



the Watershed

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Michael G Cullum, P.E.
President
St. Augustine

William C. Stimmel
Vice President
Orlando

Michael D. Mesiano
Secretary
Jacksonville

Rand Edelstein, Jr., P.G.
Treasurer
Tallahassee

Rick Stebnisky, P.G.
President-2000
Tampa

Charles A. Padera
President-1999
St. Augustine

Carlyn H. Kowalsky
President-1998
Orlando

John J. Morgan, Jr.
President-1997
Okeechobee

Gerald M. Ward, P.E.
President-1996
Riviera Beach

Allan H. Biddlecomb, P.G.
Gainesville

Ron Hamel
LaBelle

Robert W. Higgins, P.E.
West Palm Beach

Donald McEwen
Palatka

Gail L. Murray, P.G.
Tequesta

Paul W. O'Neil, Jr., P.E.
Tampa

Roger Rumenik, P.G.
Tallahassee

Cathleen Vogel
Miami

David R. Watt, P.E.
Palatka

Sanford N. Young
Tallahassee

Florida Section March 16, 2001, Meeting at Wakulla Springs Lodge

Our March meeting of the AWRA will focus on water management issues that are concern to north Florida. The meeting will be held at the Wakulla Springs Lodge located within the confines of the Edward Ball Wakulla Springs State Park. The Lodge, built in 1937, was Edward Ball's vision of true elegance, and remains today a glimpse into Florida of the 1930's. The Lodge sets on 2,860 acres of pristine forest that surrounds one of the largest and deepest fresh water springs. The unspoiled river and sanctuary provide a natural habitat for alligators, birds, turtles, deer, and wild turkey. From glass bottom boats, visitors can clearly observe the mouth of the spring and fossilized mastodon bones in the spring's cavern. The Wakulla Springs Lodge is located about 15 miles south of Tallahassee on State Highway 267 at State Highway 61. For room reservations contact the Wakulla Springs Lodge at (850) 224-5950. More information can be found at the following website: http://www.dep.state.fl.us/parks/District_1/wakulla/index.htm

The technical session on balancing environmental protection and development will feature presentations by state environmental protection personnel and a representative for a major development company. Presentations will include environmental protection issues that impact development as well as planned development strategies in the Panhandle area. A social hour and dinner will follow the technical presentations.



Thanks to our sponsors!

***Baskerville-Donovan, Inc.
and ENSR International***

Agenda
AWRA Florida Section Meeting March 16, 2001
Wakulla Springs Lodge
Wakulla Springs, Florida

Meeting Co-Chairs:

Rand Edelstein 850-385-5006

Roger Rumenik 850-942-9500 x3016

12:00 – 2:00 Board of Directors meeting (with lunch) in the Ed Ball Conference room all members are invited to attend.

4:00 – 6:00 Technical Session (Rand Edelstein, Welcome and Introductions)

BALANCING ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT

Florida Springs Initiative, Past, Present and Future of Florida Springs

Jim Stevenson, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

An Overview of Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Watershed Approach in the Ochlockonee and St. Marks River Basins

Richard Hicks, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Total Maximum Daily Loads

Darryl Joiner, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Arvida/St. Joe Northern Florida Development Strategy

Keith Danton, Arvida

6:00 – 7:30 Social Hour

7:30 – 9:30 Dinner (dinner speaker to be announced)

Check this out!

The bowl of the spring covers approximately three acres. The water temperature remains a relatively constant 70 degrees year-round. A record peak flow from the spring on April 11, 1973 was measured at 14,325 gallons per second - equal to 1.2 billion gallons per day!

American Water Resources Association, Florida Section
Wakulla Springs, Florida
March 16, 2001

=====

REGISTRATION

Name _____ Affiliation _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____ Guest(s) _____

Please mail registration fees and dues **by March 8** to:

Roger Rumenik	# _____ \$40.00 Registration Fee	\$ _____
U.S. Geological Survey	# _____ \$20.00 Student and Guest Registration	\$ _____
227 N. Bronough St., Suite 3015	Membership Dues \$10; student, \$4	\$ _____
Tallahassee, FL 32301		
(850) 942-9500 x3016	Total Amount Enclosed	\$ _____

Make checks payable to **AWRA FL Section**.

