



AIR & WASTE MANAGEMENT
ASSOCIATION
Louisiana Section

Louisiana Section of Air & Waste Management Association

Chair Perspective

The Road Not Paved is the Road Less Traveled!

As I look out the window and contemplate the contents of my final Chair message a few things immediately come to mind. With the Holiday Season here it is a time for people to reflect and remember the important things in their lives. Religion, Family, Career, Health, Prosperity and FUN are words that can sum up my feelings of being VERY thankful for the opportunities afforded me in this stage of my life. My thankfulness extends to having the opportunity to serve such a wonderful organization.

Often times when we sign up and commit ourselves to a volunteer effort we understand and expect that things will go smoothly. In reality what we often find are challenges we have to face and problems we have to solve. We have to be realistic that sometimes our decisions will reap positive benefit and reward and sometimes opposition. Yesterday at a leadership meeting I attended, Coach Paul Manieri spoke to our group about leadership and success. I found it very fitting that he emphasized that good leaders pave their own roads to success. He iterated you have to be confident, get out there, accept the challenges, get good people on your team and care about the people you work with. He told several stories about his years in coaching and the personal rewards he received when his former players call him to say they are successful (one of his former players at the Air Force Academy became an Air Force General). He remembers they appreciate what he did in mentoring, leading and guiding them through that important phase in their lives. As I compare that to my opportunities in the A&WMA Louisiana Section, I am hopeful that I have modeled some of the same qualities. By no means am I alluding to my leadership efforts in the organization as perfect, but I would like to think that there has been success in the roads that have been paved for me, and that I have paved for the future leaders of our organization. Of course the other key point Coach Manieri focused on and I agree with is that "You cannot be successful without a good team". There is NO WAY this organization can be successful without a team effort.

At the recent strategic planning meeting for our Louisiana Section, I was very proud to sit and watch the Young Professionals participate and provide input. If I can think of any area that has been PAVED to allow opportunity in the organization it has been in this area. The focus on YP's has been considerable at the International, North American and Local levels. The YP members serving on the board have been given quite a bit of autonomy to branch out and pave their own roads to success. Of course being a sustainable organization and being leadership and financially sound is also important. I would be remiss if I didn't mention our Fall Conference has been successful

Special points of interest:

- See what the YPs have been doing!
- Read how the LA section Annual Conference was the best yet!
- Find out if your home is safe from Radon.
- Important Dates for 2013

Inside this issue:

Louisiana Section Annual Election	2
A&WMA Louisiana Section Annual Conference	3
Strategic Planning Meeting	4
Louisiana Section YP Group December Meeting	5
Southwest Chapter December Update	5
Spotlight Article: Website Chair	6
Industry Award Presentation	6
Corporate Sponsors	7
New Members	8

For Conference Presentations, click here!

Chair Perspective Continued... *Continued from page 1...*

for our Section through the years. Even with challenges we always manage to get a good turnaround and encourage participation. So what is the next phase of our Louisiana Section? Based on input, we need to be focused on our membership retention, keeping our interaction with various agencies strong, and promoting our student membership and YP focus.

As with any job we have there will be good days and bad days and you will often find cynicism among the groups. What gets us through this is that overall the road is paved to allow success to our future leaders. Based on my career experiences I have had some very good and some poor leaders. But I can honestly say keeping the glass half full, that even the poor leaders I have worked for always pave the road with a takeaway that will benefit my future. The same can be said with the leadership in the organization. Given that our YP leaders are on the road now, they are coming to the point that they can work to pave the road for the future success of the Louisiana organization. As these YP leaders work their way through the Section and International organization, I can provide the following advice;

The Road has been Paved for You! You are accountable for your own successes and failures! You need a good mix of young and old for a good balance! Always remember where you came from! Always remember who paved the road for you to get where you are!! Cynicism isn't valid if you can't back it up with data! How you work with others and the road you pave today through the international organization can be the winding and tough road you face when you get there! Most of all don't forget that you are a team and there is no success in "I"!

So with that I will leave you with *"The way a Team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the World, but if they don't play together the Club won't be worth a dime!".....BABE RUTH*

It has been a pleasure serving the organization in this capacity. I look forward to working with you as Past Chair. If you ever need anything, please contact me. I truly believe that if the Road had not been paved with good intentions we would have never traveled this far! Best Wishes for a Wonderful Holiday Season and successful 2013!

