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Louisiana Section of Air & Waste Management Association

Message from the Chair

Louisiana Section's

May Dinner Meeting

Tomorrow @
Middendorfs!

May 15, 2014

Thank you to all who attended our Annual Conference on October 29 and 30; we had a total of 341 participants this year. Out of that total, 88 attendees completed the survey. The conference committee does review the survey results and works to incorporate comments into the next conference when possible.

A few highlights from the survey:

- Over 88% of respondents are very or extremely likely to recommend the conference to others
- Over 80% of respondents visited the exhibitors and 98% of those felt that the exhibitors added value to the conference
- 32% of respondents have attended the conference for the last 5 years
- 80% of respondents felt the information presented was very or extremely organized and over 90% felt the presenters were very or extremely well prepared

As with any event attended by this many people, it's impossible to please everyone. Our attendees range from young professionals just starting their career to "seasoned" professionals who have been around awhile and everyone in between. We have attendees from industry, law firms, consultants, and regulatory agencies. We have some attendees that love nothing more than a detailed discussion on PSD and some that will run screaming when PSD is mentioned! So,

if we can please most of the people most of the time we figure we are doing the best we can.

There are two issues that are raised in comments that we are working to address. The first is to have more waste topics. This year we had one half day session on waste issues. Our goal is to eventually have a third track on the second day that is all waste topics so if you have ideas for presentations please get them to someone on the committee.

The second issue is venue. We have held the conference at the same location for many years now. It is centrally located and has the space that we need along with plenty of parking. We plan for 300 to 350 attendees on each day. This means that we need a space large enough to seat this number on the first day both for presentations and for meals. We also need an area for exhibitors and would prefer this to be in the same area as the meals. We need a smaller room for the second day; if we get a third waste track then we will need a third room also. These rooms need to be close to the main area as well. Oh, and we'd like to continue to have the conference around the end of October. The conference committee has been evaluating other venues in the Baton Rouge area. For 2014, the conference will be held at the Baton Rouge Marriot located at 5500 Hilton Avenue (across I-10 from the Crowne Plaza). If you have any other ideas, please let us know!

Have an idea for the Monitor? Send it to the editor to see your thoughts in action!

Contact: [Mary Claire Lambert](mailto:Mary.Claire.Lambert@awma.org)

Karen Brignac

LA Section Chair

LSU National Environmental Law Moot Court Team

The Louisiana Section would like to congratulate the LSU National Environmental Law Moot Court Team on its National Finalist title! The team was coached by LA Section member Karen Blakemore and advised by other LA section members including Anne Crochet, Tim Poche and Robin Toups from Taylor Porter, Val Mayhall from TEA, and Don Trahan, Kathy Wright and Ted Boyles from LDEQ.

The team brought home a national finalist title and placed as one of the top three teams nationwide at the tournament in White Plains, NY. The National Environmental Moot Court Competition is hosted by Pace University Law School. The LSU team also won a best oralist award in each of their three preliminary round matches. The topic this year focused on open questions related to the interpretation of the Clean Water Act.

The LSU students have been invited to attend the May 15th meeting with Karen Blakemore. Congratulations on the award!



Above: Karen Blakemore with the LSU team.

4th Annual YP Golf Tournament

The 4th Annual LA Section Golf Tournament was hosted by the YP Group on May 1st. Every year the tournament gets bigger and this year was no different. The tournament was held at the Pelican Point Golf Course in Gonzales on the Links Course. It was a beautiful day with perfect weather.

We had over 20 teams sign up to play this year, not to mention the generous number of sponsors that contributed. We are grateful for all of the sponsors and teams that signed up to be involved this year. This event is a wonderful chance to be able to represent the LA Section on a national and international level with the scholarships raised to send YPs to the A&WMA Annual Conference and Exhibition through the "YP to ACE" program. ACE will be held in Long Beach, California this year. With the success of the 4th Annual LA Section Golf Tournament we are able to send four YPs to Long Beach with the scholarships raised. We are also able to donate over \$400 to help support a local classroom through DonorsChoose.org with the money raised from mulligan purchases this year.

We would like to thank our Platinum Sponsors (C-K Associates, PPM Consultants, and Sage Environmental Consulting) Gold Sponsors (Trinity Consultants and ERM), Silver Sponsor (Vapor Point), Food Sponsors (C-K Associates, PPM Consultants, Sage Environmental Consulting, EMSI, and Providence

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Above: Everyone getting ready for the start of the tournament!

Engineering) and our Awards Sponsors (Tidal Tank and Metco). Without the support of our wonderful sponsors every year, we couldn't have pulled off such a successful event.



Above: Jessica Quinn, Jessica Miller, Jason Midgett and Jennifer Tullier

We are hoping to grow and develop the YP group to provide new opportunities for YP members to be involved in A&WMA throughout the year. So thank you all for coming out and having fun. Please keep up with us on the website to know about upcoming events with the YP Group.

