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As usual, the Louisiana Section has a lot of good things going on. For our May 18th Dinner Meeting, we will be returning to Alligator Bayou to celebrate spring in the swamps. At the meeting we will be presenting our annual scholarship awards - so come out, have a good time, and give these young scholars a hand.

And of course, the 99th Annual Conference and Exhibition, to be held in New Orleans, is just around the corner - June 20th through 23rd. Thanks to the efforts of our Local Host Committee and the enthusiastic support of environmental professionals around the country, the New Orleans conference is shaping up to be one of the best on record - not one you want to miss. I'd love to see a strong representation there from our Louisiana Section to show our colleagues a good time. The advance rate registration deadline is Monday, May 15, so be sure to get your registration in if you haven't already.

2006 ACE SPONSORSHIPS

The Sponsorship Committee of the Local Host Team for the upcoming A&WMA 99th Annual Conference and Exhibition have been very busy!

They have been successful in obtaining sponsors for many of the conference activities, but are still seeking sponsors for a number of activities including:

Since the Conference is one of the first to visit New Orleans since Katrina, your attendance will also contribute to the renewal and rebuilding efforts of the city.

Speaking of the ACE, this year's conference will again include the Silent Auction to benefit the Association's Scholarship Endowment Trust Fund, which has made 83 awards for over \$304,250 since its inception in 1987. You can help our future scientists and leaders forward their career and better our world by making a donation to the Silent Auction this year! Not only is this a charitable donation, which may be eligible for a tax deduction, your company will also have an excellent marketing opportunity to reach thousands of visitors in the New Orleans area. If you are interested in making a donation, please contact Celine Rihn at 412-232-3444 x3104 or by e-mail at crihn@awma.org by May 31, 2006.

Finally, please take a few minutes to fill out and return the Membership Needs Survey included with this mailing if you haven't already done so. Remember, your feedback is very important to us in improving recurring activities, selecting new activities, and keeping the Section strong. Your input this spring will help us accomplish some worthwhile planning this summer.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the May Dinner Meeting.



Bliss M. Higgins
Louisiana Section Chair

student programs, outreach activities, technical tours and individual technical sessions.

In addition, there are also opportunities available to provide sponsorship of the Scholarship Fund golf tournament.

If your company is interested in being a sponsor, please con-

tact Michael Waguespack at 504-207-7340 or email at:

mwaguespack@midrid.com



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ITEMS STILL NEEDED FOR SILENT AUCTION

It is still not too late to make a contribution to the future while mingling with colleagues at the Grand Reception at this year's 99th Annual Conference & Exhibition to be held in New Orleans. You can help support burgeoning environmental leaders and scientists by either *donating or bidding* on an item to be included in the Silent Auction.

The Auction is held on the opening night of the Confer-

ence. All proceeds directly benefit the A&WMA Scholarship Endowment Trust Fund.

If you are interested in donating an item to be included in the Silent Auction this



year, please contact Celine Rihn (A&WMA Education Council) at phone: 412-232-444, EXT 3104, or e-mail Celine at: crihn@AWMA.org. You can also contact LA Section Member Kelly Young at 225-408-2696 or via email at: kyoung@environcorp.com.

Suggested donations include gift certificates, art, frequent flyer miles, theater tickets, tours, collectibles, sports tickets, local entertainment memorabilia and passes and

anything that truly reflects the culture of Louisiana!



MAY AND JULY DINNER MEETINGS



The May dinner meeting will be held on May 18, 2006 at Alligator Bayou in Baton Rouge. The meeting will begin with a social hour from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. A dinner of boiled crawfish will be served at 6:30pm. At this meeting, the recipients of the Section Scholarships will be recognized.

Questions about the May Dinner Meeting or the menu? Contact Katie Ricks by email at rickskr@airproducts.com,

by phone at (504)390-0227 or you can fax her your registration form to (610) 706-5824.

The location of the July 20, 2006 dinner meeting is tentatively set for Café' Des Amis in Breaux Bridge. Please stay tuned for more information about this location. Ms. Amy L. DuVall with the American Chemistry Council is the featured speaker. Ms. Duvall will speak on the American

Chemistry Council's (ACC) Responsible Care® Program and provide us with updates to the program including an update on the environmental, health, safety & security performance metrics of their members and partners.

