

# EPA Alumni Association News

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## President's Message

### Greetings!

Almost daily, the Agency, its Administrator, and the environmental programs that we helped establish are subject to negative publicity and intense scrutiny. We live in challenging times but with challenges come opportunities. With membership over 1,730 and growing, we are in a unique position to make a difference in the discussion.

Our organization has been actively supporting EPA employees, educating the public/students, and engaging in leading the discussion on the future of environmental protection:

- Alumni participation in a small group mentoring session with EPA managers - a pilot effort that we hope to expand soon;
- A new EPA AA and American University Project on the Next 25 Years, described below; and
- Alumni in the Classroom (see below)

These efforts as well as other ongoing projects provide alumni an opportunity to volunteer in a meaningful way using their



Association  
President Phyllis  
Flaherty

## Alumni Association Leadership

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experience and expertise. I hope you will consider saying yes as we ask you to sign up for specific volunteer opportunities.

We also want to highlight other types of volunteer activities in which alumni participate. For this Newsletter, see the article below on *Being a Docent*.

Lastly, I want to remind you that the election for Board members is underway and that the annual meeting will take place **May 11** in Washington, D.C. By now, you should have received your electronic ballot. Please vote electronically prior to May 11, 2018. Alternatively, you may vote in person at the annual meeting. We have a great panel of speakers. Please register on line. I look forward to seeing you there!

Phyllis Flaherty  
President

### Annual Meeting Washington DC, May 11, 5:00pm Fisher, Shogren, & Walsh Speak

Former Deputy Administrator Linda Fisher, environmental reporter Elizabeth Shogren, and clean transportation guru Mike Walsh will share thoughts on EPA's future - immediate and post-Donald Trump. Two reception periods will provide ample opportunity for members to talk informally with former colleagues and our panelists. We will also conclude the 2018 Board elections and announce the results. The registration fee of \$30.00 will provide ample food as well as beer and wine. It promises to be a stimulating evening. [Click here](#) for additional information and to register.



Linda Fisher



Elizabeth Shogren



Mike Walsh

### Collaboration with American University on EPA's Future by Derry Allan

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*ex officio* Members of the  
Board

## Membership Tops 1,730

Welcome to the new members listed below who joined the Association since November 29, 2017. Click on any name to read the member's profile.

Bill Adams  
Dwight Alpern  
Jonathan Amson  
Sara Bartholomew  
Donald Baumgartner  
Nancy Beck  
Thomas Berkins  
James Bland  
Marilyn Bracken  
Mike Burke  
Steve Caldwell  
Rehan Choudhary  
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Seth Dibblee  
Bill Dowd  
David Dropkin  
Dale Evarts  
Gregory Fabian  
Robert Ferri  
Mary Fillmore  
Mike Flynn  
Joseph Goffman  
Harlan Green

The EPA Alumni Association's Board has recently accepted an invitation from the American University Center for Environmental Policy to partner with them in a project to explore future directions for EPA and environmental protection. On the eve of EPA's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020, this project will look ahead 25 years or so - past today's immediate issues, past incremental changes, and past the current legislative framework.

The project will seek to suggest a vision for the long-term future of environmental protection and EPA and to provide policy and program options that will contribute positively to public discussion. A day-long conference at American University next year may top off the project. The Association's role will be to tap the considerable expertise of its members, by forming focus groups of EPA alumni and surveying members of the Association. A working committee is currently being formed. We expect to be able to provide more information shortly about this exciting project and how alumni can participate .

