

# EPA Alumni Association News



January 2021



Dear Chuck,

Happy New Year! I think we can all agree that we want to see a return to normalcy in 2021, with an end to COVID.

A number of events are scheduled or in the planning stages for 2021. Below you will see discussions of several of them, including the second of our transition-related programs, this one focusing on harvesting the learnings from the EPA of the Future Project, that the Association partnered with American University on several years ago. In addition, I have written Administrator-designate Regan, offering the assistance of the Association in transitioning the Agency to the Biden Administration. It is too early to expect a response, but stay tuned for developments on this front.




The Annual Meeting will occur in April or May, and planning for it is already underway. Four seats on the Board of Directors will be filled through the election that will conclude at the meeting and a Nominating Committee is working on encouraging a diverse slate of members to run for these seats. Later newsletters will provide details on the plans for the meeting, as they come together.

Our ambitious Teach-in Program has sadly been largely sidelined so far by the pandemic, but we are still hopeful that 2021 will provide opportunities to get into the classrooms with our messages and materials. A huge amount of effort has been spent on putting those materials together, and it would be a

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## ~~~~~ Newest Members

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[Julie Anderson](#)  
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real shame if we don't have opportunities to present them. If you are interested in participating in this program, [use this link](#) to get your name on the list.

I hope everyone has a happy and prosperous New Year, hopefully with many opportunities for getting together in person. I think we are all getting tired of ZOOM!

*David Menotti*

## December 2, 2020 Anniversary Celebration



384 Members Participated in Zoom Event

It wasn't the face-to-face event at the National Press Club we had planned, but the Association marked EPA's 50th birthday with a lively virtual fete that combined serious reflections, rousing musical performances, and presentation of a first-ever leadership award to Executive Director Chuck Elkins.

John Bachmann opened the Zoom call with a satirical ditty, *Mr. Biden's Brand New EPA*, to the tune of *Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*. David Menotti welcomed participants and introduced a video of Woody Guthrie's *This Land is Your Land* performed at the Lincoln Memorial. An original video presentation woven together by John Bachmann honored Bill Ruckelshaus and featured his recollections about EPA's early days.

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A list of living Association Members who were Charter Employees of EPA scrolled on the screen. Following a brief description of plans for a 50+1 Celebration in December 2021, participants raised their glasses in a toast to the Agency's past and future by David Menotti. The plenary session broke into groups of 15-20 for a virtual reception, which many participants found to be a highlight of the evening.

In case you missed it, the plenary portions of the Zoom event were recorded and can be [viewed here](#) (47 minutes).

## EPA Alums Return to Lead Biden Environmental Efforts



Michael Regan

The Biden Administration's environmental leadership team will include two former EPA staff members. Michael Regan, who held posts at the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards will be nominated EPA Administrator. Regan has most recently been Secretary of North Carolina's Department of Environmental Quality. Brenda Mallory began her government service in EPA's Wetlands Division, later becoming Principal Deputy General Counsel of the Agency. She will be nominated to head the Council on Environmental Quality, where she previously served as General Counsel. Brenda is a member of the Alumni Association.

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Please consider inviting friends and former colleagues to join the Association. Just direct them to the web site to learn more and complete a profile!

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**Charter Employees**

We recognized members who became employees on EPA's first day of operations during our 50th Anniversary Celebration. We have added names since then. If you were a Charter Member and are not listed, please let us know!

Val Adamkus

Bob Ajax

Irv Auerbach

William Barnard



Brenda Mallory

- Richard Bauer
- Norman Beloin
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## Chuck Elkins Honored

Association President David Menotti conspired with Chuck Elkins' wife, Betsy, to smuggle an impressive trophy into the Elkins home in late November so that our Executive Director could be surprised and presented "live on camera" with a recognition of his exceptional leadership of the Association.

