



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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I began writing this article on April 26, 2018. I heard from the National Director from South Dakota, Larry Wasland, a friend of mine on the 24th of April. We chatted about the weather as South Dakota and upstate NY are similar. South Dakota is typically about two weeks ahead of us to receive spring like conditions, however he reported that they still had snow on the ground and their spring hasn't begun yet. We spoke for a while and I told him that we just started having springlike temperatures in the last couple of days, so believe it or not, our weather is better. By the time you read this article, I hope that weather here in New York is back to normal after a longer than usual winter season.

Most of you know that NYRWA lost a great person on April 12th, Brian Romeiser. Brian had been a member of our Board of Directors for 12 years. Currently, he was serving in the

position of Vice President and prior to that was our Secretary/Treasurer. He had also been the past NYRWA delegate on the NYS DEC Governance Council that monitors the NYS wastewater certification process. As with any position he accepted, he was dedicated to our association and served diligently.

Brian and I go back close to thirty years. He was one of my great friends and a wastewater colleague. Brian had just recently turn 63, and I was fortunate to have lunch with him in late February, just before he went to Africa with his church to help build schools for the less fortunate. Brian was a dedicated servant when it came to helping people with wastewater problems or helping the less fortunate. I know I will miss him dearly and I'm sure the ones that knew him will always remember him as a friend. 💧💧💧