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## President's Pen



The summer months are fast approaching which means more outdoor activities and more opportunities to spend time with nature and our surrounding environment. I had the pleasure to attend the 2007 NAEP Annual Conference on environmental leadership and alliances at the end of April and have included a news report in this issue of IAEP Network. For your information, there was also a national Chapters meeting at the annual conference in Orlando that brought together chapter presidents and board representatives from all over the country to discuss issues common and unique to each chapter. Like IAEP, retaining members and being more responsive to members needs were two of the big discussion issues.

The NAEP Chapters Committee plans to host a Chapters retreat in September 2007 in California to discuss these and many other action-oriented issues in detail.

IAEP has recently improved its website,

[www.iaepnetwork.org](http://www.iaepnetwork.org) and your ability to become a new member or a renewing member on line via the website and Pay Pal. Now it is easier than ever to join IAEP or renew your membership. Check out our website today; I know you will find it informative and helpful to your professional development and career.

We also have a link to the NAEP site, [www.naep.org](http://www.naep.org) for those of you who are interested in information about NAEP and its various national committees and working groups, or in joining the national organization or accessing recent issue summaries of Environmental Practice, the journal of NAEP published by Cambridge University Press.

In April, IAEP proudly co-sponsored with DePaul University an Urban & Environmental Career Fair. The Career Fair was held on the DePaul campus in Chicago

and it was a big success. See the article about the Career Fair in this issue. I have participated in a number of career fairs over the years and I have to say the professional insight provided by the impressive panel of speakers was the best working knowledge of the urban and environmental planning worlds I have ever heard. We give our thanks to Kelly Tzoumis and Jennifer Burke at DePaul for organizing such a beneficial event for students and young professionals. I learned a lot about the professions too.

IAEP will be hosting a social networking session on Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup> when the NAEP Board of Directors comes to Chicago for their summer board meeting. Stay tuned for more details on this event. The IAEP board is also looking for committed, energetic professionals to join us on the board and get involved in the many activities IAEP is doing. Please contact me directly if you are interested in serving on the board or have ideas for luncheon topics, short seminars, or speakers. You can contact me directly at (312) 930-5142 or at [ronald.deverman@parsons.com](mailto:ronald.deverman@parsons.com) Enjoy your summer!

Ron Deverman, President

## IAEP Career Fair



On April 28th, IAEP co-sponsored its annual Career Fair with DePaul University. The fair was in a historical building on the DePaul Campus. We had 15 exhibitors and 6 speakers.

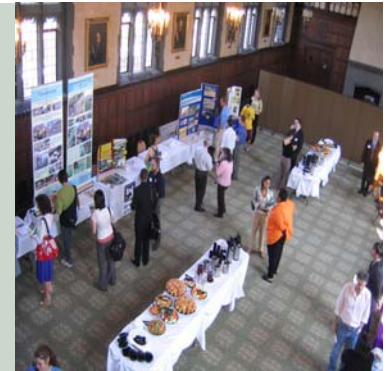
In addition to the exhibitors, a speakers panel gave insight to how to get your job coming out of college, and how to prepare for that first position. There was a wide variety of speakers from government, industry, elected officials, graduate schools, and private consulting.

Two students who attended the fair have already secured paid internships based on the contacts made with exhibitors at the fair.

The fair is usually conducted in April and is open to any exhibitor who is interested in environmental careers. If you would like to participate in next year's fair, feel free to contact Kelly Tzoumis at [kellytzoumis@ameritech.net](mailto:kellytzoumis@ameritech.net)



Kelly Tzoumis introduces Ron Deverman.



