

The logo for the River Management Society features a stylized, wavy line representing a river above the text "River Management Society". The text is in a bold, sans-serif font and is underlined.

"Our mission is to support professionals who study, protect, and manage North America's rivers."

November 6, 2008

Maria Parasiewicz
Belchertown, MA 01007

Dear Maria,

On behalf of the River Management Society (RMS) Board of Directors, please accept my heartfelt appreciation and sincere thanks for your generosity and support. When your husband, Piotr, told the 2008 Symposium Planning Committee that he "convinced" you to paint something for our event, we were indeed excited (even though nobody on the committee had seen your work, nor did we have any indication what your services would cost).

Working with you from our initial conversation back in June 2007, through delivery of the final artwork (Allagash, acrylic on canvas, 13" x 20") to us in September 2007, was a pleasure. You were always very responsive to the committee's suggestions and concerns. You were willing to change directions and accommodate a number of differing opinions, which had to have been a challenge! And, your enthusiasm and appreciation for the opportunity to showcase your art through our marketing campaign made it all the more fun to work together.

Last but certainly not least, your decision to donate the original painting to our Silent Auction fundraiser was an unexpected surprise and we are truly grateful. The painting was the center of a lively "bidding war" and brought a substantial donation to the organization. The committee was so impressed with your painting that it made a decision to produce symposium posters which were distributed as a gift to each attendee.

If RMS is ever in a position to need future artwork, we would be honored to work with you again. I hope that you continue to paint rivers, and wish you all the best.

Sincerely,
Caroline Kurz
RMS Program Director

