price membership rates for a professional organization. Given the generous member discounts offered at the local chapter events (often free to members) and the FAEP and NAEP annual conferences, it is likely your FAEP membership will pay for itself in only one or two FAEP events.

Members can renew any time **before October 1st** at the \$30 rate, regardless of your current renewal date. Even if your renewal date is September 30, 2014 you can add another year to your membership at the current \$30 rate. If you renewed last month, same thing – go ahead and renew now to extend your membership at the previous rate (\$30) for another year.

Mark your calendars for two FAEP events that highlight the skills and diversity of environmental professionals in Florida and Nationally.

First up is the 2013 FAEP Annual conference, hosted by the Central Florida Chapter of the FAEP. The Conference is scheduled for September 11-13 at the Double Tree Hotel at Universal Orlando. Room rates are a very reasonable \$97/night. You can make your reservation from the FAEP website at www.FAEP-FL.org. The CFAEP will be hosting a Certified Environmental Professional workshop and networking social on Wednesday, Sept. 11th. Thursday will be a full day of speakers on a variety of topics. The conference will come to a close on Friday with a half day of speakers and optional golf outing. The registration fee is \$150 for FAEP members and \$200 for non-members. If you are not already a member of FAEP, consider joining now to take advantage of the discounted membership rate for the 2013 FAEP and 2014 NAEP conferences! Go to the FAEP website (www.faep-fl.org) for information about registration and sponsorship.



Next is the **2014 National Association of Environmental Professionals, April 7-10, 2014 in St. Petersburg** hosted by the Tampa Bay Chapter and FAEP. The call for papers is open now. You can use the online form at www.naep.org to submit your abstract. The submission deadline is September 30, 2013. Topic areas include air, archeology, coastal and marine, climate change, ecosystem restoration, environmental health and safety, LEED/Green Buildings, modeling/visualization, oil spill effects and restoration, professional development, water quality/stormwater management and much more. In addition to the plethora of sessions, topics and speakers, the 2014 conference committee is working on a series of workshops and social activities to ensure the 2014 NAEP conference is the "must attend" conference of the year. Information is available at www.naep.org.

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Upcoming Conferences and Workshops

Event	Date	Place
Annual Conference Florida Engineering Society	Aug. 1 - 2, 2013	Palm Beach
Florida Bar Environmental Land Use Conference	Aug. 8 - 10, 2013	Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida
City of Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board 7th Annual Environmental Symposium	Aug. 23, 2013	Jacksonville, Florida
2nd International Conference on Hydrology and Groundwater Expo	Aug. 26 - 27, 2013	St. Paul, Minnesota
2013 International Symposium on Polycyclic Aromatic compounds Conference	Sept. 8 - 10, 2013	Corvallis, Oregon
Florida Association of Environmental Professionals Annual Conference	Sept. 11 - 13, 2013	Orlando, Florida
24th National Tanks Conference & Expo	Sept. 16 - 18, 2013	Denver, Colorado
The Wildlife Society Annual Conference	Oct. 4 - 9, 2013	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
2013 SWS/FAESS/ SWFAEP Wetland Conference	Oct. 6 - 9, 2013	Tampa, Florida
Florida Remediation Conference	Oct. 10 - 11, 2013	Orlando, Florida
ScienceOnline: Oceans	Oct. 11 - 13, 2013	Miami, Florida
Annual Conference on Soils, Sediments, Water and Energy	Oct. 21 - 24, 2013	Amherst, Massachusetts
2013 FLERA Annual Conference	Oct. 23 - 25, 2013	Orlando, Florida
Florida Brownfields Association Conference	Oct. 27 - 30, 2013	Palm Beach, Florida
Water, Food, Energy, and Innovation for a Sustainable World	Nov. 3 - 6, 2013	Tampa, Florida
The National Ground Water Association Expo	Dec. 3 - 6, 2013	Nashville, Tennessee
39th Annual NAEP National Conference	Apr. 7 - 10, 2014	St. Petersburg, Florida

FAEP shares information about conferences pertaining to the environmental professions. The FAEP does not endorse any of the referenced conferences.

Our Florida Reefs

Our Florida Reefs is a community planning process for southeast Florida's coral reefs. Hosted by the Southeast Florida Coral Reef Initiative (SEFCRI), this planning process brings together the community of local residents, reef users, business owners, visitors and the broader public in Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, and Martin counties to discuss the future of coral reefs in this region.

This process is designed to increase public involvement in the future management of southeast Florida's coral reefs by seeking input from community members on the development of recommendations that can become a part of a comprehensive management strategy to ensure healthy coral reefs in the future.

The planning process includes the offshore reefs in the four-county regions, from north of Biscayne National Park in Miami-Dade County to the St. Lucie Inlet in Martin County.

Go to the website for more: www.ourfloridareefs.org

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President's message continued....

Want a cost-effective, efficient way to get your name out to more than 2,000 environmental professionals? Sponsor the FAEP!