Aerial View of Exhibit Hall



Ron Deverman, President of IAEP



Speakers Panel

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renew your  
membership?**

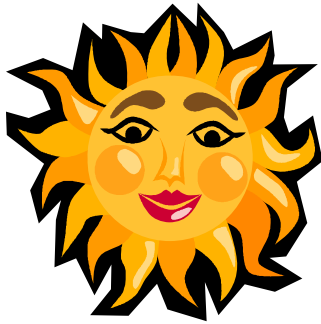
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<http://www.iaepnetwork.org/>

## IAEP To Participate in National Chapters Retreat



The California Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP) and the National Association (NAEP) will host a Chapters retreat at the Ontario, California Hilton on September 21 and 22 (Friday & Saturday). About 40 persons from the state chapters nationwide, including IAEP, will attend this important meeting. This is the first time we believe in IAEP's history

Chapter relationship, and grow to understand other chapters' mission, successes and challenges. Discussion topics will range from the mission of NAEP and state chapters, to how to grow a chapter, to affiliation agreements, to how to serve members more effectively. As IAEP members, let us know if you have particular interest or question by contacting Ron Deverman, IAEP

**IAEP deadline extended for Student Scholarship. See pages 5-7 of this newsletter to get more information.**

**Is it time to renew your membership?**

**Send in your renewal today.**

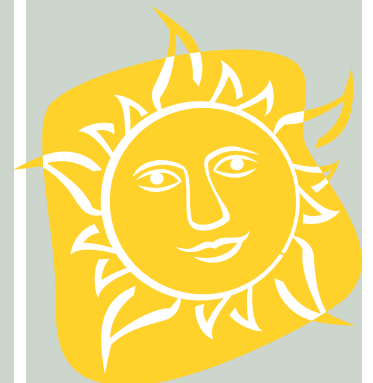
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<http://www.iaepnetwork.org/>

that such a national gathering has taken place. Ron Deverman, current chapter president and NAEP Board representative, and Nathan Quaglia, incoming IAEP President, plan to attend the retreat. This is an unprecedented opportunity for IAEP to review, improve and strengthen the NAEP /

President. We will have a full report of this historic event in the fall 2007 IAEP newsletter.



## Commonwealth Edison's Pilot Shrubland Bird Habitat Management Project

Written by  
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### SPECIAL SHRUBLAND MANAGEMENT AREA



Common Yellowthroat

Commonwealth Edison is  
conducting special  
shrubland management  
within this Right of Way to  
improve wildlife habitat.

**ComEd.**  
An Edison Company

Commonwealth Edison (ComEd) is a substantial land owner in Northeastern Illinois with thousands of acres of land dedicated to right's of way (ROW) for transmission and distribution lines that provide continuous electrical service to its customers. Land management for ComEd is straightforward: clear all woody vegetation from the ROW every five years to prevent line shortages. At a recent Chicago Wilderness function, Audubon Chicago approached ComEd to discuss the potential of using selective clearing techniques within their ROW to improve or provide shrubland bird habitat by not clearing all the shrubs that were present. Shrubs that establish in many ROW can attract shrubland birds (such as the common yellow-

throat, chestnut-sided warbler and blue-winged warbler) which have been determined to be declining in Northeastern Illinois. ComEd agreed to cooperate with Audubon and requested them to locate shrubland areas within ROW that would be suitable to preserve/restore and were adjacent to Forest Preserve District properties in the Chicago metro area.

During the 2006 Shrubland Bird Blitz (an Audubon and Chicago Wilderness sponsored 10 day event) local volunteers were asked to provide bird data at various shrubland sites in Cook, DuPage and Lake Counties. Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.'s (CBBEL) wildlife biologist volunteered to locate ROW shrublands along with Audubon

staff. Ten potential sites were located and surveyed for shrubland birds by CBBEL during the Shrubland Bird Blitz in June 2006. ComEd approved two sites for special management which included invasive shrub removal and native shrub and shrub structure preservation. The chosen sites include: ROW adjacent to Lions Woods in Des Plaines, Cook County and ROW adjacent to Hidden Lake and the Morton Arboretum in DuPage County.

