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# NNMCAB Newsletter

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#### SPRING 2013

### NNMCAB Members at the Waste Management Conference in Phoenix, Arizona

Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board Members Ralph Phelps and Doug Sayre, attended the 2013 Waste Management Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. The Conference was held from February 24 through February 27 2013.

Mr. Phelps was a member of two discussion panels at the conference. The first panel was on Citizen Advisory Boards. Mr. Phelps noted that the panel had a good exchange with an audience member from Canada, which was the featured country at this year's conference. The second discussion panel was a Los Alamos National Laboratory spon-



NNMCAB Member Ralph Phelps and other panelists at the 2013 Waste Management Conference in Arizona

> sored panel on realigning Transuranic Waste Disposal Priorities after the Las Conchas Fire, and also went very well.

Mr. Phelps and Mr. Sayre, also had the opportunity to attend a wide range of presentations on waste

> issues, from presentations on Fukushima, to Used Nuclear Fuel Interim Government Storage Concerns. The conference also hosted an Expo of new and current companies showcasing the newest technologies and innovations in the waste field. Overall, both gentlemen felt

that the conference was a good experience and a great place for information exchange among professionals and industry peers.

# **2013 NNMCAB Meeting Schedule**

Meeting Date	Venue	City
May 22, 2013	The Lodge at Santa Fe	Santa Fe
July 31, 2013	TBD	Los Alamos
September 25, 2013	Sagebrush Inn & Conference Center	Taos
November 20, 2013	OHKAY Conference Center	Espanola

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### **New Member Stephen Schmelling**



Stephen Schmelling at the March 20, 2013 NNMCAB Meeting

Meet Some of the NNMCABs New and Veteran Members Dr. Schmelling retired in 2008 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, where he served as a laboratory director and research scientist. Serving at the National Risk Management Research Laboratory in Ada, Oklahoma, for nearly 20 years, Dr. Schmelling was ultimately responsible for the operation and management of the EPA's primary ground water research and technical assistance center. Dr. Schmelling is a member of the Santa Fe Rotary Club and has public service experience serving on the

Salvation Army Advisory Board. He has expressed interest in civic and environmental issues. He holds a B. S. Degree in Physics from MIT and a Ph.D. in Physics from the University of California at Berkeley.

Dr. Schmelling resides in Santa Fe.

## New Member Adrian Chavez Sr.

Mr. Chavez is currently a student who is enrolled in the environmental sciences program at Santa Fe Community College, where he has earned an Environmental Technician



Adrian Chaves at the March 20, 2013 NNMCAB Meeting

Certification. He is also a Certified Respiratory Therapist. Mr. Chavez has worked in various career fields.

Mr. Chavez resides in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**Member Joseph Viarrial** 

Joseph Viarrial at the March 20, 2013 NNMCAB Meeting



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Mr. Viarrial is the special projects officer for the Pueblo of Pojoaque and a member of the Governor's staff. He assisted the EM SSAB staff in Northern New Mexico with the move to Pojoaque Pueblo and was nominated by Governor George Riveria to serve on the NNMCAB.

He has expressed in-

terest in public health issues. A resident of Pojoaque Pueblo, Mr. Viarrial is a graduate of Pojoaque High School. He was appointed to the board by site appointment in May 2012.

### **Member Lawrence Longacre**

Mr. Longacre worked as a contractor and utilities manager for LANL for 35 years with a variety of companies before retiring in 1998. Mr. Longacre received a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Colorado. He attended the U.S. Armed Forces Institute and served in the U.S. Army.

Mr. Longacre has 40 years of community service

experience, including elementary school PTA president, Little League coach, and Boy Scout troop leader. He previously chaired the Santa Fe Planning Commission, served as the Vice Chair for the Model Cities Citizens' Advisory Board, and was elected to the Santa Fe City Council. Mr. Longacre currently serves on the Civic Housing Au-



Lawrence Longacre at the March 20, 2013 NNMCAB Meeting

thority. He resides in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Mr. Longacre was appointed to the board in January 2008 and is currently serving his second full term.

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### **Member Art Mascarenas**

Mr. Mascarenas retired in
2001 after having served nearly
40 years at LANL, most recently
as a systems programmer. He currently serves as the Vice President
of the Valley Estates Association,
as well as a board member of the
Valley Estates Water Board, both
based in Espanola. He also serves



Art Mascarenas at the March 20, 2013 NNMCAB Meeting

on the council of the Espanola Senior Center. He resides in Espanola, New Because you love New Mexico! Interested in becoming a member or joining a committee? Contact NNMCAB Executive Director Menice Santistevan @ (505)995-0393 or e-mail

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Mexico. He was appointed to the board in March 2012 and is currently serving his first full term.

### **Member Joey Tiano**

Mr. Tiano is the owner of Legal Shield, a service company specializing in legal insurance and identity protection. Previously, he served as a law enforcement officer for several police departments including Ruidoso and Los Alamos, New Mexico and Las Vegas, Nevada. Mr. Tiano attended the University of New Mexico, studying business administration, and later New Mexico State University, studying criminal science. He also graduated from the New Mexico State Police Academy and the Las Vegas, Nevada, Metro Police Academy. Mr. Tiano is a member of the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship. He has expressed interest in



Joey Tiano at the March 20, 2013 NNMCAB Meeting

environmental and public health issues. Mr. Tiano was appointed to the board by site appointment in November 2011 and is currently serving his first full term.

