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AIR & WASTE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION
 Louisiana Section

TURN UP THE HEAT FOR ACE 2009!

We would like to announce that four new Climate Policy Panels have been added to the A&WMA Annual Conference! These panels include:

- Federal Energy and Climate Policy
- International Energy and Climate Policy: Economic Issues
- Unintended Consequences of Regulating Green House Gases Under the Clean Air Act.
- Regulation of Green House Gas Emissions from Mobile Sources.

Please see the attachment for more information!

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Wow! We are already half way thru the month of May. As I started to write this message, I was sitting in my hotel room, looking out over the Mississippi River and the twinkling lights of downtown New Orleans. For the past 3 days, I had been participating in a meeting of state air directors from across the nation. On the day I started writing, I had given them a briefing on the status of air quality in Louisiana. I spent a considerable portion of my half hour presentation just working to give the audience an appreciation of the background of our air quality environmental programs. I think that most of the attendees actually learned something positive about our state – the media accounts of most everything associated

with Louisiana portrays us in a negative light. I think that most of the folks there left with a better appreciation for just how much emphasis we place on achieving and maintaining air quality in Louisiana.

When I picked this up again to get it finished (fearing an intimidating call from Jason Midgett), I am again in a hotel room...this time in Shreveport. Since last week, I have also traveled to Cut Off, down in Lafourche Parish to give a presentation to the Chamber of Commerce. Staff from our Air Quality Assessment program at DEQ have been working very diligently over the past 10 months to educate and inform local government and civic groups about ozone and all of the issues surrounding poten-



Michael Vince

tial nonattainment designations based on the 2008 standard change. I will be talking with City of Shreveport officials on these same matters tomorrow.

Speaking of education, I am very excited by the activities of the LSU Student Chapter. As part of our mission to educate, your Board of Directors dedicated funds in this year's budget to sponsor a

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LEADERSHIP TRAINING ACADEMY

A nonprofit, nonpartisan professional organization A&WMA has provided a service to environmental professionals for over 100 years. Membership of more than 8000 environmental professionals in 65 countries, A&WMA is working to become the premier international environmental organiza-

tion by promoting global environmental responsibility and enhancing the environmental knowledge and quality of information on which environmental decisions are based. The success of such an organization comes as no accident.

Holding a strong commitment to its members and

the future of the organization as a whole, the organization plans for continued success. With 32 Sections and 100 Chapters worldwide, the leaders of each Section and Chapter play a vital role in the growth of the organization. Investing in

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WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Linda Bartlett, Motiva Enterprises	Ivory Iheanacho, LSU	Benjamin Smith, Deltech Corporation
Mark Berard, The Dow Chemical Company	Anita Junker, Alon USA - Krotz Springs Refining	William Snyder
Charles Brumfield, The Shaw Group	Tim Kane	Amanda Tucker, The Shaw Group
Sibyl Cannon, Bradken - Amite	Amy Kurtz, ENVIRON International Corporation	Gerald Vetter, Waldemar S. Nelson & Company, Inc.
James Carver, Oats & Hudson Louisiana	Robbie Laborde, Cleco	Michael Waguespack, Middleberg Riddle & Gianna
Nathan Champagne, City of New Orleans	Mary Claire Lambert, LSU	Brooke Wells, Ultra Consulting
Luther Chavers, Bradken - Amite	Chris Meyers, Trinity Consultants	Shane Wells, Weyerhaeuser
Elizabeth Darce, CF Industries, Inc.	Lori Pittman, CH2M Hill	Gary Whitaker
Gordon Denker, Sage Environmental Consulting	Kevin Poche, Shell Chemical	John White, Audubon Sugar Institute
Karl Duckworth, URS Corporation	Jessica Robinson, Sapa Extrusions, LLC	Brad Wilkins, Mead Westvaco
Jennifer Garofalo, Valero St. Charles Refinery	Scott Rodrigue, CF Industries, Inc.	Aaron Wimberly, Crosstex

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team for the Enviro Challenge International at the 2009 Annual Conference and Exhibition in Detroit. We have a team of three young men who are developing their project and preparing to rep-

resent the Louisiana Section in the competition!

