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2017 Membership Meeting

October 3, 2017 — October 4, 2017

Birmingham, AL
WaterProtection Network

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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Rivers Connect Us®
Day 1—Tuesday, October 3

7:45 AM – 8:45 AM: Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 AM – 8:45 AM: Welcome

   Olivia Dorothy, Co-Chair
   Water Protection Network

   Melissa Samet, Co-Chair
   Water Protection Network

8:45 – 9:45 AM: Breakfast Keynote Speaker

   Beth Maynor Young, Conservation Photographer


   Jan Goldman-Carter, Director of Wetlands and Water Resources
   National Wildlife Federation

   Rosemary Enobakhare, Director
   Clean Water for All

   Cindy Lowry, Executive Director
   Alabama Rivers Alliance

10:50 AM – 11:00 AM: Break

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM: Moving Water Resources Infrastructure out of the 1930s: Engagement, Litigation, Legislation

   Olivia Dorothy, Associate Director,
   Mississippi River Management, American Rivers

   Ward Wilson, Executive Director
   Kentucky Waterways Alliance

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM: Lunch

   “Shoring Up Communities: Investing in Resilient Infrastructure”
   Film produced by The Pew Charitable Trusts

   Award Ceremony
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM: **Advancing Large-Scale Use of Natural Infrastructure: Demonstration, Validation, Best Practices**

*Melissa Samet*, Senior Water Resources Counsel  
National Wildlife Federation

*Bill Sapp*, Senior Attorney  
Southern Environmental Law Center

*Cynthia Hernandez*, Program and Field Specialist  
Tennessee Environmental Council

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM: **Incentivizing Floodplain Protection and Restoration: National Flood Insurance Program**

*Steve Ellis*, Vice President  
Taxpayers for Common Sense

*Joel Scata*, Staff Attorney  
Natural Resources Defense Council

*Ray Lehmann*, Editor-in-Chief, Senior Fellow  
R-Street Institute

3:30 PM – 3:45 PM: **Break and GROUP PHOTO**

3:45 PM – 5:00 PM: **Learning from the Field: Case Study Presentations by Members**

*Dan Tonsmeire*, Riverkeeper  
Apalachicola Riverkeeper

*Katherine Marter*, Senior Research Fellow  
*Stephanie Bruguera*, Senior Research Fellow  
Tulane Institute on Water Resources Law and Policy

*Kim Knowles*, Attorney  
Prairie Rivers Network

*John Koeferl*, President  
Citizens Against Widening the Industrial Canal

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM: **Evening Reception**

*Avondale Brewing Co.*  
201 41st Street South, Birmingham AL
Day 2—Wednesday October 4

6:45 AM – 7:45 AM: Continental Breakfast

7:45 AM – 8:00 AM: Board Bus to Alabama Aquatic Biodiversity Center

8:00 AM: **Bus will leave the hotel at 8:00 AM sharp**

   Travel to Marion County, AL (approximately 90 minutes)

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM: Presentation I at AABC/Canoe Trip Group 1

   Dr. Paul Johnson, Program Supervisor
   Alabama Aquatic Biodiversity Center

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM: Presentation II at AABC/Canoe Trip Group 2

   Anyone who has already seen the presentation and is not canoeing can have lunch at Perry Lakes (see below). There are also short hikes and a 100-foot birding tower available for you to enjoy.

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: Travel to Birmingham Airport

