

From
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the President

The NALMS 2015 year is about halfway over and there are a lot of exciting things happening, or soon to be happening. The mid-term board meeting was held April 19 in Glencoe, Illinois (Chicago) at the Chicago Botanic Garden. Bob Kirschner graciously hosted the meeting,

took care of all the logistics, everything for the NALMS executive committee and board members during our stay in Highland Park/Glencoe. I can't thank Bob enough for his efforts and sacrifice to make sure our stay and meeting

was productive and successful. We accomplished a lot during the meeting and there's more work to be done. Below is a photo of everyone; even Ron Zurawell (Region 12 Director) who remotely linked into the meeting is in the picture. Can you find Ron in the picture? Bob's out of the picture because he was at the camera. Bill Jones also attended the meeting, but not in the picture. It was a great meeting – hard work, good fellowship, lots accomplished – much more to do!

As many of you may (or may not) know, NALMS is proud to announce the addition of the Secchi Dip-in to its roster of programs. In April, founder Dr. Robert Carlson agreed to transfer the Dip-in and its related copyrights, trademarks, and

website to the care of NALMS. In turn NALMS agreed to support the Dip-in and appoint a committee to manage it. In the past two months, the Secchi Dip-In website has been updated (www.secchidipin.org) and press releases (<http://tinyurl.com/kf2ev5n>) have been sent out. We're in the process of contacting all the former Secchi Dip-In participants (at the time of this writing), and promoting it through social media and other resources to get others involved, as well. All of this is part of NALMS' annual Lake Appreciation Month (<http://tinyurl.com/ljwjjvj>) this July. We've started a dialog with USEPA and GLEON to beta test GLEON's Lake Observer mobile smartphone app (<http://gleon.org/research/>



projects/lake-observer-mobile-app) for on-site recording and uploading of Secchi disk measurements, GPS position, and other metadata like textual comments and photographs of lake condition. NALMS submitted, back in the winter months, a couple of grant proposals to assist in the support the Secchi Dip-In. Unfortunately, neither of these applications were selected for funding. However, we continue to look for opportunities to bring in outside resources to help support the Secchi Dip-In. I encourage everyone in NALMS to take part and support the 2015 Secchi Dip-In.

Preparations continue for the 35th International Symposium in Saratoga Springs New York, November 17–20 (NALMS35). Abstract submission will have closed by the time you read this; registration will open soon. It's going to be a great conference! The local host committee, New York State Federation of Lake Associations, has been working hard, along with NALMS staff and conference advisory liaison Jeff Schloss to get all the logistics planned, workshops, programs and all. There's going to be some new workshops at NALMS35 like GIS applications for water resources professionals, lake ecology primer, real-time test systems for cyanotoxins, and zebra and quagga mussel management.


Sessions include history of Adirondack Park, acid rain reduction in the Adirondack Park, Great Lakes restoration initiative, harmful algal blooms, shoreline restoration, boat launch stewardship, citizen science, invasive species control, hydrilla management, lake management in the Finger Lakes, and Lake Champlain-Lake George research management.

Events will include NALMS new member welcome and reception, Saratoga Springs pub crawl, the annual NALMS membership meeting, exhibitors' reception and poster session, Clean Lakes Classic 5K run/walk, Certified Lake Manager/Professional Luncheon, and the NALMS award reception and banquet at the historic Canfield Casino. See www.NALMS.org for more information. Hope to see everyone there.

This edition of *LakeLine* comes at the most opportune time. Inland harmful algal blooms (HABs) have to be dealt with; the 2015 HAB season is upon us.

The Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act (HABHRCA) was reauthorized in 2014, which is good news. And just recently, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issued health advisory values that states and utilities can use to protect us from elevated levels of algal toxins in drinking water (<http://tinyurl.com/lk58gau>). The American Water Works Association also recently released its publication, *A Water Utility Manager's Guide to Cyanotoxins*

(<http://tinyurl.com/kpbxvov>). All of these are good reads and resources to have on hand as we approach the 2015 HAB season. Enjoy this edition of *LakeLine*.

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