There were a number of conflicts with regard to the date for our May lunch meeting. The meeting will be held on Tuesday May 19th at Boudreaux's in Baton Rouge. Mr. Michael Dupree with the

Louisiana Ethics Administration Program will speak about executive branch lobbying. At this meeting, we will also recognize our scholarship recipients, so I hope to see you there!

Congratulations to our Monitor Editor, Jason

Midgett, who will be getting married this weekend and to Jennifer Albert one of our Young Professional Chairs who will be getting married in June!

Editors Note: Thank you!

Michael Vince

LSU STUDENT CHAPTER- STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

This edition of the Monitor would like to Spotlight and Congratulate Derek Rusin of the LSU Student Chapter for his service to the LSU Chapter! Derek will be graduating in May.

The following was submitted by Derek:

I started my college career at LSU two years ago after nearly eight years in the U.S. Army. I will graduate this May with a B.S. in Environmental Management Systems with a focus on policy analysis. I have been a member of the Air and Waste Management Association for

a little over a year. Shortly after becoming a member, I ran for and won the chair position for the LSU section. As chair, with the help of the officers of our partner club, the Environmental Society, I have significantly increased the LSU Section's attendance and participation during meetings, at which speakers discuss environmental issues, upcoming A&WMA events, or career choices for environmental majors. I started a mentoring program that allows freshman and sophomores the opportunity to receive advice from juniors

and seniors about classes that are beneficial to their degree path and how LSU scheduling works. More recently the LSU section has discussed extending this mentoring program to the Louisiana Section's Young Professionals so that juniors and seniors can receive advice as they search for jobs. During my year as chair I have worked with the Louisiana Section Chair in encouraging student participation in Louisiana Section events. Currently there is a new LSU Section Chair that I am assisting transition into the

position. During this transition the new Chair, Paul Algu, and I have put together a team that will work on the Environmental Challenge for the Detroit Conference this summer. After graduating this May I plan to continue to be an active member in the A&WMA and to continue to assist the student chapter with whatever they may need.

Derek Rusin
Past Chair of LSU Chapter

Thank you for all of your hard work in helping with the success of the student chapter!

LEADERSHIP TRAINING ACADEMY CONTINUED...

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the future of the organization volunteer leaders are invited to Annual Leadership Training Academy. The last weekend of April, 35 volunteer leaders gathered for Leadership Training Academy in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. A full 3 day schedule included a visit to A&WMA Headquarters, and covered the key roles of A&WMA volunteers. While some of the weekend focused on the specifics of Section and Chapter Board Member Positions, the organization covered several topics beneficial to all members of A&WMA.

Highlights of the A&WMA Leadership Training Academy:

Change is good so let it happen; Change will happen, it is inevitable so be excited not anxious. The best leaders will mentor their successors to replace them. Good succession planning will ensure the long-term viability of the A&WMA.

The Essentials of Great Meetings:

- Determine the components for the meeting in advance, not on the spot
- Provide advance reading prior to the meeting, at least a week to ten days ahead of time
- To increase attendee involvement and boost participation, the Chair should open the meeting warmly, thank people for their time, and recap the purpose
- Use the efficiency-enhancing Consent Agenda
- Ensure adequate discussion of agenda items needing adequate discussion
- Promote clear communication
- Listen to what is truly being said, or not being said
- Seek consensus, not a unanimous decision
- Let "Robert" rule were necessary
- Watch for visual and verbal cues
- Keep minutes
- Understand the concept of time
- Meeting wrap-up
- Evaluate the meeting
- Be tenacious in your follow-up
- Leading "volunteers" is difficult because they have less incentive to stay.

Five Principles of USMC Leadership (as applied to all

Leadership)

- Know what you are talking about and how it fits into the bigger picture
- A not bad decision now is better than a great decision later
- Lead by Example
- Know your team and lookout for their welfare
- Train as a team

With a full weekend and great opportunities to exchange ideas and hear the activities other Sections and Chapters have planned, the weekend was rewarding for those that attended and for the Sections and Chapters that they serve. The LA Section is fortunate to have a group of active volunteer leaders that are dedicated to the mission of the organization as a whole; making it a very successful Section. In planning for the future, the LA Section had 2 attendees, Jennifer Albert and Kevin Calhoun.