Julie Roussel
Section Chair

Louisiana Section Annual Election

The Louisiana Section's Annual Election is underway. All members of the Louisiana Section, as of December 7, 2012 should have received email messages on December 11, 2012 from LA Section at SimplyVoting.com with instructions for casting their ballots electronically. Messages have been sent to all members at their email addresses as reflected in the Association's membership database as of December 7, 2012. The election will close at 11:59 pm on December 31, 2012. Please exercise your right to vote. The following are the candidates for office:

Vice-Chair (Vote for One)

Kevin Calhoun

Treasurer (Vote for One)

Tammy Headrick
Jason Midgett

Director (Vote for One)

Veronica Crow
Cindy Thompson

Bill Palermo
S&C Council Rep.

A&WMA Louisiana Section Annual Conference

As 2012 quickly draws to a close, we look back to the successes of this year, including our Annual Conference held October 30-31, 2012. Perhaps one of the best Conferences in recent years, this year's Conference drew more attendees, exhibitors, and sponsors. However, most successes come with challenges and this was no exception. Hurricane Sandy was never a threat to the gulf coast, but instead headed to the east coast within days of the conference. As Hurricane Sandy took aim, flights for three presenters were cancelled and we were left with the challenges of replacing those presentations, finding an alternative means of hearing the presentations, or finding knowledgeable presenters to fill in only days in advance. Thanks to the power of technology (Skype) and one substitution (thank you Bill Luthans, EPA Region VI) all challenges were overcome. The conference provided updates from EPA and LDEQ, the latest on NSR/NAAQS/GHG, included a full day Young Professionals (YP) track and included several abstract presentations. The 2012 Annual Conference closed as one of the best in recent years.

In the weeks following the conference, the Conference Committee has received tremendous feedback, which will be used in planning the 2013 Annual Conference. Planning for the next conference will begin in early 2013, and your continued feedback of programming ideas is needed. Let us know what will make 2013 better than 2012. To every attendee, exhibitor and sponsor, thank you for continuing to support the LA Section Annual Conference and for making this year one of the best. Thanks to each member of the Conference Committee and the employers who support their continued involvement: Michael Vince, Veronica Crow, Karen Brignac, Diane Leche, Carol Murphy and Julie Roussel.

As 2013 approaches and you begin to lay out your calendar, mark the dates October 29th and 30th for the 2013 LA Section Annual Conference!

Conference Co-Chairs
Bill Palermo &
Jennifer Tullier

The A&WMA Conference Through the Eyes of a First-Time YP

I'm Joyce Gravois, and I'm a 2012 graduate of Louisiana State University with a B.S. in Environmental Engineering. I work at ERM's Baton Rouge office in the Air Quality and Climate Control Practice. I had the opportunity to attend this year's A&WMA Fall Conference as a Young Professional (YP) and found it very beneficial.

My main take away from the conference was an understanding of the "language." During my first few weeks as a new professional, I was overwhelmed with the many terms and acronyms used in the Air Practice field. Although it was a challenge to understand some of the technical aspects of the presentations at the conference, attending the sessions helped me to put the air practice terms into context.

At the conference, I was provided with many opportunities to network, not only externally to my company, but internally as well. Despite being a global company at ERM, we work very closely with our neighboring offices; being able to meet some of my coworkers from Walnut Creek, CA and Pittsburgh, PA face-to-face was definitely an advantage in strengthening our working relationships. Externally, I was introduced to clients and permit writers that I would be working with on future projects. The YP social at Ninfa's that followed the conference helped me to network with fellow peers from other consulting firms who face the same issues and have the same questions that I do on a daily basis. Furthermore, the diversity of people at the conference was fascinating to me. It was inspiring to see people from every sector of this business come together to learn and share ideas.

The A&WMA Conference was a great experience for me as a Young Professional, and I would encourage all entry-level professionals to attend. Just like everything else in Louisiana, I feel like the environmental field has its very own "culture," and the best way to learn it is to dive right in!

Joyce Gravois
YP Member

A Louisiana YP's Fall Conference Perspective

In my opinion, the 2012 Louisiana Section Fall Conference was the best I have attended to date. Overall, the conference provided a good combination of state and federal regulatory updates, state and federal agency priorities, air quality modeling challenges, and upcoming compliance challenges. The speakers were very knowledgeable and were able to answer some of the tough audience questions. Going to this conference every year provides the opportunity to keep abreast of the issues facing the ever-changing challenges presented to our industry. This conference also provides an avenue to socialize among our peers within the Louisiana Section, which is important for any YP. From the socializing aspect of the Fall Conference, the YP group hosted their annual Unwind at Ninfa's after the last day of the conference (Halloween). To me, there's no better way to end another successful Fall Conference than to attend the annual YP Unwind. After attending two full days of the Fall Conference, the opportunity to relax and socialize was certainly welcome. This type of setting is more conducive for networking with fellow YPs and non-YPs within the Louisiana Section. I left with a very good feeling after the Fall Conference since I accomplished two goals: 1) To gain a better understanding of upcoming regulatory challenges and 2) To catch-up with old friends and meet new ones along the way.

