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Louisiana Section

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## Message from the Chair

I am very fortunate to serve as Chair of the Louisiana Section of the A&WMA and have the opportunity to work with so many dedicated members. Due to the commitment of numerous individuals over the past two years, the Louisiana Section is in excellent position to provide technical and financial support to environmental education and community activities.

The additional funds that allow the Louisiana Section to strengthen and expand our support to these environmental activities were a result of the success of the 2006 Annual Conference and Exhibition (ACE) held in New Orleans. I would like to give a Special Thanks to our New Orleans area members who were key to the success of the

2006 ACE although many of them were displaced from their homes and offices.

Our first environmental education/community endeavor this year has been to sponsor the Louisiana Envirothon, which is being held at ULL on May 5<sup>th</sup>. The Louisiana Envirothon is a multidisciplinary and environmental problem-solving competition for students from grades 6-12 in which winning teams can compete for scholarships. The Louisiana Section will also support the Baton Rouge Earth Day celebration to be held on April 22, 2007. This Earth Day Celebration is free to the public and will have hundreds of educational exhibits.

Another bright note is the

revitalization of the Southwest Chapter of the Louisiana Section under the leadership of Don Johnson as Chair. The first meeting of the year was strongly attended, showing a definite interest in maintaining and growing this Chapter. We

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**Cindy Thompson**  
Louisiana Section Chair

## International Elections

A&WMA's international elections are underway. In late March, you should receive a letter from the Association announcing the election and providing you with a web-link to the election site where you can view information on the candidates and cast your vote. The election site will be open until Thursday, May 17, 2007; however, the Louisiana Section urges

you to cast your vote as early as possible, if you have not done so already. Historically, about 18% of the membership votes in the international elections. Let's try to get as close as possible to 100% participation in the Louisiana Section.

The candidates for President-Elect and three Board of Director positions are:

### President-Elect

Bill Palermo  
RTP Environmental Associates, Inc.  
Louisiana Section

Richard Sprott  
Utah Division of Air Quality  
Rocky Mountain States Section,  
Great Basin Chapter

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## Message from the Chair

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look forward to sharing ideas and resources to strengthen our support of the A&WMA membership

throughout Louisiana.

In closing, I would like to recognize Bliss Higgins who, as Chair during 2005-2006, led the Louisiana Section to achieve so many

of our goals. The membership has remained strong and we have many new faces that have stepped up to help us accomplish our mission to assist in the professional development and critical

environmental decision-making of our members to benefit society.

**Cindy Thompson**  
Section Chair

## March Dinner Meeting

The March dinner meeting was held on Thursday, March 15, 2007 at Captain Anderson's Restaurant in the Gonzales Holiday Inn. The meeting began with a social hour, and dinner was

served at 6:30 pm.

Ms. Jennifer Mouton of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality was the featured speaker for this meeting. Ms. Mouton spoke about upcoming

changes to the emissions inventory and TEDI reporting programs. She emphasized the need for facility and consultant staff to attend one of the April training sessions. These sessions will

assist individuals in the use of the new ERIC system for submitting 2006 emissions reports. There were over 60 attendees present for this meeting.

## Important Dates

- March 31, 2007 - Emissions Inventory Facility Totals and Certification Statements Due
- April 2, 2007 - Emissions Inventory Training - Baton Rouge—DEQ Conf Center
- April 11, 2007 - Emissions Inventory Training - Lake Charles—McNeese
- April 16, 2007 - Emissions Inventory Training - Alexandria Holiday Inn Conf Center
- April 23, 2007 - Emissions Inventory Training - Baton Rouge—DEQ Conf Center
- May 17, 2007 - LA Section Dinner Meeting—Location TBD
- July 1, 2007 - Emissions Inventory point level data, updated totals and Certification Statements due in ERIC—DEQ's Emissions Reporting & Inventory Center



## International Elections

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### Board of Directors

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### Other –

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Northern Ohio Chapter

**Again, lets try to get our  
Louisiana Section partici-**

**pation in the international  
elections up to the 100%  
mark!**

**Don't forget to VOTE!!**



**Michael Vince**  
Vice-Chair



## Welcome to our newest members

Bobby Arnold	Dow Chemical Company	Anthony Jones	Shaw E & I
Jennifer Arnold	Valero St. Charles Refinery	Robbie LaBorde	Cleco Corporation
Valerie Barth	Trinity Consultants	Kyle Lawrence	Shaw E & I
Linda Bartlett	Motiva	Tyler McCloud	House of Representatives
Jeffrey Bergeron	Shaw E & I	Eric McKee	Shell Chemical
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Calvin Greene	CITGO Petroleum Corp.	Mistie Williams	CRA
Roger Hale	UOP, LLC	Nita Woods	PPM Consultants
Ragina Isham	Shell Chemical		

## LSU Student Chapter News

The LSU student chapter met on Monday, January 22nd to plan activities for the spring semester and welcome new members (20 students in the Applied Environmental Management class). Jennifer Albert spoke to the group about A&WMA activities, including some examples from when she was a student member at LSU, as well as upcoming events in the spring.

Benjamin Aucoin,

Chair, called for nominations for officers for 2007; elections will be held by email ballot.

The group assembled a resume booklet for distribution at the March dinner meeting. Students inter-

ested in part-time, summer, or full-time jobs were encouraged to submit resumes and to attend upcoming A&WMA meetings.