See Page 7 for a copy of the May Dinner Meeting Registration Form.



July Dinner Meeting Proposed
NEW Location in Breaux Bridge!!

May Dinner Meeting Registration

\$35 for Member/
Corporate sponsor

\$40 for Non-member

\$15 for DEQ/
Student

\$45 At the door

LSU STUDENT CHAPTER NEWS

The Louisiana State University student chapter is proud to announce its new officer selection:

Mr. Michael Oubre – Chair

Mr. Robert Steffes – Co-Chair

Mr. Paul Guillory – Treasurer

The A&WMA Louisiana Section would like to recognize these students for their efforts in assisting with the continued development of our LSU student chapter!

And, just a reminder that all Louisiana Section members are invited to attend any

meeting of the LSU Student Chapter. If you are interested in participating in any of the Student Chapter activities, please contact: Michael Oubre at: moubre1@lsu.edu.

Michael Oubre
Chair- LSU Student Chapter

LOUISIANA SECTION - AIR & WASTE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

The Louisiana Section is honored to recognize Mr. Fred Dowling, President of Emission Testing Services (ETS), as a **40-year** member of the Air & Waste Management Association. Fred joined the Association February 1, 1966 and has earned Honorary Member status. Fred was also instrumental in the for-

mation of the Louisiana Section and served as one of the founding Chairs. He has volunteered his time and talent in numerous ways throughout the organization and continues to be an active member of the Association today. Fred and his wife, Betty, are both involved in local host and social programs develop-

ment for the upcoming annual conference and exhibition to be held in New Orleans. The Louisiana Section expresses its sincere appreciation to Fred for his passion and devotion to A&WMA, and all that he has done as a "seasoned" veteran of the organization.



2006 ACE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Air & Waste Management Association International conference will be held this June 20-23 in our lovely city of New Orleans. As such, we are charged with soliciting monitors and volunteers to serve as oversight to the many technical program sessions we have scheduled. Those who sign up to monitor these sessions are required to serve as monitors for 1/2 day, then are able to remain at the conference for the duration of the day at no charge. Those who elect to monitor sessions for a full

day will also receive another full day's entry to the conference at no charge. Student volunteers will earn a full student registration by serving as a volunteer for just two full days!! We feel that there



is a tremendous benefit to be gained for all who volunteer for this duty, as it is a great way to learn about new and emerging topics as well as network with other environmental professionals at no cost. Those interested can contact Raquel Murphy (rmurphy@us-risk.com) or Karen Fisher-Brasher (karen.fisher@la.gov) for more information or directly sign up to monitor at the AWMA website: <http://www.awma.org/ACE2006/monitor.htm>

2006 Annual Conference and Exhibition

Local Host Committee Meeting Dates:

- May 17, 2006—Liskow and Lewis
- June 16, 2006—Hilton or Convention Center
- June 19, 2006—"2006 Meets 2007" - Hilton or Convention Center
- June 20-23, 2006—99th Annual Conference and Exhibition—Morial Convention Center

LOUISIANA SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR

The Louisiana Science and Engineering Fair provides a unique educational opportunity for public and non-public school students in grades 6 through 12. Through development and presentation of science and engineering projects, students enhance their ability to:

- Make observations;
- Ask questions regarding scientific phenomena;
- Formulate ideas regarding the solution to a problem; and
- Effectively present their works to society.

Most educators agree that this type of activity provides the ultimate learning experience.

Each year, the Louisiana Section of the Air and Waste Management Association participates in judging the Louisiana Science and Engineering Fair, placing particular emphasis on environmental projects submitted by students in grades 9 through 12.

Winners receive an award plaque and a cash stipend in honor of their hard earned efforts. We are proud to announce the winners of this year's awards:

First Place:

"*The Canal That Could*", presented by Mr. Steve Morgan, Jr. from the H.L. Bourgeois High School in Terrebonne Parish.

Second Place:

"*Determination of the Capability to Use *Pontederia Cordata* To Monitor Trace Metal and Hydrocarbon Pollutants in Louisiana Wetlands To Aid in the Reduction of Coastal Erosion*", presented by Miss Elizabeth Lopez from East Jefferson High School in Jefferson Parish.