Jessica Miller

Young Professional Chair.

Southwest Chapter Update

The SWLA Chapter hosted a quarterly lunch on March 18 at Reeve's Catering in Lake Charles. The featured speaker was Jeff Nolan - Director of LDEQ's Criminal Investigation Division. Ryan Brignac and Bobby Kingham of LDEQ CID also attended. Mr. Nolan's presentation focused on the LDEQ-CID's investigations of knowing and willful violations of Louisiana environmental law that have an adverse impact on the State's water, land and air. In addition to Mr. Nolan, Ava Coleman (Phillips 66) spoke of her efforts to start a YP group with the SWLA Chapter. Leslie Ray (Westlake Chemical) spoke of the upcoming Texas/Louisiana Environmental, Health and Safety Seminar to be held in Galveston in June.

The Chapter also hosted two venues for the viewing of A&WMA webinars ("Introduction to Stack Testing 101" and "No NOx is Good NOx"), both of which were well attended by our local membership.

Finally, the Chapter sponsored the Louisiana Region V Science Fair held February 14 at McNeese State University. Several Chapter members also participated as judges in the competition.

For more information on upcoming events hosted by the Southwest Louisiana Chapter, please contact programming co-chairs, Mike Dever (mikedever@providenceeng.com) or Morgan Verrette (mverret@citgo.com).

Mike Dever

SW Chapter Programming Co-Chair

January and March Dinner Meetings

The January Dinner Meeting was held on January 16th at Messina's in Kenner. The meeting was hosted by the LA Section of A&WMA and the New Orleans Local Section of AIChE. Eric Smith, Associate Director of the Tulane Energy Institute spoke on the favorable economic impacts of energy and petrochemical industries on Louisiana's economy, both positive and negative.

The March Dinner Meeting was held on March 20th at Mike Anderson's in Gonzales. Senator Mike Walsworth, Chairman of the Louisiana State Senate Environmental Quality Committee gave an update on topics to be discussed during the current legislative session.

Both meetings were very well attended and enjoyed by all! The next meeting will be held on May 15th at Middendorf's. Looking forward to seeing you there!



Above: Members at the January Dinner Meeting.



Above: YPs Paul Algu and Brittany Dupre at the January Dinner Meeting.



Above: Eric Smith, Associate Director of the Tulane Energy Institute at the January Dinner Meeting.

Preliminary Program for ACE

The Annual Conference and Exhibition (ACE) will be hosted on June 24th thru June 27th in Long Beach, CA. Visit the conference website to view the preliminary program!

[Click Here!](#)

New Orleans Hosts First YP Event!

We had a great turnout on Tuesday, October 8th, for our first New Orleans YP event! There was a lot of interest in the speaker, George Flowers, Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences from Tulane University. He spoke on a controversial topic that sparked conversation and dialogue among attendees: “Extreme Climate Change, The Deep Time Record and Global Warming Today”. He later mentioned that he enjoyed having conversation with such a talented and bright group of people.



The event was hosted at the New Orleans Yacht Club and was attended by 23 A&WMA members, as well as a few non-members and new faces. The group really enjoyed having a New Orleans meeting, and plans to continue the tradition. We’ve had interest from several individuals in helping us to host our next event, and the NOLA chapter is always looking for new speaker or venue ideas. Stay tuned for our next event in the Spring!

Contact Jennifer Del Rossi or Jessica Quinn if you have questions or ideas for future New Orleans YP events: Jennifer.DelRossi@erm.com or Jessica.Quinn@erm.com

Jennifer Del Rossi

New Orleans YP

YPs Host “Surviving Title V Event”

The Louisiana Section YPs hosted an event titled “Surviving Title V” at DeAngelo’s in Baton Rouge. The presentation was given by Lance Green of PPM. YPs were presented with an overview of the Title V permitting process, along with reviewing the limitations, forms and common regulations of Title V permits. The presentation was very informative and enjoyed by all! The event was also a great networking opportunity for all who attended. Stay tuned for upcoming YP events!



Right: Lance Green presenting to LA YPs.

Share your ideas with us!

Would you like to submit an article to the Monitor?
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Contact [Mary Claire Lambert](mailto:MaryClaire.Lambert@la-awma.org)

Joseph Didier Martinez Environmental Achievement Award

The Louisiana Section of the Air and Waste Management Association is pleased to announce that applications for the 2014 Joseph Didier Martinez Environmental Achievement Award are now being accepted. This award recognizes outstanding achievement by a company or individual in the fields of air pollution control, waste management, remediation, waste water treatment, or pollutant monitoring. Environmental technical achievements worthy of consideration include, but are not limited to: new technologies, production process changes that minimize pollutant emissions or waste, specific processes that minimize, treat or more effectively control pollutants, and improved management practices that reduce environmental impacts (such as sophisticated models).

