

# EPA Alumni Association News



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Dear ,

The ospreys are back on their nests here on the lower Chesapeake, signaling the arrival of Spring. The brown pelicans will not be far behind. After a harsh winter, these harbingers are a very welcome sight. And they are a reminder, too, of the real impact EPA has made in protecting and restoring our environment. Seven years before EPA was created, Rachel Carson warned that indiscriminate use of pesticides had the potential to cause a *Silent Spring*. In 1972, Bill Ruckelshaus took the first of several EPA actions to virtually eliminate the use of DDT and related pesticides. A conservation organization near me recently published maps of eagle nesting pairs along the Rappahannock river. The 1975 map showed nine pairs. The 2015 map shows 219 pairs!



Our Association can provide a valuable service by helping tell the story of improvements in public health and environmental conditions EPA has helped bring about at the same time population, GDP, and employment have surged. Watch for the release of the *Half Century of Progress* report, to which many members are contributing, and a YouTube video which contrasts environmental conditions before 1970 and today. We'll preview it at our April Annual Meeting.

There are long-standing environmental problems which still challenge EPA and new issues which arise from changing technology. The Nation needs a strong and effective EPA. The Alumni Association and its members are helping to send that important message. And the mentoring story below describes how EPA is looking to tap into the wealth of experience (20,000+ years) of our Members!

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Bob Wayland

## Association Signs MOU with EPA



EPA Deputy Administrator Stan Meiburg and Association V-P Ed Hanley sign MOU on February 25, 2015

Since our organization began five years ago, there is one question that has kept coming up from our members: "Why don't we have some kind of working relationship with EPA."

We are happy to announce that now we do have such a relationship. On February 25, we signed a Memorandum of Understanding with EPA at a small event at EPA Headquarters in Washington. Vice-President Ed Haney represented the Alumni Association and our old colleague and friend and acting Deputy Administrator, Stan Meiburg, represented the Agency.

This agreement paves the way for our members to become mentors to EPA employees. The agreement is a recognition that our association represents over 20,000 years of agency experience as well as a willingness to help...and EPA wants and needs that. [Click here](#) to read a copy of the MOU.

Our members have critical skills and experience that can be shared with both EPA staff now leading the agency as well as those who will be taking the place of the many employees expected to retire in the coming years.

The mentoring envisioned by this agreement can take many forms, including one-on-one mentoring of individual employees and group mentoring/training of, for example, candidates for the SES, first-line supervisors, and EPA's newest employees. We expect with experience, we and the agency will find many more avenues where we can

## Newest Members

We are pleased to welcome the following members who joined since the October 2014 newsletter was distributed. Click a person's name to read their profile.

John Allis  
Brenda Bettencourt  
Doris Betuel  
Laura Bose  
Vandy Bradow  
Bruce Buckheit  
Teresa Clemons  
Betsy Curnow  
Jane Diamond  
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Drusilla Hufford  
Jack Hidinger  
Willie Kelley  
Sylvia Malm  
Bharat Mathur  
John McShane  
James Michael  
Gail Nabasny  
Carol Parker  
Robert Perciasepe  
Mickey Post  
Steve Shapiro  
Carol Stangel  
Robert Sussman

cooperate.

We will soon be in touch as we begin to sign up members to take on these varying roles. They will join the many members who are already recording the history of EPA in various formats and serving on Association committees. Watch your email for further information on this very important development in the life of this young but growing Association. If you already know that you will want to participate, write us now at [EPAalumni@aol.com](mailto:EPAalumni@aol.com)



## Perciasepe to Address Annual Meeting

Bob Perciasepe has the unique distinction of being EPA's longest serving Deputy Administrator. We're not sure how he feels about that honor, but we'll find out soon, as we are fortunate that he will be our speaker at the annual meeting of the Alumni Association on Thursday, April 23 in Washington D.C.

and broadcast by phone nationally.

