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**Join date:**1987

**Section/Chapter:** Allegheny Mountain Section, N.W. Pennsylvania Chapter

**Education and professional credentials:**

- J.D., State University of New York at Buffalo 1979
- Master's program (Environmental Studies) State University of New York at Buffalo
- B.A. (Biology), B.A. (Geography, Departmental Honors), Magna cum Laude, State University of New York at Buffalo 1976

**Biographical summary:**

I am an environmental lawyer in Pittsburgh, where I have practiced environmental law for industrial clients since 1979, advising companies on environmental compliance questions, negotiating permits, and resolving enforcement cases. I began my career as a litigator with a Pittsburgh law firm and formed my own firm in 1994 to deliver practical environmental counsel, expertise in many areas of environmental regulation, as well as grasp of technical concepts.

I received my J.D. from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1979, where I was on the Law Review (1977–1979) and did postgraduate work in environmental studies during the “Love Canal” years. My publications include a chapter in *Principles of Environmental Sampling*, published by the American Chemical Society, and articles on air pollution, audit privilege, and measurement error in enforcement situations. In addition, I served as Chair of the Southwest Pennsylvania Air Quality Partnership; and the Allegheny County Bar Association’s Environmental Law Section.

**A&WMA activities and offices held:**

I have extensive experience at both local and International levels with A&WMA products and services, and have demonstrated achievement in motivating volunteer leaders in many areas. My accomplishments in leading teams of A&WMA volunteers to successful results have been recognized by the Board, the Education Council, the Sections and Chapters Council and my Section. I have been invited to speak at Leadership Training for 20 years, first on topics such as the function of the Education and S & C Councils, Member development, and more recently on how to run a successful meeting, how to motivate and lead volunteers and improving communication.

An A&WMA Fellow (1998), I helped form two Chapters and a Student Chapter (West Virginia, N.W. Pennsylvania and Slippery Rock University Student Chapter). I have been a Section Board member for multiple terms, Section Secretary, Vice Chair and Chair of the Allegheny Mountain Section and Chair of the Section’s

Scholarship, Education, Development, and Program Committees. I received the Western Pennsylvania Section's Robert O'Hara Award in 1999 for extraordinary contributions. I have represented the Allegheny Mountain Section in the Sections and Chapters Council periodically from the mid 1990s to the present.

I was elected Chair of the Sections and Chapters Council in 2012 and had served as Council Membership Committee Chair for 4 years. I received the Council's "Silver Spoon" award for contributions to the Council twice, from 2 different Council Chairs (2005 and 2009). I served on the Board's Finance, Membership, Governance Committee and Fellows Committees. Harry has presented at many "POSS" leadership development webinars presented by the Sections & Chapters Council. The Local Unit Membership Performance Recognition award program started when I was Chair.

In the Education Council, I was Chair, Education Council Public Education Committee (1996–2002); Chair, Education Council Public Information Division (2002–2004); Vice Chair (2004) and was elected Council Chair (2005–2007). I served on the A&WMA Board of Directors and Finance Committee (2005–2007). While Education Council Chair, we started the first YP Committee in the Ed Council, which was the beginning of efforts to use the talents of YPs in the volunteer membership structure. In 2017 the Education Council presented me the Exceptional Education Contributor award.

In addition, I have presented papers, chaired panels, and spoken at numerous annual conferences, helped organize two specialty conferences on the metals industries (Environmental Innovation in the Metals Industries, 1998, presenting "Plant Modifications Under Clean Air Act Rules" and EnviroMet 2001) As a member of the 2007 Annual Conference & Exhibition Conference Committee, we set a record for ACE monetary sponsorship raised. I have supported many ACE Local Host Committees for financial development. I have worked to develop successful webinar and conference topics and have organized and presented technical webinars, such as the Condensable Particulate webinar Series.

I edited and contributed to the "Zephyr", (the Allegheny Mtn. Section newsletter still published 9 months of the year); and the Sections & Chapters Council quarterly newsletter the "Conduit", for many years. I tried to help the Association enter the internet age through use of social media and electronic program delivery. There were learning experiences along the way. I started the A&WMA Members Forum on Google groups in 2009. In 2010 I worked with members and staff to develop the Sections & Chapters Council Community on the new Association website to improve communications. These early efforts turned into the Sections & Chapters Council group on LinkedIn, which I co-managed from 2013 to 2020. It is still active. We sponsored creation and improvement of local unit websites. I have held volunteer management training webinars on local unit annual reporting, membership retention and development, getting results from meetings and how Roberts Rules can help you get results.

**Goals and vision for the Association:**

My vision is to improve member value by providing more programs and better communications, harness the energy and enthusiasm of our members to increase our membership, meet new challenges, improve the Association and our communities and develop a financially sustainable management structure for the future. Principles of consensus management are useful for a volunteer organization to avoid gridlock or unsustainable decisions. It is management by objective, but selecting the objective is more important in leading volunteers than it is in real life. Endless debate is deadly, volunteers need to see a victory periodically.

The basic principles are communication, notice and transparency; consideration of all points of view; prompt decision making; explanation of the decision to all affected; and follow up and implementation. Follow up and implementation are the keys to success. In an organization that relies so heavily on volunteer efforts, Rule No. 1 is "do not waste the volunteers' time." Volunteer leadership must understand how their investment of time is productive, or we will not have volunteers. The ultimate focus must be on improving the value of membership.

We should continue improvements in providing relevant professional education to industry, government, and consultants, and the personal development of the skills of our members. We need to reach out to members and prospective members to demonstrate benefits of being an A&WMA member. We cannot assume everyone knows this, it must be a continuous, (perhaps relentless is a better word) marketing and communications effort. Real member benefits and the personal touch are the key to regaining members, but we must continue to communicate the value of membership to the next generation of Environmental professionals.

I am fortunate that I am now working part time and have the time to do this. I have made many friends over the years, working to advance the association and our profession. Working together we can accomplish more.