A finalist will be chosen for each of the four categories: industry, municipalities/parishes, universities/colleges, and small businesses (less than \$21 million in annual revenues). The four finalists will be recognized at the dinner meeting in September, in the Section's newsletter and in local news media. The award winner will be selected from these finalists and announced at the fall conference in October. The award winner will be the Louisiana Section's nominee for the J. Deane Sensenbaugh Environmental Technology Award presented by the international Air and Waste Management Association.

This prestigious environmental award is named in memory of Joseph Didier Martinez (1915-1998), creator of the Institute of Environmental Studies at Louisiana State University in 1968. He developed the initial undergraduate and graduate environmental studies programs at LSU and conducted significant environmental research. Many environmental professionals in Louisiana were either students of Dr. Martinez or graduated from the programs he created.

The deadline for submission of the award application is July 15, 2014. Please email questions and submittal packages to Michael.Waguespack@wsnelson.com or JHRoussel@dow.com. Submittals should not exceed ten pages (including text, figures, calculations, photographs, etc.). Please include contact information in the email only. No reference to the company or person nominated is allowed on any of the project description materials.

In 2001 the Louisiana Section of the Air & Waste Management Association established an annual award to recognize outstanding achievement in the fields of air pollution control or waste management.

Past Award Recipients

2012 - Valero St. Charles Refinery "Catalytic Cracker Conversion"

2011 - ENVIRON International Corporation "VOC BioTreat Process"

2010 - Monsanto Company "Reducing Monsanto's Carbon Footprint through Hydrogen Recovery"

2009 - Monsanto Company "Catalyst Use Reduction Project"

2008 - PPG Industries, Inc. "Membrane Cell Unit Project"

2007 - Cytec Industries, Inc. "Burn Landfill Gas in Process Air Preheater"

2006 - East Baton Rouge City-Parish DPW Environmental Division "Hurricane Woody Debris Converted Into Boiler Fuel."

Michael Waguespack

Awards Co-Chair

The Air & Waste Management Association's (A&WMA) Annual Conference & Exhibition returns once again to sunny Southern California, this time to the vibrant and digitally connected City of Long Beach. Long Beach is home to one of the world's busiest seaports and is a center for transportation, industry, and progress. This, along with Long Beach's convenient travel options, attractive climate, and endless entertainment, is sure to guarantee a spectacular conference experience for all!

Long Beach has a notable history and is presently a thriving port city. It was an oil boom town in the 1920s, it has been a leader in aircraft manufacturing, and today is home to Grand Prix street racing and managed health care innovators. The Port of Long Beach is the second busiest port in the United States; nearly 20 percent of all containers moving through U.S. ports pass through Long Beach. Taking this into account, this year's conference theme is *Navigating Environmental Crossroads*. This theme was selected to reflect both the nexus of responsible environmental stewardship amid a growing economic future and Long Beach's seaside location. The technical program will bring views and information on air and waste topics of essential interest to a wide spectrum of professionals from industry, regulators, consultants and public interest groups. This year's Mini-Symposium on Impacts of Transportation Hubs and Ports focuses on a single four-day track on the associated issues. The 44th Annual Critical Review on carbonaceous PM2.5 emissions and health effects promises to bring new insights into one of this region's greatest environmental challenges.

Plus - Long Beach offers attractions for all ages including: the regal Queen Mary, the spectacular Aquarium of the Pacific, stirring Broadway shows, live music venues, and hundreds of exclusive dining destinations - all centrally located. Long Beach is a brief, pleasant cruise away from Catalina Island and a short distance from Disneyland, Universal Studios Hollywood and everything southern California has to offer.

Your Local Host Committee and A&WMA's West Coast Section are extremely pleased to host this year's conference in Long Beach. We have planned a full schedule of technical presentations, professional development courses, great panel discussions, and fun activities. We look forward to seeing you!

Glenn C. England, General Conference Chair
Mohan Balagopalan, General Conference Vice-Chair

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Check Out the YP Website!

The **A&WMA Young Professional Website** features key information relevant to Young Professionals including a blog, event announcements, links to tools for YPs (the toolkit, YPAC newsletters), information about A&WMA and the Young Professionals Advisory Council (YPAC). <http://yp.awma.org/>



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- Access to cutting –edge professional, scientific and technological resources.
- Opportunities for professional training and development.
- Full online access to both The Journal of the Air & Waste Management Association and EM, A&WMA's monthly magazine for environmental managers.
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- Access to local Section and Chapter events.

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Important Dates

May 15, 2014	LA Section May Dinner Meeting (Middendorf's)
June 24-27, 2014	ACE (Long Beach, CA)
October 28-29, 2014	LA Section Annual Conference (Baton Rouge, LA)



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