

# EPA Alumni Association News



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## Association Board Members Meet With Administrator



Executive Director Chuck Elkins, President Bob Wayland, Administrator Gina McCarthy, and Board Members Vic Kimm and Phyllis Flaherty

Administrator Gina McCarthy welcomed us into her walnut paneled office in the William J. Clinton Building on Tuesday, September 30. She listened attentively as we described the large and diverse membership of our five-year old organization, and was impressed with the nearly 20,000 years of experience our members have in every program and Regional Office as well as many laboratories and field offices. An Association project which caught Administrator McCarthy's interest was our

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### Newest Members

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

Jane Neumann

*Half Century of Progress* initiative (see article below) to document pre-EPA environmental conditions and how the Agency's efforts have improved public health and the environment. The Administrator was also interested to learn of the brown bag lunch meetings between EPA Alums and current staff at RTP and seemed interested in having similar sessions at other EPA locations. We have followed up with a proposal to the Agency to conduct three brown bags in Washington this Fall.

Other EPA participants in the meeting were Acting Deputy Administrator Lisa Feldt, Chief of Staff Gwen Keyes Flemming, Deputy Chief of Staff Matt Fritz, and Acting AA for Administration and Resources Management Nancy Gelb.

The four of us representing the Alumni Association left the meeting impressed with the Administrator and hopeful that we will enjoy a greater level of communication and collaboration with EPA.

Bob Wayland  
President

## *A Half Century of Progress - Members Get Busy Documenting Pre-EPA Conditions and Progress*

More than twenty of our members are busy finishing outlines and identifying sources of data and information for this multi-year project to describe improvements to the environment realized by EPA's implementing the Nation's environmental laws. "This effort is important because most Americans alive today didn't experience pre-EPA levels of pollution and public health problems," co-leader Vic Kimm explains. Walt Barber, who also co-leads the project, described the ultimate vision, "We are hopeful that after we prepare a compellingly written and illustrated report, we will be able to attract support for a series of YouTube videos or a televised documentary that can reach young people and give them an appreciation of what EPA has achieved ."

If you would like to participate in this project, [click here](#) to send us an email.

## *EPA's History - As Only We Can Tell It*

by Ed Hanley

At its most recent meeting, the Oral History Committee set new, more ambitious goals for the coming year -- to increase outreach to universities and to expand the program's coverage. We welcomed three new members who are faculty members at universities -- Stan Laskowski and Elaine Wright at Penn and Jerry Emison at Mississippi State. We have also made contact with American University (Dan Fiorino), Yale (Dan Esty), Harvard, the University of Virginia's Miller Institute, and

UC Santa Barbara, where we hope to link up with the Bren School of Environmental Science and Management. Our goal is to gain insight into the needs of academia and perhaps expert



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Richard Valentinetti

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Thad Juszczak

advice on how to produce oral histories useful to students, teachers, and researchers. It would be a bonus if this outreach effort leads to active partnerships with academia that can serve as "force multipliers" for our efforts. For example, thanks to Stan Laskowski, during this school year, we will be working with one of his students who has a strong background in both film production and environmental policy.

[click here to continue reading article.](#)

To listen to or read completed oral histories, [click here.](#)

## Stan Meiburg Tapped for Acting Deputy Administrator



Here is the text of Administrator Gina McCarthy's announcement of Stan's return to EPA:

*Each and every day, the dedicated public servants of EPA work hard to protect public health and the environment. To help me lead our efforts, I'm thrilled to announce Stan Meiburg as our new Acting Deputy Administrator.*

*Stan has had a long and distinguished career as Deputy Regional Administrator in Region 4. Just a few months after he thought he retired, I asked Stan to come to Washington to help me deliver on the President's agenda and EPA's mission. That includes fighting climate change,*

*protecting our water, continuing cleanup work, taking on toxics and chemical safety, and so much more.*

*Stan has a genuine understanding of EPA's people, its culture, and its mission. He's only the second person in agency history to serve as Deputy RA in two regions-serving in Region 6 prior to Region 4.*

*Stan's EPA career began in 1977 in Washington, DC as a program analyst. He went on to serve in Research Triangle Park and in Dallas before heading to Atlanta. He holds a BA from Wake Forest University and MA and PhD degrees in political science from The Johns Hopkins University.*

*His experience spans the agency, having worked closely on air, enforcement, toxics, operations and countless other EPA issues. He's literally done it all, and I know he'll be a great addition to the team.*

