

# EPA Alumni Association

1,292 Members  
We're Not Done Yet!

Fall 2016



## President's Message

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

This is the Association's first hardcopy newsletter! We have distributed 14 newsletters by email (back copies are available at [www.EPAalumni.org](http://www.EPAalumni.org)). Our production and distribution costs using email are very low, suited to an organization with no dues or joining fees. But we are all inundated with email and a significant number of members don't open e-newsletters or their computers block messages from ConstantContact, our delivery service. So we decided to do something different for this issue.

If you haven't checked out our web site recently, we think you will be pleased with changes to make the site more topical and user friendly. Any member may post photos, news, recollections of their EPA colleagues and adventures. We encourage you to do this. After recording a growing collection of oral histories, which we are making available to the public, we want to expand to other representations of the Agency's history – memorabilia, songs, etc.

Our ranks continue to grow, but new members have not been joining at the rates we saw a couple of years ago. So I would ask each you to contact at least one former colleague – by email or the tools on the web site or forwarding this newsletter. If *each one* would *reach one* we would soon be at 3,000 members.

I know we are all watching the campaigns with an eye toward how EPA and environmental policy will be affected. We are a non-partisan organization and as individuals or an organization I hope our experiences can be made available to inform the transition.

We all have a lot more to contribute!

*Bob Wayland*

## What's Goin' On

additional information at [www.EPAalumni.org](http://www.EPAalumni.org)

**EPA History** We have created many oral histories and continue to interview early leaders

**Training & Mentoring** We are working with EPA to pass along experiences and learning to future Agency leaders

**Half Century of Progress** We are getting helpful feedback from educators on how our e-book can be used effectively in classrooms

**Meetings & Regional Groups** We had a great turnout May 5 at the DC meeting with former Administrator Whitman. Fran Phillips organized a third annual Dallas Earthweek gathering

**TSCA Strengthened** Bipartisan action supported by industry & environmental groups strengthens 1976 law.



The Association and EPA recently modified our Memorandum of Agreement, initially signed last year, to provide for additional collaboration. Our first Regional training sessions have been scheduled in Chicago and Committee Chair Phyllis Flaherty is working with the Agency on additional mentoring and training activities.



## Alumni Meetings

While our members are spread far and wide across the country and overseas, many of us have been able to attend one or more face-to-face meetings. Many of these – in Region 9, RTP, DC, and Dallas – have been organized by the Association or one of its members. If you have considered trying to bring a group together – for a field trip, a hike, reception, or dinner, there are some tools and resources the Association can make available. Our ConstantContact Account can be used to develop an invitation list, produce a nice looking invitation, track RSVPs, and collect money.

When an event is “sponsored” by the Association, our liability insurance protects the organizers in the event of accident or injury. Additionally, we have worked with members when a restaurant or other facility requires an advance deposit to “front” the funds until guest payments are received.

We have also donated small amounts from the treasury for such events as the reception at the Air and Waste Management Association in Raleigh which Gina McCarthy attended.

Call or email a Board Member or Executive Director Chuck Elkins if you would like to organize an event using one or more of these services.



## In Memoriam

When we receive information that a former EPA colleague has passed away we publish the obituary and information on upcoming memorial service on our web site and Facebook page. In fact, members may post obituaries and pictures themselves and post remembrances. In the past few months we have shared information on the lives and, unfortunately, deaths of the following:

Bruce Barkley (OPPE)  
 Bill Homberg (OPP)  
 Karen Clark (OGC)  
 Bob Kellam (OAQPS)  
 Harry Gabbert (Region 7)

Ed Johnson (OPP, OIA)  
 Bob Bauman (OAQPS)  
 Martha Steincamp (Region 7)  
 Dave Strother (OIA)  
 Bob Patrick (Region 7)

Barbara Burke-McCoy (OPPTS)  
 Jim Weigold (OAQPS)  
 John Wicklund (Region 7)  
 Jerry Stubbs (OECA)  
 Chris Gillis-Holt (OPP)

# Welcome Newest Members

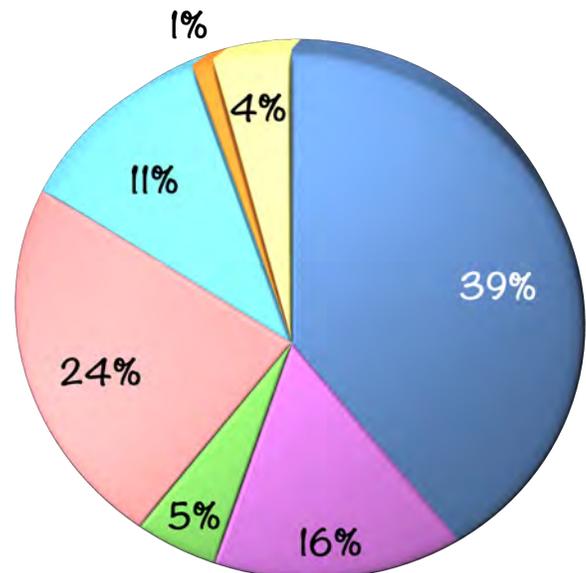
read their profiles at [www.EPAalumni.org](http://www.EPAalumni.org) & click "members." Find out who worked on Civil Rights in Mississippi in the 1960s, who collects antique maps, and who brings chicken soup to slumping Washington Nationals players!