Third Place:

"*Tertiary Wetland Treatment*", presented by Mr. Benjamin Hartman from Baton Rouge Magnet High School in East Baton Rouge Parish.

Fourth Place:

"*Invisible Arboreal Anchoring System*", presented by Miss Sarah Farmer from Catholic High School in New Iberia Parish.

Congratulations to all our winners and THANKS to our judges: Raquel Murphy, Beth Hughes, George Holder and Tracy Fazio.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our newest members:

Sarah Acosta	Student
LaShunda Anderson	Student
Benjamin Aucoin	Student
Jeffery Bacon	Student
Lacey Blalock	Libbey Glass
Beau Braswell	Student
Marcus Colligan	Student
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SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Each year, the Louisiana Section of the Air and Waste Management Association is pleased to offer its Scholarship Award Program at the collegiate level, promoting air and waste management practices by encouraging academic excellence in these areas.

Letters requesting applicants for the scholarship award were sent to universities in the geographical region

of the section, and applications for the scholarship award program have been received. A BIG THANKS goes out to our scholarship judges Raquel Murphy and Beth Hughes!

We are proud to inform the members that the winners will be announced at the next dinner meeting, scheduled for Thursday, May 18th. Please join us in congratulating the scholarship winners!!!

ADOPT-A-SCHOOL



Pictured at left is Education Committee Co-Chair Raquel Murphy (L) presenting the 2006 Adopt-a-School award check to Mrs. Brenda Marinello of St. Catherine of Siena school. While the official announcement of the award was made at the January Dinner Meeting, the actual presentation of the check occurred in the laboratory at the school.

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2006 ANNUAL EXHIBITION AND CONFERENCE

After many months of hard work by the Association and our Local Host Committee, the Air & Waste Management Association's 99th Annual Conference and Exhibition (ACE) is literally around the corner. The conference will be held at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, beginning on June 20 and running until June 23. As an attendee of the conference, you stand to reap the benefits of all of their effort. If you have not registered for the conference yet, now is definitely the time to do so. Although the advance registration deadline date, which offers a discounted registration rate is May 15, 2006, to encourage attendance, the Association is extending the deadline for the discounted registration (for both the member and non-member rates) as a special offer to Sections and Chapters. To take advantage of this special offer, simply visit the conference registration page at www.awma.org/ACE2006 before May 31 and enter the invitation code SPCMCA.

I hope that each of you who reads this article will spread the news about this year's exciting program, and encourage your colleagues to join us in New Orleans. The Technical Program has always been the backbone of the Air & Waste Management Association's Annual Conference and Exhibition, and this year's conference is shaping up to be one of the best. Andy Lavin, our Vice-Chair for the Technical Program, Delbert Eatough, Chair, and the entire A&WMA Technical Council have really outdone themselves this year in put-

ting together a program that will appeal to every environmental professional. With a diverse range of more than 150 technical sessions, the conference provides all of us with remarkable opportunities to gain valuable information that applies to our work on a daily basis. Here are just a few highlights:

- *Waste Management Responses to Hurricane Katrina* - To aid in the response to future natural disasters, a special session will be devoted to the unique waste management issues associated with the hurricane, including analysis, transportation, disposal, and cleanup.

- *Symposium on Particulate Air Pollution and Health* - In anticipation of the release of new U.S. Environmental Protection Agency particulate matter (PM) air standards in September 2006, this session will review PM measurement, chemical characterization, source apportionment, health effects, environmental management, and control strategies.

- *The 2006 Critical Review* - Part of the Symposium on PM and Health, the Critical Review will focus on the substantial research since 1997 that has enhanced our understanding of the effects of PM on human health. The Critical Review will be presented by C. Arden Pope III, Ph.D., Brigham Young University; and Douglas W. Dockery, Sc.D., Harvard University.

- *NSR Reform Update: Implementation and Litigation* - Bill Wehrum, Assistant Administrator for U.S. EPA's

Office of Air & Radiation, and other industry experts discuss recent developments and the future of New Source Review (NSR) reform efforts.

- *Keynote Program* - John Hofmeister, President of Shell Oil Company, will address Shell's pursuit of energy diversification, including the combination of energy sources that will be the most economical and environmentally benign.