A boxed lunch will be provided for attendees on the second day; you may choose to eat while on your canoe trip or at the picnic area located .5 miles away from the Center. Please note that there is nowhere to eat at the Center.
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<td><strong>Sam Bruguera</strong></td>
<td>Senior Research Fellow</td>
<td>Tulane Institute on Water Resources Law and Policy</td>
<td>Sam received a B.S. in Biology with an Ecology emphasis and a Chemistry minor from the University of San Francisco. After graduation, she interned for Senator Dianne Feinstein before moving to New Orleans to attend Tulane. While in law school, she was a research assistant for the Institute on Water Resources Law &amp; Policy during which she published the article entitled “Discretion to Diver: Sediment Diversion Projects in Coastal Louisiana and the Marine Mammal Protection Act.” In May of 2017, she received her Juris Doctorate and Environmental Law Certificate from Tulane Law School.</td>
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<td><strong>Olivia Dorothy</strong></td>
<td>Associate Director</td>
<td>Mississippi River Management, American Rivers</td>
<td>Olivia joined American Rivers in 2014. Prior to that she worked for the Izaak Walton League of America, and at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. She also served as an environmental policy advisory within Illinois Governor Pat Quinn’s administration.</td>
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<td><strong>Steve Ellis</strong></td>
<td>Vice President</td>
<td>Taxpayers for Common Sense</td>
<td>Steve joined TCS in 1999 and serves as Vice President, overseeing programs and serving as a leading media and legislative spokesperson. A persistent critic of the mounting budget deficit and federal fiscal policy, Steve has testified before numerous Congressional Committees and has appeared on national network news programs, including programs on CBS, NBC, ABC, Fox, CNN, MSNBC, PBS, and NPR. His expertise ranges from earmarks to flood insurance and a lot of spending issues in between. Steve formerly served as an officer in the U.S. Coast Guard for six years, including tours of duty as a department head and deck watch officer aboard the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Sorrel, managing the Coast Guard’s inland waterway fleet, and managing a small boat-acquisition contract. Steve received a B.S. in Government from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. He has earned both the Coast Guard Commendation Medal and the Coast Guard Achievement Medal.</td>
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<td><strong>Rosemary Enobakhare</strong></td>
<td>Director</td>
<td>Clean Water for All Campaign</td>
<td>Rosemary Enobakhare currently serves as the Clean Water for All Campaign Director. She was previously appointed by the Obama Administration to serve as the Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Engagement and Environmental Education in the Office of the Administrator at the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). In this role, she led the agency’s community outreach program and developed strategic engagement plans to positively impact the EPA’s public policy to ensure nontraditional activities.</td>
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communities were both apart of the conversations and the solution. Ms. Enobakhare also served as the Deputy Director of Public Engagement and Faith-based Initiatives, in this capacity she was over the coordination of outreach to the African American, faith, women and business communities on behalf of the EPA Administrator. Prior to joining the Administration, Rosemary served as the Director of African American Outreach for the Democratic National Committee, leading the party’s efforts around engaging the African American Community in the 2012 election. Rosemary is a native of Jackson, Mississippi and received her Bachelor’s Degree in Economics from Spelman College.

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<td>Jan Goldman-Carter served as NWF Wetlands and Water Resources Counsel from 1987-1991 and returned in 2006 to manage the NWF campaign to restore Clean Water Act protections. As an environmental lawyer, she’s worked on wetlands issues across the country and in 1993 received the Environmental Protection Agency-Environmental Law Institute National Wetlands Award. Jan also served as a wetlands specialist with the EPA, Corps of Engineers, and Fish and Wildlife Service. In her spare time she enjoys canoeing, kayaking, birding and otherwise being in, on, and near the water.</td>
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<th><strong>CYNTHIA HERNANDEZ, PROGRAM AND FIELD SPECIALIST TENNESSEE ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL</strong></th>
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<td>Cynthia has a passion for sustainability and is dedicated to improving Tennessee’s environment. She recently graduated from Vol State Community College with a degree in Environmental Science. Cynthia began as an intern with TEC and worked her way into the Program and Field Specialist position. She works closely with the team to organize programs involving the Tennessee Tree Project, Watershed Support, and Sustainable Tennessee. She enjoys educating the youth on sustainable solutions and engaging partners to improve communities and quality of life in Tennessee.</td>
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<th><strong>DR. PAUL JOHNSON, PROGRAM DIRECTOR ALABAMA AQUATIC BIODIVERSITY CENTER</strong></th>
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<td>Dr. Johnson has worked with imperiled mollusks across the southeast for over 25 years. Employed by ADCNR since 2005, he was hired to renovate existing &amp; construct new facilities &amp; establish recovery programs for the AABC. Operational since 2010, their efforts focus mostly on freshwater mollusks. Alabama has 76 federally listed freshwater mollusks, the most of any state. Since 2010 the AABC has propagated and released over 250,000 individual mollusks of over 20 different species. The program focuses on reintroduction of species into areas of their former range, with a primary goal of establishing new self-sustaining populations. They work with adjacent states (TN, MS, GA) with various research and recovery programs. There are currently reintroduction efforts underway for 3 species in the Cahaba River basin.</td>
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JOHN KOEFERL, PRESIDENT
CITIZENS AGAINST WIDENING THE INDUSTRIAL CANAL
John Koeferl has lived and worked many years in Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans and currently serves as board chair of Holy Cross Neighborhood Association. He is president of Citizens Against Widening the Industrial Canal (CAWIC). John Koeferl has worked as a regional planner, carpenter, and environmental/community advocate.