And as a way of honoring the role that Bob and all of the Deputy Administrators have had in managing EPA, we are inviting past Deputy Administrators to come and to join in during the Q&A following Bob's remarks.

We are also pleased that Karl Brooks, the new Assistant Administrator for OARM will also be with us. Karl will play a major role in the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding we signed in February with EPA---and he will talk about our future EPA-EPA AA cooperation at the meeting.

The format for our Annual Meeting remains the same, and it gives everyone who is able to attend in person plenty of time to catch up with colleagues and friends. As usual, there will be a light reception starting at 5 PM, the meeting at 6 PM, and then a full reception with wine, beer, and hors d'oeuvres following the meeting.

This is a particularly important meeting this year given the high level of interest in environmental issues and the unique perspective of our guest speaker, Bob Perciasepe. We hope many of you will attend this meeting in person or by telephone (see below). And we ask you to encourage your fellow alumni who may not be members to come with you... and even join the Association. We hope we will see more of you here than ever and to broadcast the meeting out to record numbers in the rest of the country.

You can register to attend the meeting either in person or by phone by [clicking here](#). This webpage also give more details on the logistics of the meeting.

Keith Takata  
Jeff Telander  
Vicki Thomas  
Jim Vickery  
Steve Wassersug  
Richard Williamson

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## *Administrator McCarthy invited to Attend Alumni Reception in Raleigh on June 22nd*

The Alumni Association will be hosting a reception in honor of Administrator Gina McCarthy in Raleigh on June 22 for EPA alumni. This is an important event for us, and we are excited that Administrator McCarthy has tentatively accepted our invitation.



Gina has been invited to address the annual meeting of the Air and Waste Management Association that day and then would attend the Alumni Association reception that evening which is scheduled to begin at 6:30 PM. There will be a cash bar and light hors d'oeuvres.

Both EPA Alumni Association members, other EPA alumni, and current EPA employees who are eligible to retire (and therefore eligible to join the Association) are welcome and encouraged to attend. Attendees are not required to join the Association..

Because this is such a special event, we need to get an early fix on how big a room we need and how much food and drink to order. That means we need you to [register here](#) if you think you may be able to attend.

We also encourage you to let your friends who are EPA alumni but not members, as well as current EPA employees who are eligible to retire, know about this event and how to register to attend.

As details become final, we will be in touch with you.

NOTE: If you would like to attend some or all of the A&WMA conference at a reduced rate, you may contact us at [EPAalumni@aol.com](mailto:EPAalumni@aol.com)

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## It's Not Too Late to Vote

Your vote means a lot.

This organization works because of the efforts of its Board and the dozens of volunteers who serve on the various committees that define the Association's work. Key programs like our two History projects are not possible without the Board that you elect to serve you.



There are five new vacancies this year for which we have six excellent candidates. Look them over and then vote. Your vote really does count in this Association.

So please, if you have not yet voted, please check your email box for your personalized (one person-one vote) voting invitation dated March 20th (2:40 PM Eastern) and use it to vote now. If for some reason you cannot find this earlier email, you may contact us at [EPAalumni@aol.com](mailto:EPAalumni@aol.com)

## Remembering Earth Day--45 years ago

Board Member Alan Levin reprises this important date that had a tremendous impact on the country and on our careers! Do you remember that day? If so, leave us a comment on our website at the end of this article (click below).



April 22, 2015, marks the 45th anniversary of Earth Day, essentially the birth of the environmental movement in this country. Cities, states, federal agencies, international organizations and many other countries celebrate the anniversary of this event in many different ways. It's hard for many of us to imagine what the world would be like without concern for the environment. Prior to the first Earth Day, however, the situation was grim.

In the waning months of the 1960's, environmental problems were proliferating like a multi-headed monster no one could understand, let alone tame or slay. Rampant air pollution was linked to disease and death in New York, Los Angeles, and elsewhere as noxious fumes, spewed out by cars and factories, made city life less and less bearable.... [Click](#)

[Here to read more.](#)

## Masthead Photo

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Thanks!

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