

# 2011 NALMS Notes

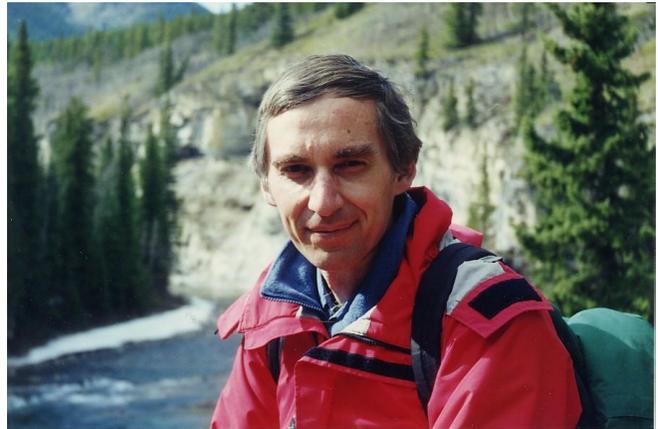


**November 2011**

## **President's Message –**

This will be my first message in NALMS Notes, one of my favourite communications from this organization. I like the format, which provides concise, important news, and will try to provide that in my messages.

I've spent the past year as President-elect learning how the management of this organization works, and looking through the financial statements. I have found that NALMS is in very good health, due largely to some smart decisions and hard work by various individuals. I see many reasons for optimism:



- The finances are in good shape. Given the economic times, this is a remarkable accomplishment. We have rebuilt the reserve fund, and at Spokane I presented what should be the third consecutive balanced budget.
- Concerted efforts to rebuild membership by NALMS membership coordinator Greg Arenz and the NALMS board are having an effect. Membership is up about 10% this year compared to the previous year, the highest it has been in years.
- After the personnel changes over recent years, we now have excellent office staff that brings experience, dedication, and skill to the job each day.
- The hard work of Past President Mark Hoyer and others has resulted in an attractive and effective website that we can all be proud of. Check it out!
- LakeLine and Lake and Reservoir Management are quality publications. Taylor and Frances reported a 6% rise in LRM institutional circulation last year, and web usage of the journal was up 10%.
- NALMS continues to host useful and enjoyable symposia that present cutting edge work, an opportunity for professional and personal networking and provide revenue. Mark your calendars for the 32<sup>nd</sup> International Symposium at Madison, WI (November 7 – 9, 2012), and the very popular National Water Quality Monitoring Conference at Portland, OR (April 30 - May 4, 2012), jointly organized with the NWQMC.

There will always be challenges, but none that we can't deal with. Some priorities for the coming year include the need to enhance our fundraising to deal with the end of our EPA grant during 2012, and to boost advertising revenue for LakeLine. We are preparing to implement measures to deal with these challenges, and I hope to be able to report progress over the coming year.

Al Sosiak  
President – NALMS

## ***WITHIN NALMS***

### **Membership in Motion – Greg Arenz**

I'd like to take a moment here to thank all our excellent hosts, WALPA, all the attendees, sponsors, exhibitors, volunteers and everyone else who helped make our Symposium in Spokane, WA such a successful event!

Sitting at the registration desk, wandering through the exhibit hall, running in the Clean Lakes Classic 5k, and of course mingling at the hospitality suite and taking part in some of the planned social events were excellent opportunities to meet many of you for the first time. The Symposium is such a great opportunity to make new connections and exchange ideas about NALMS and lake and reservoir management – thanks to all of you who were able to take part! For those of you who couldn't make it this year, we missed you! So start making plans to join us for next year's event in Madison, WI November 7-8<sup>th</sup> and keep an eye on the NALMS website for updates!

Speaking of updates...as we are moving into our December renewal period I'd like to call attention to our current membership status. NALMS is now made up of 925 members and we have seen about a 4% growth rate this year so far. We have 300 members that are up for renewal this period so let's see if we can keep that growth rate steady for the remainder of this year. If your membership is expiring you can renew on the NALMS website here or you can fill out a Membership Registration Form and send it to the office. As always, call me at 608.233.2836 or email me at [garenz@nalms.org](mailto:garenz@nalms.org) with any questions.