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Lee Bishop at the March 20, 2013 NNMCAB Meeting

Meet the New **DDFO &** join us as we say fare well to the former DDFO

Lee Bishop serves ∕as the EM Legacy TRU Waste Program Manager for the Environmental Projects Office at the National Nuclear Security Administration's

Los Alamos Site Office (LASO). His primary responsibilities include providing administrative and technical leadership. direction, and programmatic oversight of TRU waste disposition in support of both EM and NNSA programs. Specifically, he ensures operational execution of TRU Waste processing in Area G including resolving program management issues; coordinating federal Integrated Project Teams (IPT), and managing waste disposition campaigns to accomplish

**Designated Federal Officer** DOE strategic goals. A significant portion of his duties include interacting with Headquarters, other field elements, regulators, stakeholders, tribes, and the public.

The NNMCAB Has a New Deputy

Mr. Bishop's career spans over twenty-five years in the nuclear and environmental sectors. His prior DOE experience includes 17 years working as an environmental scientist in the Oak Ridge EM Program including serving as the technical lead for the DOE National Recycling Program, and working on the Yucca Mountain Project in site operations and serving as the Nevada **Rail Environmental Impact** Statement Manager.

Before coming to DOE, Mr. Bishop worked as a contractor in the Navy

and commercial nuclear fuel cycle: including fuel fabrication. reactor startup, refueling, decommissioning, remediation, and radioactive waste management. He received formal training and certification in health physics at Newport News Shipyard under the NAVSEA Program.

Mr. Bishop holds a BS Degree in Science from the Longwood University and has in-depth health physics experience including over 1000 hours of classroom training and previous qualification as a NAVSEA instructor. Mr. Bishop's projects have received two "White House Closing the Circle Awards" for Pollution Prevention.

### The NNMCAB Says Farewell to Former **Deputy Designated Federal Officer Ed Worth**

Mr. Ed Worth, Federal Project Director at Los Alamos Environmental Projects Office, served as the Deputy Designated Federal Officer to the NNMCAB since September, 2009. Mr. Worth served the NNMCAB well as the federal point of contact and saw the board through leadership and support staff changes as well as guiding the board through technical remediation

and waste management activities at LANL. Mr. Worth worked in Los Alamos for 5 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years prior to accepting a promotional opportunity at Oak Ridge Laboratory. Mr. Worth will be the Division Chief over the Project Management Division with EM.

Although all at the NNMCAB were happy about Ed's new job and the opportunity to advance his career. we were all sad to see

him leave the NNMCAB and Los Alamos. We wish Ed and his wife, Pam, every happiness and success in Oak Ridge and we look forward to his visits to New Mexico. Thank you for a job well done!



Ed Worth at the March 20, 2013 NNMCAB Meeting

### Pojoaque Valley Student Art Display Open House at NNMCAB Office



he Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board in conjunction with Pojoague Valley Schools will be holding an open house, for student art work that is currently on display in the NNMCAB office. The art showing will take place on April 25, 2013 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Students, Parents and Individuals who would like to stop in and view the art are invited to attend. Lite refreshments will be served during the showing.

The art work display was made possible by the generosity of the students from a multitude of grade levels; from high school down to second grade. These pieces have been on display since early March and will remain on display until they are returned to the students in early May. The art work has been put out in three locations around the office. The art displays will hopefully become continuous with changes to the display, occurring in the late Fall and early Spring each year.

The NNMCAB office staff would like to take this opportunity to thank the students for their hard work in creating these wonderful pieces they have allowed us to display in the office.

April 25, 2013 <mark>3:30 p.m.</mark> ∼ 4:30 p.m.

#### **Current NNMCAB Members**

Carlos Valdez, NNMCAB Chair Santa Fe Manuel Pacheco, NNMCAB Vice-Chair **Ranchos de Taos Douglas Sayre, EM&R Committee Chair** Santa Fe Joseph Tiano, WM Committee Chair Santa Fe Nicole Castellano, WM Committee Santa Fe Adrian Chavez Sr. Santa Fe Brenda Gallegos, WM Committee Santa Cruz Lawrence Garcia, EM&R Committee Santa Fe Nona Girardi, EM&R Committee Los Alamos Lawrence Longacre, EM&R Committee Santa Fe **Michael Loya, WM Committee** Santa Fe **Bonnie Lucas, EM&R Committee** Santa Fe Allison Majure, EM&R Committee Los Alamos **Gerard Martinez** Santa Fe Arthur Mascarenas, WM Committee Fairview **Ralph Phelps, WM Committee** Los Alamos **Alex Puglisi** Santa Fe **Angel Quintana** Santa Fe **Stephen Schmelling** Santa Fe Deborah Shaw, EM&R Committee Santa Fe Joseph Viarrial, EM&R Committee **Pueblo of Pojoaque Robert Villarreal, WM Committee** Los Alamos





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### NNMCAB Project

The NNMCAB recently submitted recommendation 2013-02 to DOE. Recommendation to Review Material Disposal Areas at LANL in Addition to Technical Area 54 for Risks Associated with Fires. The intent of 2013-02 is to ensure that that the appropriate level of review has been given to MDAs other then MDA G at LANL, that may have a similar risk in the event of wild fires. This recommendation was voted on and passed at the March 20th 2013 Board meeting, at the Marriott Pyramid North in Albuquerque.

Link to **Recommendation 2013-02** or find it - under recommendations on the NNMCAB website.

# NNMCAB Web & Social Media



The Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board is a federally appointed panel of citizens that provides public involvement opportunities and recommendations to the U.S. Department of Energy Concerning: environmental monitoring, waste management, remediation, and long-term stewardship at and around Los Alamos National Laboratory.

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