Please indicate your dinner choice:

_____ Broiled Grouper _____ Prime Rib _____ Special Diet (indicate)

STUDENTS: A limited number of complimentary registrations are available to students attending the meeting. Contact Roger Rumenik or Rand Edelstein by March 8.

map

Lodging: Wakulla Springs Lodge, 550 Wakulla Park Drive
(in Wakulla Springs State Park), Wakulla Springs, FL
32305, (850) 224-5950. A block of rooms is being held at
the Lodge at \$79/room; mention American Water
Resources Association

Directions:

Wakulla Springs State Park & Lodge
Is located 15 miles south of Tallahassee
On S.R. 267 at S.R. 61

From I-10
Exit U.S. 90 West, then
South on U.S. 319 (Capital Circle) to Hwy 363
South 10 miles on Hwy 363 (Woodville Hwy)
To Hwy 267
West on Hwy 267
Wakulla Springs is about 4 miles

Don't Be Left Out of the 2001 Directory!

We mail hard copies of the February newsletter to everyone because we want you to check the label in the space below. This label shows how your membership information will appear in the 2001 AWRA Florida Section Membership Directory. Each listing can contain up to 7 lines, including name, affiliation, address, phone, fax and e-mail information. Some errors may be caused by field length limitations in our database, typos, revised information you forgot to tell us about or recent revisions (like renewals that were paid at the Gainesville meeting) that have not yet made their way to the Membership Services Coordinator.

sticker

We do our best to catch these, but we need your help to make sure we get them all! For those of you whose newsletter does not have a label below, we have you listed as either a guest or a non-active member. Please contact David Watt immediately if you want this information revised. We cannot guarantee the accuracy of your listing unless you contact Mr. Watt before the end of the month. Thanks.

David Watt
Membership Services Coordinator
david_watt@district.sjrwmd.state.fl.us
904-329-4355 (voice), 904-329-4329 (fax)

Don't be Left Out Part II

Take advantage of a great opportunity to reach over 300 water resource professionals with information about your business! We need sponsors for the 2001 AWRA Florida Section Membership Directory. In recognition of your sponsorship, we will provide space for your advertisement, from business card size up to a full page, depending on your contribution. Please contact Patrick Victor before the end of the month to secure a spot for your company. Thanks for your help!

Patrick Victor, Directory Sponsor Coordinator
victorpr@cdm.com
904-281-0170

MARK YOUR CALENDARS.....JUPITER.... SEPTEMBER 21, 2001

This will be a very special meeting dedicated to the memory of **Dick Rogers**, SFWMD.

Call soon to make your reservations, as block rooms are limited. Make sure you mention AWRA to get the discounted rate. Call 800-228-8810 or 561-746-2511.

If you have any questions, you can call the meeting chairperson, Gail Murray at 561-743-6757 or e-mail at mciwater@worldnet.att.net.



NATIONAL NEWS

The National Board of Directors had their first meeting of the year in January in New Orleans. The meeting conducted the normal business but was offset by special guest speaker Mr. Rob Vining from the US Army Corps of Engineers. He provided an excellent insight to the "Emerging Challenges in Water Resources", and indicated the need for a national water resources policy. Also during the meeting, the Board conducted a one day workshop on the "Branding" concept for developing greater name recognition of our association among our peers.