Jimmy McAllister, EI
Alon USA—Krotz Springs Refinery

Strategic Planning Meeting

The Louisiana Section held a strategic planning session in early November to define goals to maintain the viability of one of the Associations most active and successful Sections over the next five years. Over 20 Louisiana Section members and a few selected invitees participated in the meetings which identified areas that need improvement and the



key actions required to remediate issues. Membership within the Louisiana Section remains stronger than that of the Association as a whole and for us to continue to succeed in Louisiana the Section board and planning participants focused on developing a plan to engage students prior to graduation, increasing agency participation/members, developing more programming outside of the Baton Rouge and New Orleans areas, and a few smaller topics. Both the Louisiana Section and Association leaders realize it's time to move forward by continuing to evolve and fully utilize the unique neutral platform A&WMA provides to

its membership and to society as a whole. It is one of the better opportunities to share knowledge and network within the environmental community. Finally, realizing the new Sections goals will offer more opportunities for members interested in becoming more involved but not able to commit to a board or committee chair position. So don't be surprised if a board or committee member reaches out to you for help in the future. Special thanks to everyone that participated in the planning session and an even bigger thank you to those members that continue to renew membership, participate, and attend our events.

Jason Midgett
Louisiana Section YP Co-Chair

Louisiana Section YP Group December Meeting

The Louisiana Section recently held a strategic planning session and identified several key goals to focus on over the next five years. In order to meet many of these goals further engagement of YP's will be necessary. Opportunities for to get involved with the Section's Leadership in 2013 will be plentiful for younger members. The Louisiana Section YP group held a Holiday meeting in early December to discuss 2013 events and opportunities with the YP members and their guests. Members were encouraged to bring a coworker to learn about the local section and A&WMA to see what a strong and diverse group we have. Of course keeping with the YP spirit a little fun and games was mixed in too.

Jason Midgett
Louisiana Section YP Co-Chair

Southwest Chapter December Update

The Southwest Louisiana Chapter hosted its fourth quarter luncheon on Thursday, December 6, 2012 at Pat's of Henderson in Lake Charles, Louisiana. The luncheon featured a panel discussion and presentations on Community Awareness and Emergency Response (CAER) and LDEQ Single Point of Contact (SPOC). Dick Gremillion, Director of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness for Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, presented an Incident Warning Briefing. A presentation on Emergency Reporting and SPOC was presented by Bryan Riche, Environmental Supervisor of the Emergency Response Section of LDEQ. The panel concluded with Mr. Gene Dunegan, Program Manager of the Emergency Services Unit for the Louisiana State Police (LSP)/TESS/ESU/RTK, presenting on the Emergency Service Unit.

To get more information on future events hosted by the Southwest Louisiana Chapter of A&WMA, please contact Mike Dever (mikedever@providenceeng.com) or Morgan Verrette (morgan.verrette@sageenvironmental.com).



Panel Presenters with Southwest Louisiana Chapter Chair, Drew Cagnolatti, and Vice Chair, Sarah Doucet.



Dick Gremillion, Director of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness for CPPJ

Bryan Riche, Environmental Supervisor of the Emergency Response Section LDEQ



Morgan Verrette
SW Chapter
Program Committee
Co-Chair



Gene Dunegan, Emergency Services Unit Program Manager of LSP/TESS/ESU/RTK

Spotlight Article: Website Chair

The website was developed by Matthew Vince, and Matt still provides support for larger changes. In particular he adds the annual conference presentations to the website. The Website Chair performs small updates every month. The most frequently updated pages are the main page, the newsletter page, and the Corporate Sponsors page. Updating a LA Section web page is a lot like updating a word document. Most updates include standard steps which take about 15 minutes to complete.

1. Receive an email with information that needs to be on the website. This is usually the same email everyone in the section receives.
2. Go to the website and log in.
3. Save the flyer from the email to the websites document folder.
4. Copy and paste the text to the right location in the website.
5. Link the website document to the right place in the copied text.

Now some people may think that this is really simplified; however, it's only a little simplified. Most computer people are not going to find the LA Section website difficult to maintain. There is a little bit of code, but copy and paste works well. I enjoy updating the website, being a little involved, and getting a taste of how the section works. I have also learned a little about websites as this is the first one I have maintained. Now I can even add a new page to our website!