Chuck was the co-founder of the Association in 2008 and, as its Executive Director in the intervening years, has kept the association going, tutoring five Association Presidents as they led the Association to our current membership level of 2100. He has played a role in most of the Association's projects, but has taken special interest in the Association's history project. He also conceived and administered the voluntary financial assistance program for furloughed EPA employees during the last shutdown. For all these reasons and more, the Board of Directors unanimously supported awarding Chuck with the Association's first Leadership Award.



Bruce W. Gay Jr.

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Warren McFall

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Bob Mitkus



*We contacted probable EPA Charter Employees, as indicated in the profiles they completed when joined the Association, to compile the list used at the December 2, Zoom Celebration. We got some very interesting responses, including this fun story from Warren McFall. Enjoy!*

**Shooting Ducks from a USDI Airplane and Other Challenges in Alaska**

Warren McFall, Retired EPA Charter Member

"OK", Ray hollered over the noise of the Pratt-Whitney radial engine, "I'll be coming in just above the flight of ducks and banking left!". With my feet braced on either side of the Beaver float plane's rear doorless opening, I fired my shotgun twice before I realized that my normal lead in front of the ducks was wrong. We were going faster than they were, so I changed my lead behind the ducks for the next 3 shots. The flight was tightly bunched, so 5 ducks fell into Cook Inlet near the mudflats across from Anchorage.

"Good shooting, I'm going to set down. Get Jock ready for retriever duty!" With that, Ray throttled back and set the Beaver gently down on the Inlet and taxied over closer to the ducks. I stepped out of the plane and stood on the floats, sending my Labrador Retriever for the ducks.

We were on a mission to gather ducks so that the US Fish and Wildlife (FWS) scientists could determine whether a recent oil spill had impacted the duck population that gathers in the tidal zone of the Inlet. As it turned out, those ducks were clean and unaffected by the oil sheen that had been reported nearby and they tasted pretty good, too.

[Click here](#) to read the rest of Warren's story about his adventures before he was reassigned to EPA.

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*Warren McFall in Alaska*

## President-Elect Recognizes EPA 50th Anniversary

President-Elect Biden issued a congratulatory statement on December 2, 2020, noting EPA's 50th anniversary. His Transition Team provided a copy to us for use in the Association's Anniversary Celebration. The Statement, available in its entirety [here](#), includes this shout out to EPA employees, past and present: *We will celebrate the outstanding public*

Howard Zar

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## Beth Craig Designated Deputy Executive Director

In 2018 Executive Director Chuck Elkins indicated that he wanted to implement a transition plan to hand off some of the responsibilities he has shouldered to a part-time Administrative Assistant. Several months ago, alumna Beth Craig was selected for that position. She is doing a super job - creative, hard-working, and pro-active. Accordingly, the Board has agreed to change her job title to Deputy Executive Director. Join us in congratulating Beth! You can reach her at EPAalumni@aol.com



Beth Craig,  
Deputy Executive Director



Stan Meiburg


## What's Next for EPA? Moving Forward: Future Directions for EPA and Environmental Protection. 1/13/21 at 4:30 pm EST.

The second special presentation in the "What's Next for EPA?" series is based on the project the Association cosponsored with American University (AU) in 2018-19.

Board Member Derry Allen will moderate a discussion among major contributors to the AU-Association project. There will be ample time for questions following their talks, and we will be having breakout rooms for further discussion. [Click here](#) to Register and for more information.

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Chuck Elkins  
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Presenters during the January 13 Zoom will be:

Stan Laskowski, former Deputy Regional Administrator, EPA Region 3, who will discuss Future Environmental Challenges;

Bob Perciasepe, former Deputy Administrator, and now President of the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES), who will address The "Environmental Protection Enterprise" and EPA's Role;

Dave Ullrich, former Deputy Regional Administrator, EPA Region 5, who will discuss EPA's Relationship with States and Other Public and Private Actors;

Penny Fenner-Crisp, former Deputy Director and Senior Science Advisor, EPA Office of Pesticide Programs, who will discuss Science, Technology and Information;

Stan Meiburg, former Deputy Regional Administrator, EPA Regions 4 & 6, former Acting Deputy Administrator, now professor at Wake Forest University, who will address EPA Tools, Processes, Culture and Resources; and

John Reeder, former EPA Deputy Chief of Staff, now at American University Center for Environmental Policy, who will lead a discussion on Moving Forward - Conclusions.

