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## Membership Tops 500!



Jan Auerbach, shown here with Russ Train, recently joined the Association

As we put this newsletter to bed, the count of members who had joined since March 1 stood at 123, increasing the membership by over 20% in just over two months!

If you are a new member, we have a couple of requests. First, please take a few moments to add some detail to your profile. This will help former colleagues catch up on what you've been doing and you may make new friends who have similar interests or think of an activity you'd enjoy sharing with nearby Alums. For example, some of us are thinking of a raft-up or rendezvous on the water with other

Dear Robert,

Welcome to the Alumni Association's first e-newsletter! We plan to send 3-4 newsletters a year. You may opt out at any time but we hope you will enjoy these brief updates on what's happening with fellow Alums and the Association. We welcome your suggestions for articles and your submission of photos and news.

The Association is really taking off with our recent spurt in membership, now over 500, the large attendance and excellent program at our Annual Meeting on April 13, and the first election of our Board of Directors. Following a very positive meeting with Deputy Administrator Bob Perciasepe, EPA has designated a liaison for us, Stephanie Owens, and we will be discussing ideas for cooperative activities and mutual support with her.

You can help us reach out to new members and improve our services. Please share your ideas and spread the word about [epaalumni.org](http://epaalumni.org)!

Chuck Elkins  
Executive Director

## Ruckelshaus Remembers, Looks Ahead

Our first Administrator, Bill Ruckelshaus, inspired and enter-



tained attendees at our first Annual Meeting on April 13. "Ruck" talked about the early tough decisions and his credo that "getting on with it" was a key to the Agency's early successes. His current work to restore Puget Sound has made him a strong proponent of taking a watershed approach to aquatic resource management, and has demonstrated that a bias for action is still essential to environmental progress. He challenged us all to stay involved.

We were extraordinarily fortunate that Russ Train and Doug Costle, our second and third Administrators, also spent time with us at the first Annual Meeting. Russ was interviewed for the webcast early in the meeting.

In addition to the large group that attended in Washington, DC, a similar number attended by webcast at 8 Regional locations and many private homes.



San Francisco webcast participants at Region 9 offices.

If you didn't attend, a large gallery of photos is on the [web site](#). Video clips of Bill Ruckelshaus' remarks and interviews with Russ Train and other attendees can be downloaded or viewed there as well.

## New Board Elected

Our first elected Board took office following the election completed at the Annual Meeting. Their names and most recent EPA positions are shown below. Those who served on the interim Board are denoted with an asterisk. Len Miller continues to serve as Board Chair. Special thanks to those who served as Interim Board members and got us off the ground, but who will not continue Board service:



Board Member Linda Hilwig

sailors.

Second, please use the web site's invitation feature to ask former colleagues who are not yet members to join our Association. You can also forward this newsletter to former EPAers. This [link](#) will take potential members (anyone who served a year or more as an EPA employee) to the Welcome Page where they can join.

To see who has joined since you last logged on to the web site, click the "My Site" link after you log in. You can also see the entire membership roster organized by when each member joined. Go to the member directory and select "browse entire directory." When the alphabetical list has loaded, you can click "show newest members first."

As you browse through the profiles you'll find that we now have members from virtually every program, all Regions, many Labs, former career and non-career employees, and people who served under every Administrator from Ruckelshaus to Jackson. We now live in every state and territory and several are living abroad. Its a great group, united by our shared experiences and affection for those with whom we worked during what most of us consider the best years (at least so far!) of our lives.

SW/RW

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Jody Bernstein, Ramona Trovato, Roy Gamse, John Malanchuk, and Dorothy Patton.

#### Three Year Terms

Jim Barnes, Deputy Administrator  
Linda Hilwig, Executive Assistant to Deputy Administrator  
Vic Kimm\*, DAA, Pesticides, Prevention and Toxics  
Len Miller\*, Board Chair, DAA Water Enforcement  
Gerald Yamada\*, Deputy General Counsel

#### Two Year Terms

Barbara Bankoff, Director of Congressional Communications, OAR  
Dave Calkins\*, Chief, Air Programs Branch, Region 9  
Mark Greenwood\*, Director, Office of Pollution Prevention & Toxics  
Andrew Otis\*, Special Assistant to AA, Policy and Planning  
Bob Wayland\*, Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans, & Watersheds

#### One Year Terms

Don Clay, AA, Solid Waste and Emergency Response  
Stan Legro\*, AA, Enforcement  
Jake Mackenzie, Western Regional Director, Pesticide Programs  
John O'Connor\*, Deputy Director, OAQPS  
Adam Saslow, Special Assistant to Director, Office of Policy Analysis, OPPE

#### Ex Officio

Executive Director, Chuck Elkins\*, Associate General Counsel  
Webmaster, Barry Gilbert\*, Engineer, OAQPS

### **New Members in April**

Jan Auerbach, Wayne Blackard, Megan Bloomgren, Douglas Camp, Joe Cascio, Angela Catalano, Jean Circiello, Rick Claggett, Jon Cooper, Joseph Cotruvo, Carol Cowgill, Larry Culleen, Julia Curtis, Julie Domike, Kenneth Feigner, Timothy Fields, Walt Foster, Alan Fox, Mike Gearheard, Monica Gibson, Roberta Gordon, John Gustafson, Robert Hall, Steve Herman, William Holmberg, Rich Innes, Lisa Jaeger, David Jones, Patty Kalla, Debra Kovacs, Arnold Kuzmack, Jan Lane, Joan LaRock, Susanne Lee, Lewison Lem, Ken Lloyd, Gene Lucero, Joseph Martyak, Chilton McLaughlin, Connally Mears, Timothy Mohin, Susan Moore, Nancy Mueller, Terry Oda, Clara Maria Poffenberger, Win Porter, Patrick Quinn, William Rhodes, Bill Riley, Joseph Schmidt, Lisa Seglin, James Seif, Adam Sharp, Roger Strelow, Deborah Taylor, Ann Dizard and Dwain Winters

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