CBBEL was hired in October 2006 by ComEd to manage these areas with the assistance of Emerald Site Services and Tallgrass Restoration. Exotic shrubs and trees were cleared to provide more appropriate shrubland bird habitat. The restoration activities were completed in December 2006. CBBEL will monitor the bird response throughout the summer of 2007 to evaluate the success of the restoration efforts.



## IL Environmental News: Cooperative Effort to Manage Odors Works

The Lemont Odor Alert Network (OAN), a partnership between government, businesses, and residents, has completed two years of successfully resolving the majority of nuisance odors.

“The success in resolving odor problems, particularly some long-standing odor sources, has resulted in the number of odor complaints being reduced by over 50% between our first and second year of operation,” according to Village Manager Gary Holmes.

The Network is the first of its kind in Illinois. Argonne National Laboratory, Chicago Carbon, Citgo, IMTT, Lemont Environmental Advisory Commission, Lemont Fire Protection District, KA Steel, Kinder Morgan, Midwest Cogeneration, Nicor Gas, and the Village of Lemont are the charter members. Cook Composites & Polymers, Illinois Marine, K-Five Construction, and Seneca Petroleum joined after the first year of operation, and news of this success prompted nearby Romeoville to recently join.

Nuisance odors can arise from a variety of different sources. The close proximity to major roads and a shipping canal in an area with a vibrant industrial sector contributes to the number of potential sources. While nuisance odors cannot be completely eradicated in any area of the state, progress is being made in managing the sources causing odors in the Lemont area.

“Some sources of ongoing odor problems have been resolved while others are being better managed. Consequently, the number of odor complaints dropped significantly during our second year of operation,” according to Reverend Glenn Bergmark, chairman of the Lemont Environmental Advisory Commission.

A major problem in resolving odor complaints in the past involved the ability to quickly investigate the complaint. When odors are

reported by residents, the Odor Alert Network coordinator verifies the odor through the Sentry Network, residents strategically located throughout Lemont. The OAN coordinator then contacts the party who owns or operates the suspected source of the odor. The suspected source has the opportunity to determine if it is responsible for the odor and, if so, solve the problem. The OAN coordinator then contacts the complainant with the results of the investigation.

Obtaining accurate information on wind direction and other weather conditions also complicated the process of identifying odor sources. When the OAN started, weather stations were purchased through a \$10,000 contribution from Chicago Carbon Company in Lemont. These weather stations, located at Old Quarry Middle School and Lemont High School, provide accurate and timely weather information.

The weather stations are also used as part of the science curriculum at both schools. “Students learn basic meteorology through the use of this equipment and their observations. Supplementing reading material with hands-on experience that comes with having a weather station enriches the learning experience and makes learning fun for the students,” said Dr. Tom Trengove, Principal, Lemont High School.

The OAN was designed by Johnson, Depp & Quisenberry, an engineering and environmental consulting firm who provides ongoing technical and administrative support.

This process does not replace or interfere with applicable regulatory requirements. Organizations that cause odor problems have the opportunity to resolve the problem themselves, but if they fail to do so the complaint can be forwarded to the appropriate regulatory and legal authority for enforcement action and possible fines. If a release of a substance occurs that is required by law to be reported to

emergency response officials, the organization responsible for the release must still report the release.

### Welcome New Members

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| Ronald J. Bridgeman   | Trileaf Corporation                   |
| Kathy Villagomez      | Trileaf Corporation                   |
| Brandon Neilson       | Trileaf Corporation                   |
| Bill Andrews II       | Trileaf Corporation                   |
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| Andrea Cline          | Christopher B. Burke Engineering Ltd. |
| Jennifer Long         | Clayton Group Services                |
| Steven Pichman        |                                       |



### The IAEP Scholarship Program

#### THE IAEP....

- Is a multidisciplinary society of professionals whose experience and practice relates directly to enhancing environmental quality.
- Unites practitioners in business, government and education.
- Promotes public and professional informed awareness of issues affecting environmental quality.
- Supports professional development and transfer of knowledge in environmental planning, research, management, and evaluation; and Encourages incorporation of environmental concerns in planning and decision making.