Anyone wanting to become more involved or become a volunteer leader in the Section should get in touch with anyone on the Board. Volunteers have helped make this organization a standout in the arena of environmental organizations throughout the world. The volunteers of Sections and Chapters will take the A&WMA to the next level, as it strives to become the premier international environmental organization.

Jennifer Albert
Young Professionals Co-Chair



Above: Group picture of attendees.

LSU CHAPTER FORMS TEAM FOR COMPETITION

Members from the LSU Student Chapter will be attending the Annual Conference and Exhibition in Detroit this summer to participate in the Environmental Challenge International. The Environmental Challenge international (ECi) is a student team competition that asks students to prepare and present an optimal solution to a complex “true-to-life” environmental problem. The problem

will consider current environmental issues, be representative of the conference location, and will require multidisciplinary solution. The ECi seeks technical answers combined with appropriate regulatory approaches and resolutions of political and community issues. Additional considerations will be applied to the problem at the conference, requiring teams to network with attending profes-

sionals for guidance. The LSU team consists of Paul Algu, an environmental management sophomore; Austin Langley, an environmental management junior; and Gary Bernard, a civil engineering sophomore. They will be at the ACE conference in Detroit from June 16-19 representing LSU A&WMA. The problem this year for the Environmental Challenge focuses on waste management. If the

any members from the Louisiana Section are attending the conference, please don't hesitate to say hi. They will be wearing LSU polos.

Also, More than \$15,000 in prize money will be awarded to the winning teams! So remember to show your support for the Student Chapter, if you are present!

Paul Algu
LSU Student Chapter Chair

LSU CHAPTER ANNOUNCES NEW OFFICERS

The LSU Chapter would like to announce it's new officers! The new chair will be Paul Algu, Vice-chair will be Dustin Reid and Secretary/

Treasurer will be Austin Langley. Congratulations to these new officers!



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

A relaxing patio, food, drinks, perfect April weather, and a great YP topic and presenter, made the first YP event of 2009 a great success! In mid-April, 25 YPs enjoyed food and drinks at Capital City Grill's Patio while “the Queen of Networking”, Debbey Ryan owner of Prescriptive Marketing reviewed “How to Effectively Network”. Debbey's presentation included open discussion and questions from YPs. The afternoon provided a relaxed environment and great opportunities for networking within the YP Group.

For the past 2 years, the Annual Fall Conference has included a session devoted to YPs. The Section plans to continue with a YP Session again this year, and is already planning for the Annual Conference. If you have a topic that you would like to see included in the YP Session please let us know. We're looking forward to another great conference with valuable information for YPs, requested by YPs!

Any YP with an idea for future YP Events, please talk to a member of the Board, one of the YP Co-Chairs or start a discussion in the YP LinkedIn Group. As the A&WMA increases

Southwest Chapter Update

The Southwest Chapter hosted an event on April 28th with LDEQ Secretary, Dr. Hal Leggett as the main speaker. Secretary Leggett spoke on topics of interest in the Southwest region of the state.

Mike Dever



Above: View of presentation at YP Event.

its focus on YPs, the Section hopes to have one of the most active YP Groups in the Association.

A reminder to visit the Section's website for the new YP webpage and information on the Section's YP LinkedIn Group. Most YP Event announcements are posted to the LinkedIn Group prior to distribution to the Section.

Jennifer Albert
Young Professionals Co-Chair

LA SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR

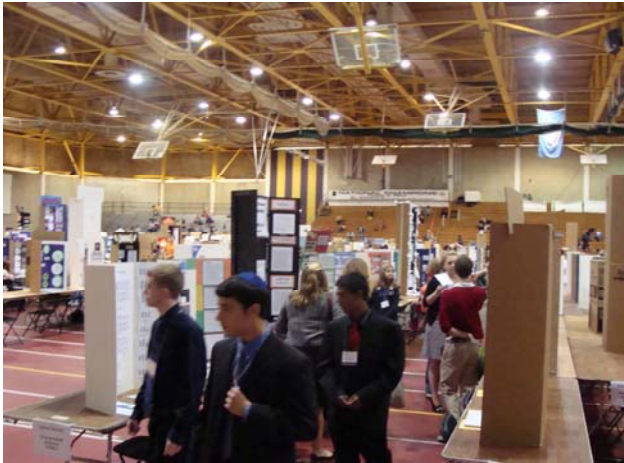
Once again A&WMA participated in the special awards for the LA State Science Fair. Out of approximately 25 environmental related projects, three winners were selected to receive awards. Our first place award of \$400 went to Ms.

