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**NY Water Environment Association Hosts over 1,000 at 80<sup>th</sup> Meeting:  
Anthony Della Valle of Larchmont Elected VP-Elect**

**Syracuse** -- The New York Water Environment Association (NYWEA), a nonprofit statewide membership organization of environmental engineers and water quality management professionals, hosted a successful attendance of over 1,000 members and public officials at its 80th Annual Meeting held February 4-6 in New York City. It offered more than 20 technical educational sessions on water quality management and technology issues, elected its 2008 officers, honored a number of its membership for service well done, as well as public officials who have worked to protect public health and the water environment.

**Anthony Della Valle of Larchmont, NY** was elected Vice President-Elect of NYWEA. Della Valle is vice president at Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. located in Jackson Heights, NY.

Other elected officers were: President - Robert Kukenberger, of Cazenovia, NY; President-Elect - Bruce Munn, of Cazenovia, NY; and Vice President - Thomas Whetham, of Niagara Falls, NY. Patricia Cerro-Reehil of Cleveland, NY, was re-appointed NYWEA Executive Director, a position she has held since 2000.

Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg received NYWEA's distinguished Nelson A. Rockefeller Award. The award is given to an elected official who has made a substantial and meaningful contribution to advancing effective water quality management. Mayor Bloomberg was cited for his campaign to improve sustainability, fight global warming

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and upgrade New York City's water pollution control plants, among other efforts.

NYWEA's three-day program of 20 educational sessions addressed water management issues, regulations, energy efficiency, and related projects across the state, and provided continuing education credits for engineers, wastewater treatment managers and operators.

The meeting also featured an exhibit of over 150 vendors highlighting the latest products and services offered to industry professionals. Special events included an 80<sup>th</sup> Meeting Celebration/Reception overlooking Times Square, an awards ceremony, a student paper competition, the NYWEA Hall of Fame Induction, and various networking opportunities. The meeting took place at the New York City Marriott Marquis.

**NYWEA is a statewide, nonprofit organization of over 2,300 environmental engineers and water quality management professionals that promotes clean water programs and related technical education. NYWEA sponsors a statewide scholarship program to encourage careers in science and engineering and supports humanitarian assistance to provide clean water to communities around the world. Headquartered in Syracuse, NY, NYWEA has seven regional chapters, 12 college student chapters and is a Member Association of the international Water Environment Federation (WEF).**

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