The first session in the What's Next series was conducted by Zoom on December 9, in collaboration with the Environmental Protection Network (EPN) and Climate 21.

## We're Looking for A Few Good Alums!

On January 7, the Association sent out the annual email asking Members to consider nominating themselves or another individual for the Board of Directors. There are four positions to be filled this year. There are lot of things going on this coming year - from a transition at EPA , the 50+1 Anniversary Gala of EPA as well as the Teach In Program and the new Alumni Academy.

Check out the email ([here](#)) for more details. The deadline for nominations is Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> via email at [EPAalumni@aol.com](mailto:EPAalumni@aol.com). Each nominee will be asked to submit a 200

word narrative and photograph by Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Elections will conclude at the Annual Meeting which will be the end of April or beginning of May.

The email also discusses other opportunities for Members to get involved in the Alumni Association. Please check it all out!

### *In Memoriam*

*We Have recently become aware that these colleagues and friends have passed away:*

*[James Morant](#), [Joana Jerison](#), [Richard Dewling](#), [Edward Vest](#), [Jack Fitzgerald](#), [Pete Rosenberg](#)*

*Click the names to learn any further information we have received and to leave any remembrances. Where possible, we will share comments with family members.*

### *Thank You Donors!*

We are most grateful for donations of any size. We want to thank the members who have made a donation since our November 2020 Newsletter. This was a great outpouring of support in response to our fundraising request.

Allan Abramson, Richard Ackerman, John Adams, Frederick W. (Derry) Allen, John Allis, Jeff Alson, Philip Angell, Roger Anzzolin, Michael Ardito, John Armstead, Jane Armstrong, Irv Auerbach, John Bachmann, Diana Baldi, Mike Bandrowski, Linda Baric, Bill Barnard, A. James Barnes, Donald Barnes, Thomas Barnwell, Mike Barry, Allen Basala, Thomas Baugh, Christine Baughman, Janet Bearden, Norm Beloin, Barry Benroth, Charmaine Berry, Gordon Binder, Vicky Binetti, Barbara Blum, Richard Boice, Patricia Bonner, Marilyn Bracken, Vandy Bradow, Candace Brassard, Rob Brenner, Dale Bryson, Marjorie Buckholtz, William Burnam, Bonnie Bush, Tom Cackette, Michael Cairns, John Calcagni, David Calkins, Georgia Callahan, Scott Cameron, Carol Campbell, John Cantilli, David Carroll, Glenn Cekus, Colburn Cherney, Jean Circiello, Stephen Clark, Kris Colt, Margaret Conomos, Bill Constantelos, Michael Cook, Norman Cook, Marian Cooper, Valerie Cooper, Gail Cooper, Elizabeth Cotsworth, Carol Cowgill, Elizabeth Craig, Jeneva Craig, Andrew Creekmore, James Cummings, Wayne D'Angelo, Thomas D'Avanzo, J. Davies, Elaine Davies, J. Michael Davis, Barbara Davis, David Davis, Irvin Dickstein, Thomas Diggs, David Dropkin, Marguerite Duffy, Richard Duker, David Dunbar, Cindy Dyballa, John Eagles, Carl Edlund, Jerry Emison, Richard Emory, Jr., Daniel Esty, Dale Evarts, Gregory Fabian, David Fege, Margie Fehrenbach, Abraham Ferdas, Robert Ferri, Jerry Filbin, Charles Findley, Phyllis Flaherty, Deirdre Flannery Tanaka, Robin Fletcher, John

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