KIM KNOWLES, STAFF ATTORNEY
PRAIRIE RIVERS NETWORK
Kim joined the staff of PRN in November 2008. Kim is a former staff attorney for the Missouri Coalition for the Environment and has a long history of working in the public interest, including working with Native American communities. In New Mexico, Kim worked as a staff attorney for Indian Pueblo Legal Services and as a public defender for the Jicarilla Apache Tribe. During law school she worked for The National Wildlife Federation in Washington, D.C. Kim leads Prairie Rivers Network’s efforts to use legal tools to stop illegal pollution and strengthen clean water laws. While she is currently focusing on strengthening state and federal rules on nutrient pollution, she provides legal support in many other program areas as well. Kim joined the staff of PRN in November 2008. Kim is a former staff attorney for the Missouri Coalition for the Environment and has a long history of working in the public interest, including working with Native American communities. In New Mexico, Kim worked as a staff attorney for Indian Pueblo Legal Services and as a public defender for the Jicarilla Apache Tribe. During law school she worked for The National Wildlife Federation in Washington, D.C.

R.J. LEHMANN, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, SENIOR FELLOW
R STREET INSTITUTE
R.J. is the editor-in-chief and senior fellow of the R Street Institute, responsible for managing all of the institute’s editorial and communications functions. He has authored numerous R Street policy studies, including the 2012-2016 editions of the flagship Insurance Regulation Report Card. R.J. was a co-founder of R Street in June 2012, having previously served as deputy director of the Heartland Institute’s Center on Finance, Insurance and Real Estate. Before joining Heartland, he spent nearly a decade covering the insurance and financial services industries, first as manager of A.M. Best Co.’s Washington bureau and later as a senior industry editor with SNL Financial (now S&P Global Market Intelligence). He is a three-time award winner from the American Society of Business Publication Editors and was the youngest-ever winner of a first-place prize from the New Jersey Press Association. He also is an associate fellow of the John Locke Institute and the James Madison Institute. His film reviews appear regularly in Creative Loafing Tampa.
CINDY LOWRY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
ALABAMA RIVERS ALLIANCE
Cindy is the executive director of the Alabama Rivers Alliance. She joined the staff in 2005 as Watershed Leadership Coordinator and was promoted to Executive Director in 2007. Cindy has more than 15 years of experience in the conservation nonprofit sector. She joined the staff of the Alabama Rivers Alliance in 2005 and was promoted to executive director in 2007. A native of Alabama, Cindy was born and raised in Oneonta, Alabama. She received her BS in Wildlife Science from Auburn University and her Masters of Public Administration from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. The focus of her masters’ thesis was citizen participation in public policy. Cindy has been recognized as a “Wonderful Outstanding Woman” from the Metro Birmingham branch of the NAACP (2012), named one of the “Women Who Shape the State” by al.com (2016) and awarded an Auburn University Alumni Spirit of Sustainability Award (2017). Cindy currently serves as President of the Board of Directors for Alabama Arise and is a long-time member of the Board of Directors for the Friends of the Locust Fork River.