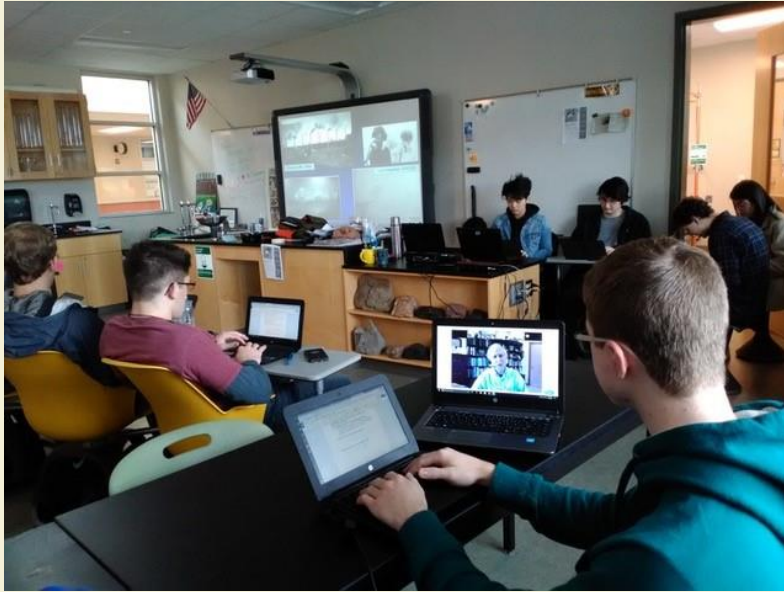
## Alumni in the Classroom

Many alumni have gone into the classroom since leaving EPA in order to "give back" some of their experience and expertise to the community. Some of us may not be ready to commit to teach a whole semester course, but the EPA Alumni Association is busy creating opportunities for alumni to contribute to the classroom in small, but meaningful ways.

John Bachmann has been working to increase the awareness of our Half Century of Progress (HCP) materials aimed at Advanced Placement Environmental Science (APES) students and teachers. This spring, he worked with several APES teachers (there are 5000 across the country) to use the materials and then participate in an interactive video presentation using Skype-like software.

Terry Grogan  
Douglas Heath  
Carol Hetfield  
Melanie Hoff  
John Hoornbeek  
Sylvia Horwitz  
Tom Huetteman  
Judy Hykel  
Mark Joyce  
Barbara Karn  
Anne Keller  
Marcia Knadle  
Eric Koglin  
Mel Kollander  
Stan Kukier  
Michael Kulik  
Alan Lee  
Teena Littleton  
Ted MacDonald  
Greg McCabe  
Janet McDonald  
Dale Medearis  
Patricia Miller  
Mindy Mohr  
Janet Murphy  
Edward Murphy  
Carla Nelson  
John Noles  
Jennifer Orme-Zavaleta  
John Reeder  
Suzanne Roberts  
Joanne Rodman  
Michael Shapiro  
Susan Sladek  
Robert Smolski  
Nancy Stoner  
Dana Stotsky  
Diane Strassmaier  
Lora Strine  
Susan Studlien  
Stephan Sylvan  
W. Owen Thompson  
Scott Throwe  
David Tomsovic  
John Wiemhoff  
Jim Willis  
Dorothy Wilson

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John developed a 15 minute presentation that addressed key points in the HCP air pollution materials, and participated in a 45 minute question and answer session that teachers felt went over very well. Bachmann spoke with three classes at Kellam H.S., Virginia Beach and two classes at Brooklyn Tech in New York City, with two more planned for St. John's H.S. in Houston.

The success so far is encouraging and the association would like to solicit volunteers familiar with the materials in the HCP overview essay to consider working with us to make presentations in either local or schools around the country. For examples, Kellam H.S. is already talking to Bob Wayland about a water-oriented discussion. The heaviest demand for full year APES classes is typically in the spring when they are covering the pollution portion of the curriculum, so the next opportunity may be next year but we would like to know who is interested now.

Similarly, Marcia Williams, Tom Jorling, Len Miller, and Chuck Elkins recently served as "experts" for a course at Arizona State University. Participating in a number of classes via Skype, each of these alumni helped the students understand the current EPA and reacted to their proposals for more sustainable Environmental Protection institutions in the future. For the alumni, it was a fun experience, that didn't demand much "homework". Several of the students took the course because they learned that alumni would be participating. It was a win-win for everyone.

Going forward, the Alumni Association is seeking alumni volunteers who would be interested in such "one-off" teaching

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Many thanks to all our members who have donated since June 2017

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experiences to try similar interactive experiments high schools and universities around the country on a variety of topics. Let the Association know if you would be interested in participating in one of these. You can email us at [EPAalumni@aol.com](mailto:EPAalumni@aol.com).



## AFTER EPA

### Alums Volunteer as Docents

Did you know that more than 20 EPA Alumni Association members act as guides, typically on a volunteer basis, in a museum, art gallery, zoo, historical site or natural area? These volunteers are often called 'docents' or interpreters. Some of the locations are: the National Portrait Gallery, Pigeon Point Lighthouse State Park, National Gallery of Art, Denver Museum of Nature and Science, National Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque, National Air and Space Museum, California Academy of Sciences, Rosie the Riveter/WWII Homefront National Historic Park in Richmond, California, and the Pointe Vicente Interpretive Center on the Ranchos Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA.

[Click here](#) to read about the interesting volunteer work being done by Elaine Davies, Janet Pawlukiewicz, Cathy Winer, David Lopez, Bill Franz, Peter Preuss, and Laura Fujii.

### EPA Alumni Association Jobs Center

Visit the Job Center at [Jobs.EPAalumni.org](http://Jobs.EPAalumni.org)

If you know of a job that should be listed, please post it! The site was designed to be easy and intuitive and is designed for current EPA employees and alumni alike.

