



NORTHWEST BIOSOLIDS MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

NBMA Membership Support

Chris Chesson, NBMA Treasurer & City of Everett, WA

On behalf of the Northwest Biosolids Management Association, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your 2011 contribution. Your continued support is crucial to the on-going scientific, education and professional activities of the organization.

The NBMA serves as a leader in providing support for biosolids professionals, researchers and communities in the Pacific Northwest seeking environmental sustainability through the beneficial use of biosolids and also as an example of the possibilities a collective network can create by continuing to support a unified regional biosolids voice.

In the past decade, your contributions have provided over \$1 million dollars towards university research and involvement to help answer biosolids questions both at the wastewater plant and within our communities.

With your help, we have received over 97% of our needed Member and Subscriber contributions for 2011!

Members	\$195,705
Subscribers	\$14,764
Total	\$210,469

Our current dues structure provides for an annual review and potential increase in dues to assure all operating expenses and research proposals are covered without having to withdraw funds from our reserve account. The Board has reaffirmed previous decisions to suspend any proposed increase to your annual invoice for 2012. As in the past, the Board will reevaluate this decision and provide you with a timely update.

Thank you for your prompt attention and helping to sustain the critical activities of the NBMA!

• **Mark Your Calendars** •

Join us in celebrating the NBMA's 25th Anniversary Biosolids Management Conference at Suncadia Lodge in Cle Elum, Washington on August 26-28, 2012!

NBMA Resources for You

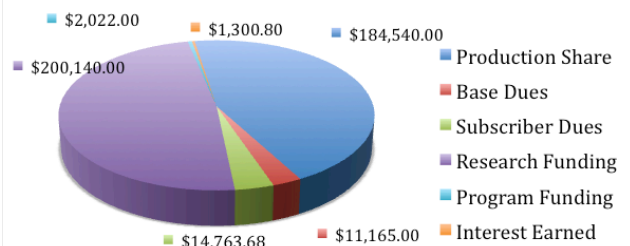
The following resources are provided to you in an effort to encourage your active participation in designing creative biosolids reuse options. Please use your member benefits:

Technical Expertise: Scientists at U. of WA, WA State U., OR State U. and U. of AZ. are available to answer questions and provide educational and technical assistance to members. NBMA currently supports research and demonstration projects at these institutions. Members may fund projects (*as seen in charts below*) for their specific needs and share results with members.

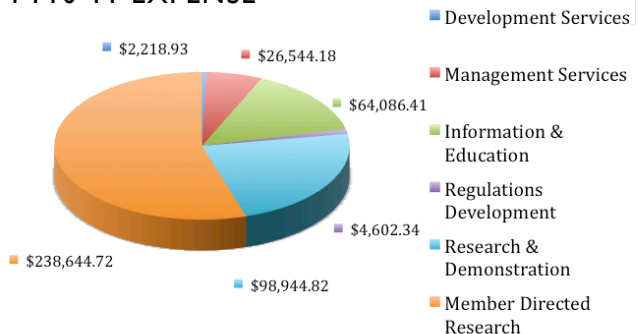
Association Publications: Members receive the NBMA monthly e-newsletter, the Biosolids eBulletin, which features news briefs, regulatory updates, Research Stories and calendar items. Members receive annual reports and have access to NBMA publications and the Resource Library.

Networking: Join any of the six NBMA committees, present your company services at General Meetings, host field days or facility tours, post a member spotlight in our Biosolids eBulletin, participate in continuing education events and more. At meetings and workshops, discussions and formal presentations by NBMA members expand the technical information base for managing biosolids in the Pacific Northwest.

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Power of the Network

As I prepare to fill the shoes of current NBMA President, Duane Leaf, I feel it absolutely necessary to salute him for his steadfast leadership of this invaluable organization. Although I really like the ring of 'entering my 1st term of office', it is a very official title for such a simple and down to earth guy like myself. I've had the distinct honor of serving our organization as Vice President for the past two (2) years and look forward to representing the NBMA as President,

If there was one attribute that embodies what the NBMA means to me it is **INSPIRATIONAL**. Every time I go to a meeting or conference, I get a front row seat to the conversations, research results and proposals that are trailblazing and exciting. I can't wait to take what I've learned and use it in my workplace and everyday life. Being present at NBMA events, allows me the opportunity to watch the gears that move our Association – our 6 six committees, university researchers, board members and staff and the fuel that continues to stoke the fire – your membership support.

From a member's point of view, I look at all of the resources at our fingertips from the technical expertise, monthly Biosolids eBulletins and continuing education events. For subscriber companies, the complimentary booth space at our Annual Biosolids Management Conference (a.k.a. BioFest), the one-page announcement in our annual report and opportunities to showcase services at meetings or field days. For me, one of the most important resources is each other – this network we've created and continue to hold strong.

Just this past September at our annual conference, I spoke with the hotel's golf course manager about the NBMA, what biosolids are and some of the research we've funded with Washington State University to look at the use and effectiveness of using biosolids on turf grass. He was eager to talk with a biosolids agency nearby that has a Class A biosolids they could try. I suggested they contact Camas, Washington since I recently learned they upgraded to a Class A granulated biosolids that works excellent with broadcast applications. Since Camas was attending the conference as well, I passed along the golf course manager's card to them to start the conversation. It's the network at work!

Another way I utilize the network is to share all communications from the association with co-workers and those that may be interested.

These are just a few ways - there is so much knowledge out there so give it a try. Call one of us and we can help lead you in the right direction.

I invite you all to participate in any way that you can, whether it is attending events or reaching out to members for assistance, this is what keeps the networking, working

Sincerely,
Tim Cooper
Biosolids Manager