BETH MAYNOR YOUNG, CONSERVATION PHOTOGRAPHER
Beth Maynor Young is an accomplished conservation photographer who has spent much of her life chronicling the natural beauty and remnant wild places of the contemporary South. The photographs are mostly from unprotected places - each with its own story of biological compromise and imminent threat. But these places also embrace a Southern tradition - of being saved and preserved, of restoration and resurrection. In 2012, Beth earned her real estate license and is currently working with her son Spence Maynor at Cyprus Partners where they are selling some very unique tracts of land to good stewards. Since most of the lands of Alabama are in the hands of private land owners, they play an important role in helping to conserve our natural places. Now Beth has the opportunity to affect conservation through land sales and she couldn't be happier. After many years of canoeing and photographing the rivers of Alabama the book, Headwaters: A Journey on Alabama Rivers, written by John Hall was published by the University of Alabama Press in 2009. It was produced to support the efforts of the many river groups in Alabama. Longleaf: Far as the Eye Can See is her newest book, written by Bill Finch and Rhett Johnson with help from John Hall. It was produced to support the efforts of the Longleaf Alliance. Published through the University of North Carolina Press, it will be available October 1, 2012. Beth's fine art photographs are part of many private and corporate art collections across the country. Her renown and popularity is a testament to the caliber of her work. Today, Beth's photographs give us a moving vision of the natural world and speak quietly yet deeply of our need to preserve the South's unique environmental heritage.
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<td>Melissa Samet</td>
<td>Senior Water Resources Counsel</td>
<td>National Wildlife Federation</td>
<td>Directs and advises water resources campaigns focused on floodplain protection and improving the projects and programs of the Army Corps of Engineers. Has been instrumental in protecting hundreds of thousands of acres of wetlands and other sensitive habitats and in obtaining key water resources planning reforms. Testified before Congress and the National Academies, authored numerous articles and reports on water resources policy, and was appointed to a Clean Water Act Federal Advisory Committee. Awarded a 2009 National Wetlands Award from the Environmental Law Institute. Directed water resources and ocean protection campaigns for American Rivers and Earthjustice, and worked as a litigation attorney in private practice. Received her J.D. from the New York University School of Law, and her B.S. in Wildlife Biology from the University of Vermont.</td>
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<td>Bill Sapp</td>
<td>Senior Attorney</td>
<td>Southern Environmental Law Center</td>
<td>Protects the swamps, tidal creeks, and salt marshes of the Georgia and Alabama coasts, and currently leads SELC’s Georgia Coast Initiative. Received his law degree from Harvard Law School and his master of law degree in environmental law from George Washington Law School. Before joining SELC, served as an assistant regulatory attorney with the Chief Counsel’s office of the Army Corps in DC, clerked for Judge Edenfield in federal district court in Savannah, was an associate at Alston &amp; Bird in Atlanta, and served as the lead wetlands attorney for Region 4 of the Environmental Protection Agency.</td>
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<td>Joel Scata</td>
<td>Staff Attorney</td>
<td>Natural Resources Defense Council</td>
<td>Works on a variety of issues including the National Flood Insurance Program, climate resiliency, stormwater pollution, and flood risk management. Mission is to advance regulatory reforms and implement new policies that will aid the most vulnerable communities in preparing for climate change. Holds a dual Juris Doctorate degree from American University Washington College of Law and Monash University Law School.</td>
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**Dan Tonsmeire, Riverkeeper**  
**Apalachicola Riverkeeper**
Dan has served as Riverkeeper since May of 2010. He began his tenure with Apalachicola Riverkeeper in 2004. Dan is passionately committed to saving not only the Apalachicola River, which is truly an American treasure, but to protecting and restoring the Apalachicola Bay, one of the last great estuaries left in America. Previously, Dan served as principal coordinator for the development and implementation of the Northwest Florida Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) program for the Northwest Florida Water Management District. Before that, he was the resident manager of a 1,250-acre Wilderness Preserve on Dog Island, Florida where he facilitated and coordinated research and program development for The Nature Conservancy. Dan has also been a backcountry guide in Idaho, a commercial fisherman in Alaska, and the owner/operator of a small marine construction company in Alabama and Florida. Dan received a degree in Civil Engineering from Auburn University with and holds a United States Coast Guard Ocean Operator’s license and a Florida Real Estate license.

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**Katherine Van Marter, Senior Research Fellow**  
**Tulane Institute on Water Resources Law and Policy**
Katherine Van Marter is a Senior Research Fellow at the Tulane Institute on Water Resource Law and Policy. Katherine grew up in the Atlanta, Georgia area. She attended Georgia State University and received a B.A. in Political Science with a specialization in International Affairs and a degree in Public Policy. After graduation, Katherine worked as a litigation assistant at a firm in Atlanta before moving to New Orleans to attend Tulane where she received her J.D. with a certification in Environmental Law and an MS in International Development. During her time in graduate and professional school, she was a Research Assistant at the Water Institute and with the Environmental Law Institute. Additionally, she was a summer clerk with the Southern Environmental Law Center, South Carolina Environmental Law Project, and the criminal enforcement division of the EPA.

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**Ward Wilson, Executive Director**  
**Kentucky Waterways Alliance**
Ward Wilson became Executive Director of Kentucky Waterways Alliance in February 2017. Ward previously served as Vice Chair of the Board of Directors and has been an active member of KWA for over 20 years. Ward is a Kentucky native, who grew up in Shelbyville and earned his B.S. in Biology from the University of Kentucky and an M.S. in Environmental Engineering from Virginia Tech. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in four states and Board Certified by the American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists. Ward has always been fascinated with water and wildlife, enjoying waterways for recreation, serving on nonprofit boards such as the Soil & Water Conservation District, and as an engineer specializing in water quality improvement.
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