Thank you for your continued support of NALMS!

Greg Arenz

### **Office Notes**

It's over. After more than a year of planning and many hours of work here in the office, by our host committee in Washington and by Jeff Schloss, the chair of our Conference Advisory Committee, the Spokane Symposium is now over, almost.

Putting a conference to bed is almost as much work as putting it together in the first place. Most of the work now is financial. For example, we need to



send out invoices to those few people who still owe us money for their attendance at the conference and reimburse the expenses of key volunteers, recipients of travel grants. And then there's the bill from the convention center and/or hotel. These bills are often an inch thick with a separate page for each session, meal or reception. If you see a water cooler in a meeting room, there's a charge for that. If you see an extension cord, there's a charge for that. We go through this bill line-by-line to make sure everything is correct. There are usually a couple of items that require some back and forth with the facility to get the final bill correct.

Even with all of this effort before and after a conference, it's more than worth it to us as NALMS staff. As an international organization, most of our interaction with our members is by phone or email. Being able to talk to our members face-to-face is immensely valuable, even if we only get the opportunity to do that for a week or two out of the year. Those brief interactions energize us and keep us going for the rest of the year!

Thank you to everyone who worked on and attended the Spokane Symposium! I hope we get to see you in Portland for the National Monitoring Conference or here in Madison for next year's symposium!

Philip Forsberg  
Program Manager

## ***CONFERENCES & EVENTS***

### **NALMS 31st Symposium in Spokane**

Here are a few photos from NALMS' 31st Symposium. Thanks to all who joined us - we had a great time!





Look for more highlights in the next issue of LakeLine!

## ***LAKE NEWS & INFORMATION***

### **Invasive species videos**

**Source: Steve Lundt**

A new series of Invasive species videos, they are well done:

<http://www.weedcenter.org/mrwc/wild-dakota.html>

### **101 top conservation projects identified by Interior Department**

**Source: Washington Post**

Here are the 101 top conservation projects identified in a new Interior Department report released Thursday as part of the America's Great Outdoors Initiative: **(Read entire list)**

### **Ohio tackling Lake Erie erosion on hyper-local levels**

**Source: Great Lakes Echo**

Lake Erie's shoreline is falling into the water. The lake's Ohio coast is eroding and officials are trying to stop it from causing further environmental and economic damage. Waves are the primary problem. They break down the low bank shores until they flood or wash away. Waves wear away bases of higher bluffs, causing them to recede. Approximately 1.6 million tons of material erodes from 95 percent of Ohio's Lake Erie



A sinking feeling along Ohio's Lake Erie shoreline (Photo: Ohio DNR)

shoreline every year, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. "A good portion of the Ohio shore is made from unconsolidated materials,"

said D. Mark Jones, a geologist with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. "It's a jumbled mix of clay, pebbles and sand." This "soft" mix is very susceptible to erosion, Jones said.

### **Texas votes on water conservation tax incentive**

**Source: Denver Post**

By RAMIT PLUSHNICK-MASTI Associated Press  
HOUSTON---When Texans head to the ballot box Tuesday they will be asked to approve a one-of-a-kind water conservation tax incentive that appears especially enticing during a record-breaking drought that has sucked dry nearly every area of the state. ... See the link above.

### **Tests point to botulism as culprit in massive bird die-off**

**Source: The Toronto Star**

Type E botulism killed at least one of the 6,000 birds washed up on the shores of Georgian Bay, officials said. But the naturally occurring bacteria likely caused the death of the rest of the mallards, pintails and loons that littered the beaches last weekend, said Ministry of Natural Resources spokeswoman Jolanta Kowalski.