#### THE SCHOLARSHIP...

Is an effort to increase student's interest in the environmental profession and to support them in defining their career goals. The scholarship opportunity consists of one \$1000 award to aid a student in his/her education related expenses.

#### ELIGIBILITY

- Be a United States citizen or permanent resident.
- Be a full time student enrolled in his/her sophomore year at an accredited 4 year undergraduate college.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent on a 5.0 scale)
- Have a declared major in a science related discipline. The following are examples of acceptable majors: civil, chemical or environmental engineering, environmental science, environmental studies, biology, hydrogeology, geology, ecology, industrial hygiene, toxicology. NOTE: this list is not exhaustive.

**Employment Experience:** Please attach a current resume.

**Recommendations:** Please include two written recommendations, at least one being from a university official.

**Personal essay:** On an attached sheet, please write a short essay of 1000 words or less describing, "Why I chose to major in an environmental discipline."

**Official transcript:** Include a current transcript of your academic record.

**Send your package to the address below. The deadline has been extended to June 30, 2007.**

**IAEP  
P.O. Box 81551  
Chicago, IL 60681**

## APPLICATION PROCESS

*Candidates must submit:*

- A completed application form
  - An essay of 1000 words or less on "Why I chose to major in an environmental discipline."
  - Two written recommendations, with at least one from an university official
- Official transcript of your academic record

### The IAEP Scholarship Program Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Present Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Declared Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation date:

\_\_\_\_\_

Expected Degree: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA of \_\_\_\_\_ on a \_\_\_\_\_ scale

Name of School:

\_\_\_\_\_

Academic Advisor (*name, telephone, email*):

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## Info on "Organic"

Information on the national organic program is available at <http://www.blr.com/keyword>. Type in **em687nop** when prompted

In October 2002, food producers in the United States began to make use of the "USDA Organic" label established in 2000 by rule by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). But 7 years after the regulations were issued, the general public remains unclear about precisely what the label means. Here are the main points to keep in mind. The "USDA Organic" seal may be used in two cases:

- If the product is 100 percent organic. To make this claim, the product must contain 100 percent organically produced ingredients, not counting added water

and salt.

- If the product is at least 95 percent organic. To make this claim, the product must contain at least 95 percent organic ingredients, not counting added water and salt.

Producers may also claim on their labels that products are "made with organic ingredients," or make a similar claim, only if the product contains at least 70 percent organic ingredients, not counting added water and salt. But this type of product may not display the USDA Organic seal. However, as with the two cases where the USDA seal may be displayed, the label may display the name of the agent who certified the product ingredients as organic according to USDA regulations.

## Update on Green House Gases in IL

Governor Blagojevich has announced that Illinois joined 30 states as charter members of *The Climate Registry*, marking the largest multi-state effort to address climate change. The newly formed organization, which Illinois helped develop, creates national standards that businesses and governments will help measure and track, and other organizations can use to document their current levels of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and track progress over time. Currently in the United States, there is no common set of standards for measuring and reporting GHG emissions.

*The Climate Registry* is a broad-based effort. The states involved represent the length and breadth of the United States, Republicans and Democrats, east and west, north and south, coastal and interior. They all share a common concern about climate change and a desire to take action. The federal government generally does not require companies to report GHGs, and Illinois and most other states do not either. Companies and other organizations located throughout the United States can voluntarily report GHG emissions to *The Climate Registry* beginning in January 2008. States that do require GHG reporting are expected to utilize *The Climate Registry* as well.

<http://enviro.blr.com/display.cfm/id/77218>  
For more information see website above.