Alaina Leggette of St. Joseph's Academy for her project titled "The effects of Hurricanes Lili, Katrina, and Gustav on the Salinity and Turbidity of Lake Pontchartrain". Second place and \$300 went to Mr. Joshua Tarr of Patrick Taylor Academy for

his project titled "What is the effect of CO₂ and water vapor on the internal temperature of plastics bottles?" Our final award, third place and \$200 went to Ms. Nicola Zanchi of Ben Franklin High School for her project titled "The most effective method for remov-

ing oil from Mississippi River water". All of the students did a fantastic job this year and we look forward to participating again next year.

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Above: View of the Competition.



Above: First Place winner Alaina Leggette of St. Joseph's Academy

MARCH DINNER MEETING

Vivian Aucoin, an environmental scientist with the Department of Environmental Quality, was the guest speaker at the March 19th dinner meeting. She presented information concerning the recommended designations of nonattainment for the 2008 Ozone NAAQS. She told attendees that the department had recommended eleven parishes as nonattainment. The parishes include

the Baton Rouge 5-parish area (which is comprised of Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Livingston and West Baton Rouge), Caddo, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lafourche, Pointe Coupee and St. John the Baptist. EPA will make final designation determinations by March 12, 2010.

Vivian presented information that showed members just how close to

attainment the nonattainment areas are using the DEQ calculations; she also reminded those areas that are in attainment just how close to nonattainment they are using the same calculations. Vivian encouraged area businesses and industries to make every effort to ensure that facilities were running as efficiently as possible and to curtail nonessential maintenance on Ozone



Alert Days.

A copy of the presentation is available on the AWMA website.

A&WMA SILENT AUCTION

Help the Air & Waste Management Association (A&WMA) support the next generation of environmental professionals by participating in our 2009 Online Silent Auction! Beginning on June 1, 2009 and ending during our 102nd Annual Conference & Exhibition on June 18, 2009, A&WMA will

be holding an Online Silent Auction that will benefit the Scholarship Endowment Trust Fund. This fund has awarded over \$380,000 to exceptional students since the program's inception in 1987. For 2009 we are hoping to raise at least \$20,000 to contribute to the Scholarship Fund and this means

that we need your help! A&WMA Section and Chapters are making donations including gift certificates, collectibles, art, weekend retreats, and books for you to bid on! So give a little and get a lot in return- 100% of the money goes to scholarships. Refer your friends and colleagues!



<https://www.cmarket.com/auction/AuctionHome.action?documentId=76418293>

ADOPT A SCHOOL FOLLOW UP

Through the Adopt-A-School Program, A&WMA members have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children of all education levels. Here are some pictures of how the Louisiana Section is making a difference in our area!

In the March 2009 issue of the *Monitor*, Educational Chair Kevin Calhoun presented Dr. Rhonda Perkins, principle of Riverside Academy, with a \$1,500 grant that was used to purchase two Elmo TT-025 visual presenters.

Dr. Perkins explained that Elmo visual presenters magnify objects and project them onto a screen. Projected objects may range in size from microscopic to a tree leaf. "These machines are ideal for use in science class and enable entire groups to view the enlarged image," she explained.

The Elmo visual presenter is pictured below and to the right. Congratulations again to Riverside Academy!



Pictures submitted by Doris B. Grego

Top Right: Teacher Kerri Roussel presents information to her class using Elmo.

Far Right: Elmo TT-025 Visual Presenter.

Right: Teacher Kerri Roussel utilizes Elmo during class.



