

From Terry McNabb the President

Now that I am two weeks into my term at the President of NALMS, my first duty is to communicate with the membership on this page. So here we go. . . .



First, a bit of an introduction. I was born in Madison, Wisconsin, to a graduate student at the UW in the 1950s. My dad received a Ph.D. in aquatic biology in that timeframe and was working with many of the pioneers in lake management. He went on to teach at UW Whitewater where he was working on the Kettle Lakes in southeast Wisconsin. As a child he took me everywhere with him and from my earliest days I was blessed to be exposed to the science of lake management. During the summers, he took our family to the UW Pigeon Lake Camp in Northern Wisconsin where he taught aquatic ecology and limnology and as kids we got to ride around on the water with the students and give them a hand. There was always a one-week camping trip where we packed 40 people with camping gear, lab equipment, and boats into an isolated bog-ringed lake and spent the week studying it. From there he went to St. Mary's College in Winona, MN and put together a hydro-biology lab and program on the Mississippi River. Those summers we spent doing things like pumping Rhodamine dye into the river at the outfall of treatment plants while they studied where things went and at what concentration, and keeping the grad students from using the electrofishing boat to catch dinner. In 1968, he moved on to Michigan State University – my freshman year in high school at a time where invasive aquatic plant were beginning

to take over the region. Again we got to visit hundreds of lakes and study the impact of these species on these systems. He brought me and a number of his grad students to the Madison Lakes meeting in the late 1970s that eventually lead to the formation of NALMS. In my professional career, this head start from the time I was old enough to walk was a blessing and I have been lucky to make a career out of something I was taught to love from birth.

While my Dad passed about 11 years ago, one of the most remarkable things that happened was the outpouring of multi-page letters to my Mom from grad students both known and unknown to the family. They all had a common theme, he had made the same contribution to the lives of a huge number of people in our field. As I look around the NALMS membership and our recent meetings, it's clear that a significant number of our older members have done the same good work and touched many lives, including mine. It's also clear that the next generation is taking on that mission. It's impressive to see the current crop of professors and their students getting excited about this mission of contributing to the protection of North America's water resources.

So I am thankful for the opportunity to work for and with you for this coming year. A couple of thoughts on what I have seen and what we as a group want to accomplish in 2014.

My first year on the board as the President-Elect was very eye-opening. As a member you take a lot of things for granted about organizations like this, the magazine and journal come in the mail when they are supposed to, the annual meeting is always well run and informative, and you get good value for the dues you pay. Seeing first-hand the work that goes into making this happen

was an enlightening experience. We have a very dedicated Board of Directors who donate their time, talent, and often their money into making sure these things happen. We also have an excellent staff that takes care of the key long-term and day-to-day functions of our organization.

As most of you know, we have just moved our corporate status from Maine to Wisconsin where our headquarters is located. The bylaws we were required to adopt to meet Wisconsin law spell out a number of committees that the Society has to maintain and we did this at our annual board and membership meetings a few weeks back in San Diego. We have also, through the hard work of board member Jason Yarbrough and his committee, just completed a Strategic Plan for our organization. We want to take this opportunity to really re-invigorate our committees and with the plan in place we have "to do" lists for all of these. Our standing committees are:

- Bylaws
- Executive
- Financial Advisory
- Grants, Marketing and Fundraising
- Nominating
- Outreach and Education
- Publications

Give this list a good look and think about what talents you have that might contribute a bit of time toward helping us move forward in these areas. This isn't a huge commitment of time, but like me I think you will find this very rewarding work and it is an excellent opportunity to meet some new people and make some new friends.

We are also launching or re-invigorating a number of programs we run to support our membership and our

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Mark Hoyer

Mark Hoyer is the perfect example of how an individual can contribute to while also enabling NALMS to achieve its goals. He has worked since the early 1980s as an active and effective volunteer to promote NALMS' goals both within NALMS and through his professional career. Both reflect his avocation of working toward better management of lakes and reservoir through science and public understanding.


Mark is the Assistant Director of Research and Program Services in the Program of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences at the University of Florida and he is the Director of the Florida LAKEWATCH program, which Mark helped start. LAKEWATCH works with over 1,500 citizen scientists who monitor the water chemistry of 610 lakes, 130 near-shore coastal stations, and 125 river stations. Mark has researched the relationships among water chemistry, aquatic macrophyte communities, fish, and aquatic bird communities in Florida streams, lakes, and estuaries for over 30 years.

Mark has been a member of the NALMS for 30 years attending and presenting papers at all but about four of the annual conferences during that time. In the early 1990s when NALMS was facing tough financial times, Mark was instrumental in moving the NALMS office from Washington, DC, to Florida and then

setting up and helping to manage the new NALMS office in Madison. During that time Mark was also the program chair for the 1994 NALMS conference. Mark has helped NALMS form partnerships with the Aquatic Plant Management Society and helped edit a jointly produced manual on aquatic plant management. Mark is a NALMS Certified Lake Manager (CLM) and an AFS Certified Fisheries Scientist (CFS). Mark has been especially active in NALMS serving as NALMS President-Elect in 2009, President in 2010 and Immediate Past President in 2011.

Mark has also been active in Florida Lake Management Society (FLMS) since its beginning in the early 1990s, receiving FLMS awards for Best Paper (1993), The President's Award (1996), and the Edward Deevy, Jr. Award (2008). Additionally, Mark serves on the Executive Board for the National Reservoir Fisheries

Habitat Partnership, representing NALMS. He also serves on the Florida Water Resources Monitoring Council representing Volunteer Monitoring Programs and under that entity is actively working with both the Groundwater Salinity Network Working Group and Coastal Water Monitoring Network Working Group

Mark has consistently supported the NALMS journal, publishing 26 of his 80 refereed manuscripts in *Lake and Reservoir Management*, while also acting as a reviewer for dozens of manuscripts submitted to the journal. Mark has also been instrumental in bringing students into the organization and establishing student representation on the Board of Directors. Mark has brought both science and public outreach to NALMS as he has worked to consistently to promote NALMS and its goals. 

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mission. Our Professional Certification Program is one that I feel personally is very beneficial and potentially under-utilized by our membership. I think each of you that have not gone through the process should give it a look and consider if it would benefit you in your career. Our Student Programs and Student Award Program are also key and very important to the future of our Society. These are the people that will both sustain our Society into the future and do the good work to protect our lakes and reservoirs throughout their careers. We welcome member participation in this key mission was well and want to put some energy into this in 2014.

This issue of *LakeLine* focuses on Coastal Lakes. Growing up in the Midwest, moving to the West Coast of our country was eye-opening. There are a number of lakes along the Oregon Coast that are especially interesting in terms of being unique, a number of these vie for the title of “Shortest River in the World” at their outlet to the Pacific Ocean. A number of these systems have significant salmon runs moving through them and provide shelter and refugia for the little guys on their way out to sea. Invasive aquatic plants and introduced predator species are placing another undo burden

on these systems and I'll be interested to learn more from the authors as they write about these unique water bodies.

Thanks for choking down my first message from the President, I'm looking forward to helping the Society to keep moving in the right direction.

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