- Thomas D'Avanzo, Region 1 • 1979 - 2016
- Korina E Layne-Jones, Region 10 • 1983-Present
- Bhupi Khona, Region 3 • 1990-2016
- David Ziegler, HQ Policy & Planning • 1981-2005
- Judith Lee, Region 10 • 1987-Present
- Candace Smith, Region 10 • 2006-Present
- Joanne Moore, Region 10 • 1989-Present
- Luis Campos, Region 2 • 1980-Present
- Dale Ruther, Solid Waste • 1976-2013
- Houston Gilland, Region 4 • 1993-Present
- Richard Kinch, HQ Solid Waste • 1974-2014
- Kelcey Land, Region 8 • 1983-Present
- Hugh Kaufman, HQ Superfund • 1971-Present
- Tom Walton, RTP • 1979-2015
- Rick Karl, Region 5 • 1980-2015
- Judith King, Administration • 1973-2010
- Joyce Frank, HQ Congressional • 2007-2016
- Frances Schultz, Region 9 • 1980-2015
- Adriana Hochberg, HQ Water • 2003-2007
- Jeff Holmstead, HQ Air
- Grace Durance Gamble, HQ OIA • 1972-1975
- Eugene Rice, Cincin. Lab • 1979-Present
- John Lyon, HQ OGC, OECA • 1974-2001
- David Collins, Region 9 • 1971-1975
- Don Brady, HQ OCSP • 1974-2016
- Chris Zarba, HQ SAB • 1979-Present
- Norma Duran, HQ ORD • 1998-2000
- Joe Piotrowski, Region 3 • 1973-Present
- Matthew Garamone, Region 2 • 1993-2001
- Debra Villari, HQ Enforcement • 1980-2005
- Stephen Hoffman, HQ OSW • 1989-2014

## No Dues or Fees

Our unpaid Executive Director, Board Members, Committee Members and other volunteers do essentially all the work of running the Association and producing its products. Our recent expenses have run about \$12,000/year. This is equivalent to about \$10 per member annually. The generous voluntary donations of Members and friends and in-kind contributions of services have allowed us to continue our practice of charging no dues or fees. More than a third have donated at least once and many have contributed annually. We are anticipating the need for video editing and e-book development services that we cannot perform in-house for the next phases of our history and Half Century of Progress projects. If you are able to make a contribution in any amount, we will be most grateful. Send a check in the enclosed envelope or donate online securely at [www.epaalumni.org/donate](http://www.epaalumni.org/donate)

## Association Spending 9/1/2015 - 8/31/2016 • \$12,317



- Web Site \$4,746
- Fundraising \$1,906
- Newsletters \$630
- Membership Meetings\* \$2,871
- Taxes, Fees, & Insurance \$1,334
- Business Supplies & Postage \$135
- Oral History/Half Century \$487

\*DC Meeting costs of \$2,343 were entirely offset by attendee fees.

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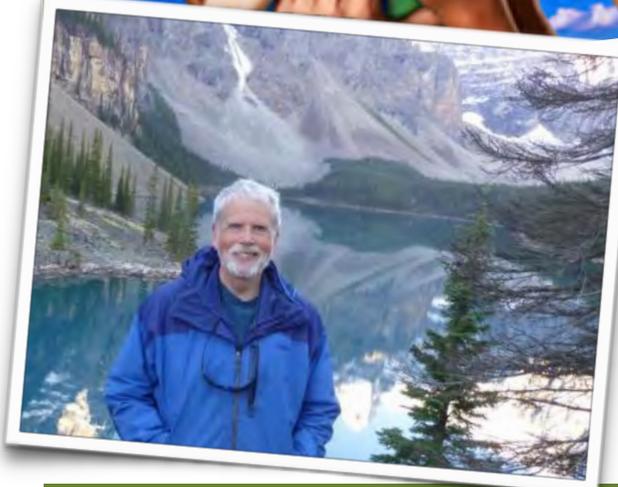
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The May election for Board Members produced the following results: Newly elected members - Chuck Findley, Maryann Froehlich, Nanci Gelb, Marylouise Uhlig, and Stephen Weill.

Phillip Angell & Tom Voltaggio were elected to an additional term.

Questions? Comments? Suggestions?  
Email any Board Member (our contact info is on the web site) or [newsletter@epaalumni.org](mailto:newsletter@epaalumni.org).



Our Newest Member, #1,292, is Tom D'Avanzo, (shown at left) who recently retired from Region 1.

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