### Transition Updates Continue

When Steve Weil began preparing his weekly roundup of news about the transition at EPA, shortly about the time Scott Pruitt was nominated, nobody expected that there would still be significant vacancies in appointed positions at EPA well over a year later. We only send the Update to those who request it -

A. James Barnes  
Thomas Barnwell  
Wendy Bartel  
Anne Barton  
Dale Bates  
Dick Bauer  
Bonnie Bellow  
Norm Beloin  
Charmaine Berry  
Gordon Binder  
Elizabeth Blackburn  
Bob Blanco  
Barbara Blum  
Richard Boice  
Patricia Bonner  
Laura Bose  
Lawrence Bowerman  
Donald Brady  
Ronald Brand  
Candace Brassard  
Rob Brenner  
Dale Bryson  
William Burnam  
Fred Burnside  
Helga Butler  
John Calcagni  
David Calkins  
Georgia Callahan  
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Jonathan Cannon  
Doreen Cantor Paster  
Jon Caracas  
David Carroll  
Joe Cascio  
Glenn Cetus  
Lorraine Chang  
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John Chicca  
David Chin  
Norman Chlosta  
Stephen Clark  
Don Clay  
Kerrigan Clough  
Jonathan Cole  
Margaret Conomos  
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currently ~720 of our members. If you would like to subscribe, [click here](#). If you aren't sure, browse recent issues which are posted on our web site.

## Message from Val Adamkus

Region 5 EPA alums and current staff meet every year in December for a "Winter Solstice" gathering to celebrate the tremendous environmental progress made over almost 50 years with the Agency's leadership. This year, when far more than the normal challenges are presented to carrying out the environmental laws of the land, former Region 5 Administrator and Deputy Administrator for over a quarter century, and former President of Lithuania for 10 years, sent the following message of encouragement that certainly is appropriate for all the dedicated staff and alumni of EPA.

### Message from Presidentas Valdas Adamkus:



*Presidentas Valdas Adamkus*

My dear Friends,

There are periods in life when time and distance disappear. Today is such a DAY, a miraculous day, when the US EPA Region 5 team is together again.

Many years ago idealism, devotion, and determination brought us together. Our goal was and still is to make the world a better and safer place to live. Hard work took us a long way. I am proud of being a member of this wonderful group of Region 5.

I thank ALL of you. In our work we have set standards, examples of how to accomplish results. At this point I dare to say: our work cannot be disrupted and shall continue in the future.

NO COMPROMISE.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Always yours,

Val Adamkus

Vilnius  
14 December, 2017

Valerie Cooper  
Douglas Costle  
Elizabeth Cotsworth  
Paul Cough  
Elizabeth Craig  
Andrew Creekmore  
Peter Culver  
Betsy Curnow  
Harry Danker  
Kathy Daniel  
Thomas D'Avanzo  
J. Davies  
Elaine Davies  
Belle Davis  
Barbara Davis  
Stephany De Scisciolo  
Richard Denney  
Walter DeRieux  
Richard Dewling  
Thomas Dickerson  
Thomas Diggs  
Kevin Donovan  
Brendan Doyle  
William Drayton  
Marguerite Duffy  
Linda Durkee  
Eleanor Dwight  
Cindy Dybalna  
Joan Ebzery  
Patricia Eklund  
Barbara Elks  
Jerry Emison  
Daniel Esty  
David Fege  
Margie Fehrenbach  
Elissa Feldman  
Penelope Fenner-Crisp  
Abraham Ferdas  
Jerry Filbin  
Charles Findley  
Daniel Fiorino  
Linda Fisher  
Phyllis Flaherty  
Deirdre Flannery Tanaka  
Robin Fletcher  
Beverly Fletcher  
John Floeter  
John Fowle III  
J. Charles Fox



"So called 'dumb' animals understand but don't speak. It's just the other way around with humans."