This years Board of Directors are as follows, and feel free to contact any of them if you want to be more active in the national activities:

- 1) John S. Grounds, President
Half & Associates, Houston, Texas
- 2) Kenneth J. Lanfear, President -Elect
USGS, Reston, Virginia
- 3) D. Brian Adams, Secretary/Treasure
USGS, Snellville, Georgia
- 4) Janet L. Bowers, Past President
Chester County Water Resources Authority
- 5) David R. DeWalle, Director
Penn State University, University Park, Pennsylvania
- 6) Melinda M. Lalor, Director
University of Alabama, Birmingham, Alabama
- 7) Jane L. Valentine, Director
UCLA, Los Angeles, California
- 8) Parker J. Wiginton, Director
US EPA, Corvallis, Oregon
- 9) Ronald A. Yates, Director
US Army Corps of Engineers, Cincinnati, Ohio
- 10) Robert J. Moresi, Director
Moffatt & Nichol Engineers, Tampa, Florida

Summary of Board of Directors Meeting, January 26, 2001

The January board meeting was held at the Napolatano's Italian Restaurant in Gainesville, Florida. Provided below are highlights of some of the items discussed at the meeting:

- Mike Cullum presided over the meeting as our new President for the year 2001.
- John Wehle informed us that the new owners of our favorite meeting place in Key West may up their rates (at the end of our contract in several years) to a point that it would not be economical for us to continue our meetings there. John suggested we investigate the possibility of holding the Key West meeting in Cuba, if Key West becomes too expensive. The Board agreed to this investigation.
- Our membership has grown and here are the updated stats: 338 active members (defined as paid through 1999 or beyond) and 195 inactive members (defined as paid through 1998 or prior).
- Our treasurer, Rand Edelstein, has done an excellent job of record keeping for the year 2000. ***Thank you Rand for the great work, and we look for more of the same this year!!!! ☺***
- Because of the recent lack of submittals for the Storch Award, the Board discussed other possible options of awarding the money, such as, providing funds for student members to attend and help with National meetings.
- The Board discussed again this month of the desire to actively expand the student participation in the Florida Section. ***If anyone is interested in helping get other colleges or universities to consider participating in AWRA, please contact Mike Cullum or Kathy Vogel.***
- A reminder of the 2001 meeting locations and chairpersons: ***March 16, 2001 – Wakulla Springs***, Rand Edelstein; ***May 18, 2001 – Tampa***, Rick Stebnisky, Rosanne Clementi; ***July 26 & 27, 2001 - Key West***, John Wehle; ***September 21, 2001 – Jupiter***, Gail Murray; and ***November 16, 2001 - Ft. Myers***, Ron Hamel. ***If you would like to help with any of these meetings (any and all help is greatly appreciated), please contact the meeting chair as soon as possible.***

See you at the next meeting in Wakulla Springs!!!!



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.
Editor: Michael D. Mesiano
8711 Perimeter Park Boulevard, Suite 11
Jacksonville, Florida 32216
Phone (904) 645-9900
Fax (904) 645-9954
mmesiano@esinc.cc



VISIT THE FLORIDA SECTION WEBSITE FOUND ON THE
AWRA NATIONAL PAGE:
www.awra.org/state/

CONTACT UPCOMING MEETING CHAIRMEN REGARDING SPONSORSHIP

Wakulla Springs
March 16, 2001
Rand Edelstein
850-385-5006

Tampa
May 18, 2001
Rick Stebnisky/813-289-9338
Rosanne Clementi/813-752-1289

Key West
July 26 & 27, 2001
John Wehle
904-329-4214

Jupiter
September 21, 2001
Gail Murray
561-743-6757

**TAKE NOTE -
Your WATERSHED Editor has a
NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS**

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.
Mike Mesiano - mmesiano@esinc.cc
Heather Dale - hdale@esinc.cc

Welcome New 2001 Members!

Katie J. Barch, University of Florida
Chad A. Brcka, South Florida WMD
Chris Connell
Maggie R. Daniels, Southwest Florida WMD
Naomi Duerr, South Florida WMD
Elliott L. Grosh, PE, DEE, PBS&J
Dale R. Jenkins, Moffatt & Nichol Engineers
John Leader, University of Florida
Michael D. Micheau, PG, PBS&J
Mark W. Theisen, University of Florida