### **Robert F. Kennedy Jr. in Cleveland helps launch new environmental news advocacy website**

**Source: Plain Dealer**

What better place for EcoWatch, the Cleveland-based environment news magazine, to launch its environmental news website than along the Cuyahoga River. After all, the environmental movement was spurred in part by the Cuyahoga River, which gained national attention when debris and oil caught fire in 1969. EcoWatch, in partnership with Waterkeeper Alliance, an advocacy group dedicated to preserving and protecting water from polluters, announced its website, [ecowatch.org](http://ecowatch.org), at a news conference Thursday on the east bank of the Cuyahoga River.

### **The Iowa Lakes Valuation Report 2009**

**Source: Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Mike McGhee**

The Iowa Lakes Valuation Project is an ongoing economic study of the use and value Iowans place on water quality in Iowa lakes. Updated use information for the 2009 calendar year is compared with similar studies conducted in 2002 through 2005. Iowa State Universities Department of Economics and the Center for Agricultural and Rural Development (CARD) conducted the survey. In the Iowa Lakes Survey – 2009, respondents were asked about their household lake visitation patterns and socio-demographic information. Almost 60% of survey respondents reported taking at least one trip to a lake in 2009 and the average person took 8.6 trips to an Iowa lake. The most popular use activities in descending order were fishing, picnicking, wildlife watching, boating, hiking/biking and swimming/beach use. Lakes, in 2009 generated \$1.91 billion in annual spending by Iowans. Overall, Iowa's 132 principal recreational lakes experienced nearly a 33% increase in visitation in 2009 and of the four lakes with the highest increase in visitation; three had undergone major lake/watershed restoration efforts. A complete copy of the survey can be found at:

<http://www.card.iastate.edu/lakes/>

## **First Lake Restoration Project in the Caribbean**

Source: Carlos Gonzalez, Green Innovation Technologies, Inc.

The very first lake restoration project in the Caribbean is underway. Our 20 artificial lakes provide 65% (out of 500 MGD) of the drinking water in Puerto Rico. Tropics climate sustain perfect conditions for the growth of Blue Green Algae. More details at [www.qitpr.com](http://www.qitpr.com)  
<http://www.epa.gov/region02/capp/10results.html#puertorico>

## **Websites of the Month –**

<http://EcoWatch.org>

### **NALMS on Facebook**

Join the Lake Management conversation on Facebook

Click Here: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/North-American-Lake-Management-Society/159923186867>

### **NALMS Bookstore**

If you're looking for some great Lake Management Resources check out the NALMS Bookstore!

Click Here: <https://www.nalms.org/home/publications/bookstore/book-store-and-subscriptions.cmsx>

### **NALMS Affiliate Members Newsletters**

Looking for information on your local NALMS Affiliate member organization? Check for local news you can use on our [Affiliate Newsletter Page](https://www.nalms.org/home/publications/affiliate-newsletters/newsletters.cmsx) at <https://www.nalms.org/home/publications/affiliate-newsletters/newsletters.cmsx>

[To submit a Newsletter please send a PDF version to Greg Arenz at membershipservices@nalms.org](mailto:membershipservices@nalms.org)

### **Update Contact information:**

Please let the NALMS Office (garenz@nalms.org) know if you have or are planning to change your contact information, so we can make sure you do not miss any of the NALMS monthly news letters, updates, or general NALMS announcements. NALMS appreciates this.

### **Post a Job**

Do you have a job that you would like to post on the NALMS website? Simply fill out the [Job Posting Form](#) and fax it to 608.233.2836, mail it to PO Box 5443 Madison, WI 53705, or email it to [info@nalms.org](mailto:info@nalms.org). You can find the form at: <http://www.nalms.org/media.acux/98e37b01-3af1-4557-a2bd-610cdc244a1d>

### **Open Invitation to Add to the Next E-newsletter**

If you are having a conference, have a lake-related question, need advice, looking for similar lake problems/solutions, have an interesting story to share, or just want to be heard throughout NALMS, please send your material to Steve Lundt at [slundt@mwr.dst.co.us](mailto:slundt@mwr.dst.co.us). All e-newsletter material is due to Steve Lundt by the first Friday of each month to be considered for inclusion in that month's e-newsletter. The newsletter goes out electronically monthly.