**Who said this?**

*" It is horrifying that we have to fight our own government to save the environment."*

**Answer below**

Lisa Friedman  
Maryann Froehlich  
Laura Fuji  
Irving "Pep" Fuller  
Odelia Funke  
Jack Gakstatter  
Thomas Gallagher  
Gordon Garcia  
Linda Garczynski  
Marius Gedgaudas  
James Giattina  
Ruth Gibson  
Anne Giesecke  
Ellen Gilinsky  
Louis Gitto  
Annie Godfrey  
Jeff Goodman  
Alan Goodman  
Philip Gray  
Willis Greenstreet  
James Grove IV  
Geoffrey Grubbs  
John Gustafson  
Susan Hager  
Matt Hale  
Marguerite Hall  
George Hamper  
Ed Hanley  
James Hanlon  
Bill Hanson  
Robert Hardaker  
Sallyanne Harper  
Theodore Harris  
Karl Hausker  
Al Having  
Albert Heier  
Grady Helms  
Charles Hennessy  
Bill Honker  
Phillip Hutton  
Debbie Janes  
Susan Janowiak  
Steve Jellinek  
David Jesson  
David Jones  
Timothy Jones  
Michael Jones  
William Jordan  
Bobbie Kahan

**Answer:** Photographer Ansel Adams, (20 Feb 1902-1984)


Judith Katz  
Lester Kaufman  
Alice Kaufman  
Karen Kellen  
Thomas Kelsch  
James Ketcham-Colwill  
Elizabeth Kim  
David Kling  
Kathleen Knox  
Jim Knoy  
Myron Knudson  
Debra Kovacs  
Walter Kovalick  
Maury Kruth  
Cat Kuhlman  
Marilyn Kuray  
Ellen Kurlansky  
Stephanie Lankford  
Stanley Laskowski  
Nathan Lau  
William Laxton  
Korina Layne-Jones  
Stanley Legro  
Susan Lepow  
Michael Levin  
David Levy  
Robert Linett  
Ken Lloyd  
Matthew Low  
Raymond Ludwiszewski  
John Lyon  
Michael MacDougall  
Douglas MacMillan  
Caren Madsen  
Justice Manning  
Dawn Martin  
Mark Masaryk  
Bharat Mathur  
Craig Matthiessen  
Rich McAllister  
Michael McCabe  
Janet McCabe  
Mel McCottry  
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Keven McDermott  
Robert McGhee  
Jack McGraw  
Chilton McLaughlin  
Emma McNamara



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Butch Mellen  
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Joseph Merenda Jr  
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Leonard Miller  
Joel Mintz  
David Mobley  
Brian Molloy  
Mark Moloney  
David Monroe  
Jane Moore  
Kathi Moore  
Sam Morekas  
William Muno  
Linda Murphy  
Charlie Murray  
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Melvin Myers  
Wayne Nastri  
Kimberly Nelson  
Bill Neuter  
Denise Ney  
Norine Noonan  
John O'Connor  
Terry Oda  
Margo Oge  
James O'Leary  
Donald Olson  
Wayne Ott  
Ronald Outen  
Joseph Paisie  
Dorothy Patton  
William Pedersen  
Stephen Perkins  
Donna Perla  
Jeffrey Peterson  
Michael Petruska  
Chris Powers  
Cynthia Puskar  
Norman Radford Jr.  
Phyllis Reed-Halloran  
Edward Reich  
James Reisa  
William Rhodes

Edward Rhodes Sr.  
William Rice  
Ruth Robenolt  
Sims Roy  
Fred Rubel  
Marvin Rubin  
Suzanne Rudzinski  
Milton Russell  
Robert Sanchez  
Richard Sanderson  
Michael Sanderson  
Sam Sasnett  
Roberta (Robbi) Savage  
Amy Schaffer  
John Schakenbach  
Joel Scheraga  
Patricia Schultz  
Nancy Sideman  
John Seitz  
Walter Shackelford  
Robert Shankland  
Steve Shapiro  
Michael Shepherd  
Kris Shurr  
Ann Sibold  
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Douglas Skie  
Randy Smith  
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Elizabeth Southerland  
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Jane Souzon  
Hal Sprague  
William Spratlin  
Elaine Stanley  
Margaret Stasikowski  
Ann Stavola  
Fred Stiehl  
Robert Sussman  
Charles Sutfin  
Deborah Taylor  
Alexandra Teitz  
Joni Teter  
Lee Thomas  
Pat Thorne  
Steve Tiber

Joseph Tikvart  
Gary Timm  
Nikki Tinsley  
Robert Tolpa  
Barbara Toole O'Neil  
Richard Troast  
Glenn Unterberber  
Rachel Van Wingen  
Robert Varney  
Kathleen Veit  
Craig Vogt  
Janice Wagner  
John Warren  
Steve Wassersug  
Edward Watters  
Robert Wayland  
Susan Wayland  
Lydia Wegman  
Anne Weinberg  
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Nancy Wentworth  
John Wheeler  
John White  
John Whitescarver  
Deanna Wieman  
Betty Wiese  
J. Kemper Will  
Jim Willis  
Richard Wilson  
Catherine Winer  
John Wise  
Louise Wise  
Neil Wise  
William Wisniewski  
Lily Wong  
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