## **Social Networking Event with the National Association of Environmental Professionals Board of Directors, with an appearance by an Agency Guest Speaker (TBA)**

The Board of Directors for the National Association of Environmental Professionals (NAEP) will hold their quarterly board meeting July 27 and 28, 2007 in the offices of Jenner & Block, One IBM Plaza, 330 N. Wabash in downtown Chicago. A special IAEP/NAEP Board reception, hosted by Jenner & Block, will be held Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:30 p.m. on the 40<sup>th</sup> floor. Please plan to attend this special event. IAEP is finalizing commitments for a guest speaker from one of the U.S. regulatory agencies. Final details will be sent out at least two weeks prior to the event.

In addition to our guest speaker, Jim Melton, new NAEP President and President of Melton Environmental Services, will speak briefly about NAEP and its relationship to IAEP and other state chapters. This reception is an excellent opportunity to meet, network and dialogue with environmental professionals from around the country. Hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine will be served.

**IAEP membership (\$35/yr.) gives you:**

**Free admission to bi-monthly environmental seminars and other networking and career advancement programs;**

**Bi-newsletters which presents topics of interest to the environmental community, news and notes, job mart, calendar of upcoming events and notices of all events and functions of the organization; and**

**An annual membership directory which features members' areas of expertise and contact information;**

Please RSVP to:

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Due to increased security concerns, anyone wishing to attend a presentation at Jenner & Block's offices must have their name on the list of expected visitors, a current government issued picture identification card, and sign in as a visitor at the security entrance and identify the person they are planning to see. If you plan to attend an event at Jenner & Block, please contact Bill Forcade at 312-923-2964 or [bforcade@jenner.com](mailto:bforcade@jenner.com) in advance of the event so that your name can be placed on the list of attendees.

# NAEP News Update by Ron Deverman

## NAEP Held Its 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference in April 2007

The National Association of Environmental Professionals (NAEP) held its 32<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference April 22-25, 2007 at the Holiday Inn Resort on International Boulevard in Orlando, Florida. NAEP brought together about 300 of the nation's top educators, consultants, public officials, and environmental planning experts to discuss the latest research and practical knowledge on multidisciplinary issues. Conference sessions included NEPA and environmental quality, brownfields to greenfields, sustainability and energy, transportation and context sensitive solutions, environmental management systems (EMS), homeland security/eco terrorism, engaging students in environmental planning, land and watershed management interface, wetlands restoration, and environmental law and compliance.

At this year's conference, two speakers of regional and national prominence presented keynote addresses. Ms. Carol Ann Wehle, Executive Director of the South Florida Water Management District, spoke on the interesting work SFWMD is doing to restore one of Florida's most important resources, the Florida Everglades. In addition, Mr. Scott Angelle, Secretary of Louisiana's Department of Natural Resources, gave a heart-felt luncheon address about the massive coastal restoration and protection initiative underway in Louisiana since the recent hurricanes. The title of his inspiring speech was, "It Takes Leadership and a Master Plan: A New Era for Coastal Louisiana."

Special features of the conference included a session of music, photos of nature, and restoration success stories conducted by Dale Crider and folk artist and singer, John Hankinson. Several environmental training courses, the National Environmental Excellence Awards luncheon, a guided kayak and hiking tour of the Disney Wilderness Preserve were also a part of the interesting conference. A session focusing on NAEP chapters and their successes was also held. And finally, one of the finest social events for conference participants ever held was the NAEP President's private dinner event at Sea World, which included the Shamu water show, dining next to Shamu's water tank, and interaction with the whales' trainers.

The Call for Papers for the 2008 Conference in San Diego is now posted; visit the NAEP website at [www.naep.org](http://www.naep.org) for further information. IAEP, a professional chapter of NAEP, was represented at the conference and the NAEP Board of Directors meeting by Ron Deverman, IAEP President and Chapter Representative to the NAEP Board. Contact Ron Deverman at (312) 930-5142 or at [ronald.deverman@parsons.com](mailto:ronald.deverman@parsons.com) with any questions you have about the NAEP 2008 conference.

*If you know someone who may be interested in joining, please give the person this form to be mailed in to IAEP.*

Please print this form and mail it in by folding it and using the prepared addressed to IAEP.

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