

THE FEDERATION OF LAKE ASSOCIATIONS, INC.

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Directors Report

Membership:

It is with great personal satisfaction that I can report to you that 63 lake associations, 15 individuals, and 2 corporations have joined the Federation during the first membership season. Although a fine showing for an organization incorporated only since February of this year, we are continuing a membership drive in every region of the state in anticipation of drawing many more memberships from a statewide pool of over 250 lake associations.

Resource and Referral Service:

One of the ways the Federation can serve the membership is by providing a unique resource and referral service. We have compiled a tremendous amount of information about the latest in weed control methods, water quality research data, how to form weed, tax or lake management districts and model land use ordinances. We also have references on setting up water quality monitoring programs, long range lake management planning and how to deal with lake use recreational conflicts (overcrowding of boats and competing usage of lake surface). Help us build upon this resource file by exchanging information you may have about any issue that pertains to lake watersheds.

Special Projects:

The Federation is actively initiating a statewide lay monitoring program. Proposals for a 20 lake sampling and educational program will be considered for review this month by the Board of Directors and the Scientific Advisory Board.

Conference 1984:

Over 90 persons attended the second annual New York State Lake Associations Conference held in June in Canandaigua, New York. Seminars and workshops were held on the subjects of: Building An Effective Lake Association; Water Quality Monitoring Programs; Resolving Legal Issues; and Aquatic Weed and Algae Projects. Guest speakers included State Assemblyman Maurice Hinchey, Chairman, Environmental Conservation Committee, Nancy A. Bryant, a regulatory analyst with Research & Technology, Inc., Charles Morrison, Director of the Land Resources Planning Department, NYSDEC and Wayne Harris, President of Delta Laboratories, Inc. Individual papers on the presentations are available from the Federation office upon request.

Conference 1985:

Plans are underway to determine the place, time of year and subject matter of next years conference. Any individuals willing to work on this important committee are welcome and should contact the office.

Legislative:

Lobbying efforts by the Federation and many others were successful this year in getting the House of Representatives and the Senate to approve appropriations for a \$5 million dollar Federal Clean Lakes Bill.

Board of Directors

A meeting of the Scientific Advisory Board and the Board of Directors will take place on October 13, 10:00 AM, at the Ramada Inn in Syracuse. Interested members are welcome to attend.

AQUASHADE

Aquashade is an inert liquid dye which suppresses the growth of aquatic weeds and algae through light reduction. The product absorbs wavelengths of sunlight which would ordinarily stimulate photosynthesis. Treated water is non-toxic to fish, wildlife, and it may be used for swimming immediately after application. More information regarding Aquashade may be had by contacting: Aquashade, Inc., Eldred, New York 12732 (914) 557-8077.

LIABILITY INSURANCE

Many associations who maintain a common property area have voiced complaints as to the availability and the cost of liability insurance. According to several insurance experts contacted, the high cost is largely due to an increasing amount in claims on lakes in general. The cost reflects overall increases in all types of liability insurances. However, if your association feels that their insurance rates are out of proportion substantially, they may file individual complaints to: NYS Insurance Department, Agency Building #1, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12257, Att: Consumer Services Bureau. The Federation is exploring the possibility of offering an insurance pool especially geared for lake association needs.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Please share your newsletters, articles, editorials, model ordinances or programs on issues pertaining to lakes. Part of the significance of the Federation is in it's ability to compare experiences among associations. Won't you help us out by contributing something to the newsletter today?

CONFERENCES OF INTEREST

North American Lake Management Society is sponsoring a symposium in McAfee, New Jersey, on October 16-19. The conference will focus on citizen involvement in lake watershed management. Call (202) 883-3382 for more information.

The Environmental Planning Lobby and the Environmental Policy and Law Institute are sponsoring a conference on October 19-20 at the Thruway House in Albany. The conference offers New Yorkers an annual opportunity to gather from all corners of the state to discuss New York's many natural treasures and its equally numerous environmental dilemmas and challenges. Call the EPL at (518) 462-5526 for more information.