*Here's a short video announcing Stan's return to us. [\(click\)](#)*

*I'd also like to thank Lisa Feldt, who's done a fantastic job as Acting Deputy since Bob Perciasepe departed. She's incredibly smart, loyal, and a true advocate for the agency. I'm excited to continue working with her in her role as Associate Deputy Administrator going forward.*

*Please join me in welcoming Stan back to the EPA family-and thanking Lisa for her hard work. I know that with leaders like Stan and your tireless efforts, we'll continue*

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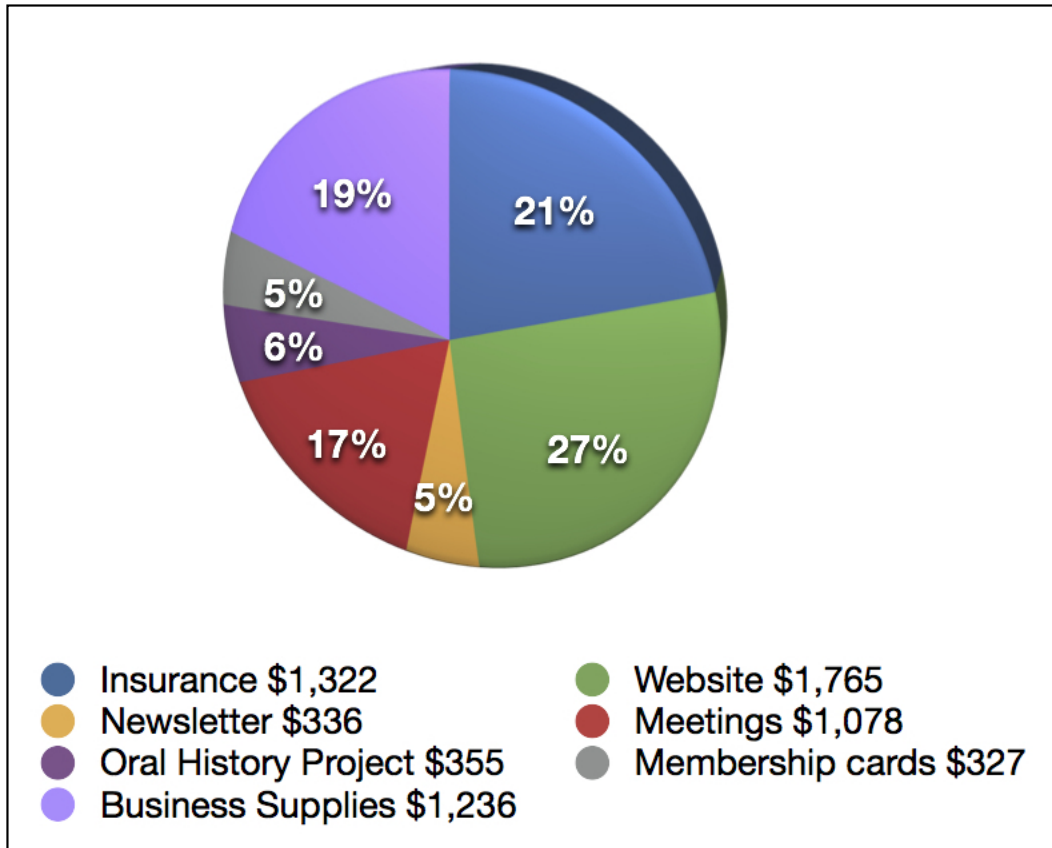
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Gina

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## How The Association Uses Member Donations 2013 Expenditures of \$6,419



EPA-AA Member John White helps former members of the OAR National Laboratory in Ann Arbor stay in touch. John maintains a web site on which he posts news and notes about retirements, grandchildren, etc. Shown below is a photo of several folks who gathered to celebrate the career and retirement of Joe Somers.



Left to right: Bob Heavenrich, Carl Scarbro, Karen Reese, Jim McCargar, Don Paulsell, Craig Harvey, Joe Somers, John White, Charles Gray, Rick Rykowski, Karl Hellman, Judy Gray (Charles' wife), Dick Lawrence and Rich Wilcox.

## Masthead Photo

This edition's photograph was taken by Chuck Sutfin, who spent many years in Region 5 before joining the Office of Water in Headquarters. If you have a photo you'd like to share with our members, please email it to: [newsletter@epaalumni.org](mailto:newsletter@epaalumni.org).

Thanks!

## *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 June 2014 Newsletter.

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