**Maud Walsh**  
Student Chapter Advisor

## Louisiana Section Sponsors

**Thanks** to our 2007 Section Sponsors to date:

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## Adopt-A-School Program

The primary purpose of the Louisiana Section Adopt-A-School program is to select an elementary school at which the Section will award a cash donation for use at the 5th or 6th grade level in the area of science education.

It is the Louisiana Section's desire that the funds be allocated to a specific project or purpose rather than simply becoming assimilated into the school's general fund.

In addition to the cash donation, the Louisiana Section also endeavors to assist the school in its program for the year by providing speakers and arranging other educational offerings throughout the year.

The winner of this year's

Adopt A School grant is Ms. Julie Crews of the Hayden R. Lawrence Middle School in Deville, Louisiana!

Here is an excerpt of the grant proposal submitted by Ms. Crews:

"Our community has experienced rapid growth over the past several years. While this growth has been beneficial to our community, it has created extraordinary demands on our school and on our budgets. Our school, however, is always looking for new and innovative instructional methods and funding sources to meet these demands in our growing community. The items I will purchase, if my proposal is granted, will enable our

students to build flower gardens made from composted materials created by the students to beautify the walking track that is being built through funds from another grant. Performance based assessments, developed by the teacher, will provide a more accurate demonstration of student

understanding rather than if they simply state fragments of knowledge."

*Photo below: Raquel Murphy (l) congratulates Ms. Julie Crews (r) and Hayden R. Lawrence Middle School for an excellent grant application!!*



## Southwest Chapter

Over the past 6 months, the leadership of the Southwest (SW) Chapter has been working very hard to address the needs of their membership.

Under the direction of Chapter Chair Don Johnson (PPG) and the other members of the leadership team, the Chapter has been reaching out to past and current members, as well as trying to recruit new members.

The Chapter held a lunch meeting in February at which DEQ Secretary Mike McDaniel was the guest speaker. Member

turnout at this meeting was very good.

Don Johnson attended the March meeting of the Board of Directors for the Louisiana Section. Don will also be attending the Leadership Training that is being held in April at the A&WMA headquarters in Pittsburgh.

One of the items discussed at the March board meeting involves strategy sessions between members of both the Section and the Chapter leadership. Don will be working with LA Section vice-chair Michael Vince. It is anticipated that

the first of these joint meetings will occur in late April 2007.

The SW Chapter will have a lunch meeting in May, although the date and location have not yet been determined.

The Chapter will, in conjunction with C-K web cast available to area professionals at no charge on April 26 at the PPG Visitors Center. Invitations should be going out soon.

The SW Chapter has a membership drive in progress. Any existing member that solicits a new member will be eligible for

a drawing for a restaurant gift certificate.

The Monitor is published bi-monthly as a service to members of the Louisiana Section of A&WMA in an effort to promote closer professional and personal relations among members of the Section.

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## Louisiana Envirothon 2007

The goal of environmental education is the development of knowledgeable, skilled and dedicated citizens who are willing to work toward achieving and maintaining a natural balance between quality of life and the quality of the environment. The Louisiana Envirothon works in partnership with resource management professionals and the general public to promote and strengthen the goal of environmental education.

The Louisiana Envirothon is a multidisciplinary, environmental problem-solving competition for students in grades 6 through 12. Teams of five young people from the same school or associated with an organized group (i.e. FFA, 4-H, home-school groups, BSA pack) train and compete in five natural resource areas: soils, aquatic resources, forestry, wildlife, and a current environmental issue. There is also an oral presentation component of the competition, in which teams present a solution to an environmental problem related to the current issue. Throughout the competition students learn hands-on and in a real-life context the com-

plexities of solving environmental problems while working as a team and having fun.

The Louisiana Envirothon will be held at the Model Sustainable Agriculture Center (MSAC) of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette on May 5, 2007. The MSAC is located at the Cade Farm facility on 1234 W. J. Bernard Road in St. Martinville, Louisiana.

The team of 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade students with the highest overall score will travel to the Canon Envirothon competition this summer to represent Louisiana. The Environmental Education Commission will pay the team's expenses to the Canon Envirothon Competition. Information on the Canon Envirothon Competition can be found at [www.envirothon.org](http://www.envirothon.org).

### Event Goals

- To promote a desire to learn more about the natural environment and equip students with the knowledge and skills needed to apply the basic principles and practices of resource management and ecology to complex environmental issues.

- To promote stewardship of natural resources and to encourage the development of the critical thinking, cooperative problem-solving, and decision-making skills required to achieve and maintain a natural balance between the quality of life and the quality of the environment.
- To provide students with experience in environmentally-oriented activities, enabling them to become environmentally-aware, action-oriented citizens.

resource specialists. For example, a forester may conduct the forestry station, and a soil scientist can be expected to coordinate the activities at the soils station. The 2007 Current Issue is Sustainable & Renewable Energy. Team members will be given a written test (which involves hands-on field activities) to complete. Each test is taken as a team with each team member participating in answering the questions.

The Louisiana Section is providing funding for shirts for the winning team! If you are interested in serving as a team mentor or in any other capacity, please contact Karen Fisher-Brasher at 225-219-3265.

For more information about the Envirothon, visit [www.deq.louisiana.gov/envirothon](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/envirothon) or send an email to [karen.fisher@la.gov](mailto:karen.fisher@la.gov).



Students, competing as team members, rotate through a series of stations managed by natural



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