The FAEP and its eight local chapters offer a number of opportunities that enable you to provide information about your company and services to more than 2,000 environmental professionals in the FAEP database in addition to others who view the FAEP and local chapter websites. When you sponsor a local chapter event, you have the option to sponsor the FAEP monthly meeting notice, the FAEP website and/or the quarterly FAEP newsletter, The Beacon. This opportunity is available at a nominal additional sponsorship fee of between \$50 and \$100.

Please contact me at Kristin.Bennett@tetrattech.com for additional information.

◆ Monthly Meeting Notice

Place your logo in the monthly meeting notice for an additional \$50 FAEP sponsorship. The meeting notice is distributed to over 2,000 email addresses and posted on the FAEP website.

◆ FAEP Website Opportunities

Place your company name or logo on the FAEP home page: 6 month text link \$50 (\$60 value) or 6 month logo link \$100 (\$150 value)

◆ Beacon Newsletter Opportunity

Receive a discounted 1-year business card sponsorship for \$75 (\$100 value) in The Beacon Newsletter. The Beacon is distributed to more than 2,000 environmental professionals every quarter.

In conclusion

It has been an honor, an educational experience, a significant amount of work, and a great deal of fun to serve as the FAEP president. I am in the final stretch ... I will transition from President to Past-President in January 2014. Only 6 more months (but who is counting?!).

I appreciate my office, Tetra Tech, Inc., for supporting my participation in the FAEP. I appreciate also the hard work and dedication of the FAEP Board members and the Local Chapter Board members. It takes an extraordinary level of commitment to serve on the board of a professional association. Please be sure to thank your board members for representing your interests and for providing you with affordable, informative, and fun training and networking opportunities.

I look forward to seeing all of you in September at the FAEP Annual Meeting!

Kristin Bennett
Tetra Tech, Inc.
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Upcoming NAEP Webinars

Join us for our second exciting year of interactive webcasts with industry experts sponsored by American Public University and the National Association of Environmental Professionals. Registration to the webinar is complimentary. APU and NAEP are collaborating on this 3-part series focused on professional development for environmental professionals; helping you build the skills you need for success.

Part 1: Top Skills Sought by Environmental Employers - occurred April 17, 2013

Part 2: The Importance of Communication Skills - July 30, 2013

Part 3: Top 10 Time Management Tips - November 20, 2013

To register click this link: <http://www.studyatapu.com/NAEP-2013>

Part 2: The Importance of Communication Skills

Tuesday, July 30, 2013
12:00pm - 1:15pm ET

Following the survey results, our panel of hiring managers and employers will discuss why communication, whether written or verbal, is the most important qualification you can develop for a position in the environmental field. Our top experts will give you their advice on best practices as well as how you can continue developing your communication style for more effective proposal writing, reports preparation, client and data presentation, and overall interactions within your professional community.

- ◆ Industry experts share their “stories from the field”
- ◆ Advice on improving your writing samples, data presentation, public speaking, and verbal interactions with peers and clients
- ◆ Tips on how to demonstrate your skills confidently and successfully
- ◆ Gain critical information and resources for professional development

NAEP August 7, 2013 webinar announcement ACHP/CEQ Guidance for Integrating NEPA and Section 106

The Federal environmental review processes under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) encourage coordination and integration of the two processes. To support efficient planning, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) and Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) developed new guidance entitled “*NEPA and NHPA: A Handbook for Integrating NEPA and Section 106.*” This new handbook explains the relationship between Section 106 and NEPA, strategies on how to coordinate the processes, and the Section 106 substitution process. Substitution authorizes agencies to use the procedures and documentation required for an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to comply with Section 106 in lieu of the procedures in Title 36CFR 800.3 through 800.6. The National Park Service (NPS) is a leader in use of the substitution process.

2014 Environmental Excellence Awards Submission deadline is August 16, 2013

Go to the NAEP website at www.naep.org for more information

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FAEP 2013 Annual Conference

CALL FOR SPONSORS

The Florida Association of Environmental Professionals

2013 Annual Conference

Hosted by the CFAEP

September 11-13, 2013

Doubletree at the entrance to Universal
Orlando, Florida

There are several sponsorship levels available:

Conference Partner
Gold Partner—\$1,000
Silver Partner—\$500
Bronze Partner—\$250
Pewter Partner—\$100



More information and forms are located on the FAEP website: www.faep-fl.org

Conference Agenda Available!

The Central Florida chapter of FAEP is honored to host the 2013 Annual conference. The conference will include keynote speakers, technical sessions, an expo, and networking socials. This conference provides an excellent opportunity for professionals and students working in a wide range of environmental specializations to come together and present recent success projects, lessons learned, and new techniques and/or ideas. This year's conference will focus on three tracks: Contamination/Remediation, Biological/Ecological, and Environmental Permitting and Policy. Presentations related to any environmental topic within Florida are encouraged. Topics may include, but are not limited to, ecology, economics, management, restoration, risk assessment, policy/regulation, innovative technologies, and interdisciplinary projects. Presentation abstracts will be reviewed and voted for inclusion in the conference.