Student Program - Plan to spend some time with our new and upcoming leaders: our student members. An excellent student program is always an important element of the conference. To date, 36 abstracts for the student paper/poster session have been received. We are still in need of about 10 judges for this event, so if you are interested in serving as a judge, please contact Cindy Thompson or Karen Brignac.

In addition to the conference program, attending the accompanying exhibition can help you maintain a competitive edge by introducing you to the latest environmental products and services. Hundreds of companies in the fields of air and waste management will be on hand, so it's a chance for you to make some valuable new business contacts. Professional development courses let you brush up on skills and learn the latest regulations.

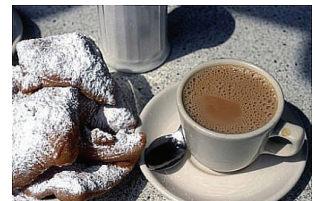
Yet, the conference is much more than all of that. It's also simply a time for you to re-establish friendships with others in environmental careers from all over the world. With the limited chances many of us have to

2006 AEC in New Orleans cited as a "unique and unparalleled opportunity for a first-rate program closely tied to A&WMA's mission"

meet face-to-face, in addition to availing yourself of the Technical Program, the week provides abundant opportunities to enjoy each other's company, whether it's during the Scholarship Golf Tournament, a designated social event like the "Moonlight on the Mighty Mississippi Riverboat Tour" or a relaxed lunch or dinner away from the crowd.

The benefits of attending are substantial. Please don't only make it a priority to attend, but also help us get the word out about this year's powerful program. I look forward to seeing all of our members in the Crescent City in June.

Bill Palermo



Café au Lait and Beignets
Photo Courtesy NOCVB
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VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE NEEDED WITH STUDENT CHAPTERS

If you are interested in volunteering some time to speak with our student chapters about their future career in the environmental industry, they would LOVE to hear from you!!!

The Education Committee is also interested in soliciting your assistance with the student chapters in the following areas:

1. Planning educational meetings for the LSU students both within and outside the campus (ideas include tours of nearby facilities, discussions with regulators, industry representatives, etc regarding career opportunities, and assistance with community service projects).

2. Development of New Orleans

chapters at Tulane University and the University of New Orleans.

Please contact either Raquel Murphy (rmurphy@us-risk.com) or Beth

Stay Tuned for Louisiana Section on the Web at:

LA-AWMA.org

INVITATION TO PLANT TOUR AND AWARDS PRESENTATION

A&WMA members are invited to a plant tour and environmental award presentation at Valero St. Charles refinery on Wednesday, May 17, beginning

at 530 pm. The meeting is sponsored by American Institute of Chemical Engineers, New Orleans Section. There is no cost to AWMA members because food and bev-

erage will be provided by Valero. Reservations should be made by Monday, May 15, to anthony.fregosi@cytec.com or mwaguestpack@midrid.com.



IMPORTANT DATES

May 14—Mother's Day

May 17, 2006—Valero Plant Tour (see article above)

May 18, 2006—LA Section Dinner Meeting—Alligator Bayou—Baton Rouge

June 18—Father's Day

June 19, 2006—A&WMA Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament—Gretna, LA

June 20-23— A&WMA Annual Conference and Exhibition—New Orleans

July 20, 2006—LA Section Dinner Meeting—TENTATIVELY at Café Des Amis in Breaux Bridge



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May Dinner Meeting
at**



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Date: Thursday May 18th

Time: Social begins at 5:30, Crawfish Served at 6:30

Come Join us for the AWMA Spring Meeting in the Swamp!!

Reservations: Please EMAIL your reservations to Katie Ricks at rickskr@airproducts.com, fax reservations to 610-706-5824 or call Katie Ricks (504-390-0227) for reservations by **Monday May 15th at NOON**. **Full name, company, and credit card information must be provided and is the only way to secure a reservation. Your credit card will be used only as a guarantee and will not be charged until May 15th.** You may still pay by company check or personal check at the meeting but your credit card will be charged if you make a reservation (for the number of people you make a reservation for) and do not attend. Please call me with questions 504-390-0227 or email me at rickskr@airproducts.com

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see you there, and bring a friend!