CORPORATE SPONSOR PROGRAM RENEWAL TIME

Thanks to our 2008 Corporate Sponsors for their participation. The Corporate Sponsor Program funds the A&WMA Louisiana Section Scholarship and Adopt-A-School programs. For the 2008 year Adopt-A-School Award Program, the Louisi-

ana Section selected Children's Charter School, Baton Rouge and Riverside Academy, Reserve.

In addition to the Adopt-A-School awards, scholarships were awarded to four students chosen by the selection commit-

tee. These students are: Mallorie Albrecht of LSU, received the Gus Von Bodungen scholarship, \$3,000; Frederico Portillo of UNO, Cameron Faxon of LSU, and Jason Jordan of LSU were all recipients of \$2,000 scholarships.

For more information on the Corporate Sponsor Program, please contact Doug Melancon 985-536-5202 or at Doug-las.B.Melancon@dupontelastomers.com.

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Louisiana Membership Statistics as of March 2009

Louisiana Section: 290

Student Chapter: 28

Organizational Memberships: 5

Southwest Chapter: 30

REMEMBER TO VOTE!

It's time to vote for your 2010 Board of Directors and the new 2010 Sections & Chapters Council Vice Chair. [Cast your votes](#) to have a say in your leadership! Vice Chair voting closed May 15, but the Board of Directors election stays open until May 30, 2009.

All A&WMA members are eligible to vote. Members should have received their voter validation number in the mail. Have your number ready to cast your votes.

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Facilities Co-Chair— Carol Murphy	504-472-9993	Young Professionals Co-Chair— Jennifer Albert	225-292-9007
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IMPORTANT DATES

The Joint Conference: International Thermal Treatment Technologies & Hazardous Waste Combustors (Cincinnati, Ohio)	May 18-21
LA Section's May Lunch Meeting (Boudreaux's in Baton Rouge)	May 19
Latest Developments in the Identification and Management of Indoor Air Quality Issues (Montreal, QC Canada)	May 20-22
Household Hazardous Materials Collection Day (Memorial Stadium, Baton Rouge)	May 23
Memorial Day	May 25
A&WMA National Conference, Detroit, MI (Register for ACE)	June 16-19
Independence Day	July 4
GENAQ-100E: Environmental Practices Review Specialty Course: Air Quality (E-course: online)	July 5-Aug 1
Air-311E: NOx Control for Industrial and Utility Applications (E-course:online)	July 5-Aug 1
Gen-100E: Environmental Practices Review (E-course: online)	July 5-Aug 1
Meeting: Solid Waste Operator testing and Board of Certification Meeting (Paragon Casino & Resort, Marksville, LA)	July 27
Louisiana Solid Waste Association (LWSA) Operator Training Workshop (Paragon Casino & Resort, Marksville, LA)	July 27
LA Section of A&WMA Fall Conference 2009	October 27-28

Descriptions for events can be found on the [AWMA website](#) or the [Louisiana DEQ website](#).

HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The importance of recycling is becoming a greater need everyday. The staff of the Monitor would like to inform you of special recycling opportunities for you and your family. Many items can be recycled, but often, the means to do so are difficult and time consuming. We are in the process of compiling a list of sites where difficult items are being collected for your convenience. Here are a few options:

- **Compact Fluorescent Bulbs** are being collected at all Home Depot locations. To take advantage of the free recycling program, customers should place their unbroken or expired CFLs in a plastic bag and deposit them in the bright orange recycling container at any Home Depot location. See <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=wc931Cb1abQ%3d&tabid=2923>
- **Household Hazardous Materials** will be collected May 23, 2009 at Memorial Stadium in Baton Rouge. See <http://www.brgov.com/recycle/householdhazardous.htm> for more information!
- **Earth911**- use this site to search for locations accepting specific items. <http://earth911.com/>



A&WMA Fun Fact!

Did you know that...

A&WMA outreaches to more than 9000 environmental professionals in 65 countries!



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CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The staff at the Monitor wants **YOUR** opinion! If you have any ideas for contributions or new articles, please let us know! We gladly accept and welcome every submission with open arms.

Please let us know if you would like regular updates on certain topics or events in the area.

Send questions, comments or ideas to Jason Midgett at jason.midgett@alonusa.com