Certified Environmental Professionals Workshop

The CEP workshop will include a presentation about what being a CEP means, what the qualifications are and the benefits of this type of certification.

Attendees will be given a discount on their application fee when they start their application process at the workshop.

Go to the Academy of Board Certified Environmental Professionals website to learn more about certification: www.abcep.org

More information about the conference, a registration link and forms are located on the FAEP website: www.faep-fl.org

Florida's Air Emissions Hit All-Time Low in 2012

DEP's continued regulation, improvements by major sources leads to cleaner Florida air

In 2012, air emissions from Florida's industrial facilities hit their lowest levels since the FDEP began tracking them in 1985, due to the Department's oversight and facilities' use of new technology to curb pollutants.

Since 2010, annual air emissions have declined nearly 22% to 412,628 tons. A decade ago, Florida's industrial facilities emitted nearly 1.1 million tons of pollutants annually. The result is that Florida's air quality has improved and Florida can boast that its air quality is among the best in the nation.

Earlier this year, the [American Lung Association](#) released its 2013 State of the Air study, which reported that Florida experienced zero unhealthy days for ozone pollution during the three-year study period. In addition, the Association ranked four Florida cities among the 16 cleanest nationwide for both year-round and short-term particle pollution.

"This is great news for Florida - fewer air emissions means a better air quality for Floridians and visitors," said Brian Accardo, Director of the Division of Air Resource Management. "Department staff is focused on ensuring regulated businesses comply with stringent emission limits and use the latest technology to curb pollution."

The Department also recognizes the benefit of incentivizing additional reductions. One successful initiative led by the Department in 2012 was the [Title Fee Holiday](#), which reduced emissions by nearly 1,900 tons while saving Florida small businesses more than \$300,000 statewide. The Department's initiative allowed business that curbed emissions to have a \$5,000 fee waived. Title V is a federal program run by states in which facilities pay to offset the regulatory cost of controlling air emissions from certain industrial facilities. Ultimately, 281 businesses kept their 2012 air emissions low enough to qualify for the fee holiday.

This year, if major industrial facilities emit fewer air emissions than authorized by permit, the Department will allow those facilities to pay fees only on the pollutants actually emitted. Previously, some facilities would pay fees only on allowed emissions. The Department's new approach will provide businesses a financial incentive to reduce pollution. Continued use of traditional regulatory and incentive-based measures such as these will assure that Florida is as prepared as possible to comply with increasingly stringent national clean air standards.

The Department's website allows the public to monitor updated air quality information through its [Spatial Air Quality System](#). Web users are able to access updated air quality data as reported by Florida's statewide network of air quality monitors. Additional information about Florida's air quality is available through the Department's Division of Air Resource Management website.

Click [here](#) to view a year-by-year list of air emissions in Florida.

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Second Annual TBAEP Photo Contest

It is that time of year again.....Vacation Season...and the Second Annual TBAEP Photo Contest "The Nature of Environmental Professionals." Share your love of the outdoors, your favorite spot or what a day in your life looks like. TBAEP is accepting submissions June 15th thru August 15, 2013 so don't forget to pack your camera on your summer trips. Proceeds from the contest support the TBAEP student scholarship fund.

You can find additional information available on the TBAEP website by clicking here: [TBAEP Photo Contest](#). You must live or work in one of the counties within TBAEP's territory, and the photograph must have been taken inside the State of Florida.

BE A SPONSOR! TBAEP is looking for sponsors at the \$500 and \$250 dollar levels. Details about sponsorship are available on the: [TBAEP Photo Contest page](#).

CONTEST DETAILS

WHO: Open to everyone (members and nonmembers)

WHAT: Photo Contest with 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, \$10 for the first photo submission, and \$5 for each additional entry, enter up to (5) photos.

WHERE: TBAEP's Chapter boundaries encompass Citrus, Hardee, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas and Polk Counties.

WHEN: Contest begins on June 15th and will close on or about August 15th. There will be First, Second and Third Place Winners as judged by a panel of esteemed professionals. Additionally this year there will be a Popular Choice Winner based on voting on the TBAEP Facebook page (more info will be provided on voting). Winners will be announced September 15th and the photographs will be displayed for the last quarter of 2013 and the first three quarters of 2014.

HOW: Simply click on [this link](#) to submit your payment and upload your photos.

If you have not seen the winners from last year's contest they are currently on display at SWFWMD Tampa Service Center Office (7601 US Hwy. 301, Tampa, FL 33637-6759).

TBAEP First Charity Bowling Event!!!

Keep an eye out for more information about the upcoming first TBAEP Charity Bowling event
(proceeds to the USF-Tampa Student Chapter)

Dunedin Bowling Lanes

August 27, 2013

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 re-newing member, lowering the FAEP membership fee from \$30 to \$25 for everyone from your company or organiza-tion. 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 profes-sional development and the FAEP mission:

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1/4 Page	\$100	\$375
1/2 Page	\$175	\$650
1 page	\$250	\$900

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