



NORTHWEST BIOSOLIDS MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

Making our Mission Reality

Chris Chesson, NBMA Secretary & City of Everett, WA

Thank you once again for your continued support of the organization! Your contributions are an integral part of support for the scientific, educational and professional activities of the organization.

With your help, we have received over 92% of our Member and Subscriber contributions for the 2009 goal.

Members	\$190,351
Subscribers	\$16,870
Total	\$207,221

Our current dues structure includes an annual CPI increase and a production share update every three years. Last year, the Board agreed to freeze dues at the 2008 level. The Board has reaffirmed that decision and will suspend all proposed increases to your annual invoice for the upcoming fiscal year. The Board will reevaluate this decision next year and provide you with a timely update.

Best wishes for the New Year!

Examples below illustrate your 2010 dues amount

Example A:	50 dry tons of biosolids/year
	\$8.00 (production share)
	+ \$77.00 (2009 base dues)
	= \$85.00 (2010 dues)
Example B:	3000 dry tons of biosolids/year
	\$452.00 (production share)
	+ \$227.00 (2009 base dues)
	= \$679.00 (2010 dues)

Subscriber Companies:

1-5 employees	= \$231.00/ year
6-15 employees	= \$462.00/ year
15+ employees	= \$1156.00/ year

As seen in the Income and Expense Breakdown, NBMA programs would not exist without production share funds, and support from subscriber members. Expenses also include member directed research.

NBMA Resources for You

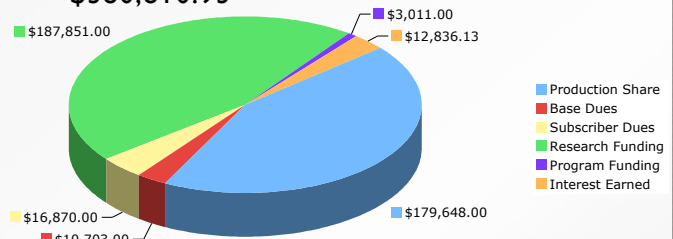
The following resources are provided to you in an effort to encourage your active participation in designing creative biosolids reuse options. Please use your member benefits:

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 for their specific needs and share results with members.

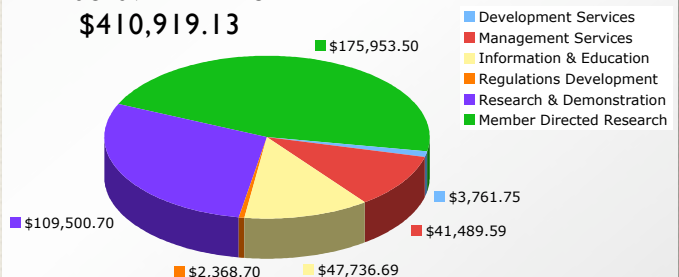
Association Publications: Members receive the NBMA monthly e-newsletter, the Biosolids eBulletin, which features news briefs, regulatory updates, Research Stories and calendar items. Members receive annual reports and have access to NBMA publications and the Technical Resource Library.

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 Bulletin, 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.

FY08-09 INCOME
\$380,810.93



FY08-09 EXPENSE
\$410,919.13





King County

Department of Natural Resources and Parks
Wastewater Treatment Division

Resource Recovery Section Biosolids Management Program

King Street Center, KSC-NR-0512
201 South Jackson Street
Seattle, WA 98104-3855

Dear NBMA Member:

My agency has been a member of the NBMA for more than 20 years. What we've learned through the NBMA has created a strong foundation for our biosolids program. We have found the NBMA to be the most relevant and useful organization to educate our staff and to help us manage biosolids properly.

For the last two years, I had the privilege of being NBMA President. I learned that board members and officers really take their responsibilities seriously: to keep the organization financially healthy, to make decisions about its direction and future, and above all, to make it relevant and valuable to all those agencies that pay dues. Here are some of the things that I really came to understand and appreciate:

- 1. Collectively, we have amazing creativity, experience, and know-how.** Among our members there are those who have:
 - Started fertilizer programs from scratch
 - Created umpteen blends of biosolids products for gardeners
 - Produced biofuel from crops grown with biosolids
 - Established productive woody plantations on mined-out land that was an eyesore and public health hazard
 - Used biosolids mixtures to trap methane gas from old landfills and grow valuable cover crops
 - Involved entire communities in using biosolids to boost income and improve croplands.

If you want to know how to do something or just talk over some ideas, take out the membership directory and start calling your colleagues.

- 2. Our university affiliates are our greatest treasures:** Craig Cogger and Andy Bary (WSU), Dan Sullivan (OSU), Ian Pepper (U of AZ), and Sally Brown (UW) and their students. They counteract junk science and translate for us their knowledge of soils, biosolids, and microorganisms. This group of brains was responsible for the first carbon footprint accounting for biosolids programs, the first definitive studies on bioaerosols and *S. aureus* in biosolids, long-term growth studies in biosolids-fertilized crops, the significance of biosolids phosphorus in NW soils, and many other notable studies. They are nationally known and they shape the perception and the future of biosolids management. How lucky we are to work directly with them.

- 3. Science keeps us grounded.** It gives us a firm theoretical and practical basis for managing biosolids. That's why the major chunk of your dues goes to fund university research projects that can provide the answers and insights that we all need. The body of research funded by NBMA is impressive and valuable. It was used in the formation of the federal biosolids regulations, so that research has undoubtedly shaped your biosolids program.

- 4. And the public keeps us humble.** Just when you think you're doing everything right, a neighbor will call to complain about some aspect of your biosolids program. Neighbors can be the forgotten members of your team. They definitely know things about your business that you don't, like how fast the trucks are traveling and what your stored biosolids smell like from their front yard. Our collective experiences can help us with these problems, though. The NBMA's CIS (Continual Improvement Systems) committee is now capturing the experiences of several member agencies and vendors and translating those into a how-to guide for successful land application programs.

Other new tools coming up next year include an updated website and technical resource library. Thanks for your continuing support of the NBMA. It is a great asset for all of us.

Sincerely,

Program Manager, Biosolids Recycling
King County Wastewater Treatment Division