Tammy Headrick
Website Chair

2012 Louisiana Section Industry Award

The 2012 Louisiana Section Industry Award was presented to Valero St. Charles Refinery at the Fall Conference for their Cat Cracker Conversion Project completed in 2011. Robert Martin and Danielle Hanson accepted the award for the facility. The St. Charles Refinery converted a Millisecond Catalytic Cracking Unit (MSCCU) to a Fluid Catalytic Cracking Unit (FCCU). The FCCU process reduced the quantity of catalyst waste from the FCCU's wet gas scrubber (WGS) by 4,700 tons per year. Additionally, the project resulted in a decrease of hundreds of tons of particulate matter air emission due to reductions in catalyst loadings to the WGS and from frequent unplanned shutdowns of the MSCCU. The project justification was driven by a desire to improve the unit's run time between shutdowns, improvements in the unit's conversion of feed to gasoline, and reductions in catalyst loss through the WGS.



Jason Midgett
Awards Chair

Winter Time Good for Radon Testing

As winter temperatures keep people inside for long periods of time, homeowners should take steps to ensure they are not being exposed to radon, the second leading cause of cancer, after smoking. January is National Radon Action Month in the U.S., and it's a good time to test your home for this radioactive gas which causes 21,000 lung cancer deaths per year. Conducting a radon test is the only way to know if you and your family are at risk of radon because you can't see it, smell it, or even taste it. Winter is the best time to conduct a test because doors and windows are sealed tight against the cold, which ensures a more accurate radon reading. Radon comes from the natural breakdown of uranium

in soil, rock and water. It is harmless when dispersed into outdoor air. But when it becomes trapped inside buildings, it can be harmful at elevated levels. It typically moves up through the ground to the air in your home through cracks and other holes in the foundation. This means any home can have a radon problem, whether it is new or old, well-sealed or drafty, with or without basements.

Radon test kits are easy to use and inexpensive. “With all the damage our home experienced from the fall floods, maintaining good indoor air quality was important. The radon test kit was simple to use and the results provided peace of mind that our home was radon free,” said Judith Katz, director, EPA’s regional Air Protection Division. For best results, EPA recommends that the radon test be conducted in the lowest livable level of the home, such as the basement, during the colder months of the year. Tests can also be taken during other times of the year if windows and doors have been closed for 12 hours prior to testing.

EPA recommends that houses with radon levels of four picocuries or more should be vented to prevent accumulation of the gas indoors. A variety of methods can be used to reduce radon in homes. Sealing cracks and other openings in the foundation is a basic part of most approaches to radon reduction. EPA does not recommend the use of sealing alone to limit radon entry. Sealing alone has not been shown to lower radon levels significantly or consistently.

In most cases, a system with a vent pipe and fan is used to reduce radon. These “sub-slab depressurization” systems do not require major changes to your home. They prevent radon gas from entering the home from below the concrete floor and from outside the foundation.

The cost of making repairs depends on how your home was built and the extent of the radon problems. Most homes can be fixed for about the same cost as other common home repairs like painting or having anew hot water heater installed. The average price for a contractor ranges from \$500 and \$2,500.

To learn more about how to receive a discounted radon home test kit or for more information about radon, and how to contact your state radon office, go to <http://www.epa.gov/radon>, or call 1-800-SOS-Radon.

Donna Heron

Article from EPA Website

Special THANK YOU to our Corporate Sponsors:

- ExxonMobil Chemical Company
- Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC
- Emission Testing Services, Inc.
- US Risk Management, LLC
- C-K Associates, LLC
- RTP Environmental Associates, Inc.
- Kean, Miller, Hawthorne, D’Armand, McCowan & Jarman, LLP
- Union Carbide Corporation
- Sage Environmental Consulting, LP
- Ultra Consulting, LLC
- E.I. DuPont de Nemours—Pontchartrain Works
- William Olefins, LLC
- ENVIRON International Corp.
- Cornerstone Chemical Company
- Entergy Services Inc.
- Alon Refining—Krotz Springs, Inc.
- E.I. DuPont de Nemours—Burnside Plant
- Trinity Consultants
- Marathon Petroleum Company, LP
- Taylor Porter Law Firm
- Valero St. Charles Refinery
- Compliance Solutions Group, LLC
- Placid Refining Company, LLC
- Shaw Environmental & Infrastructure
- TOTAL Petrochemicals & Refining USA, Inc.
- Allied Waste Services
- Liskow & Lewis
- METCO Environmental
- Matrix New World Engineering
- Environmental Resources Management (ERM)
- Georgia Gulf Chemicals & Vinyls, LLC
- The Dow Chemical Company
- Motiva Enterprises LLC
- One Source EHS

A Special WELCOME to our New Members for November!

Brandon Bass, ERM
 Kelli Conerly, OneSource EHS, LLC
 Richard Corvers, Entergy
 Joyce Davis, Shell Upstream Americas
 Sarah Dicharry, Liskow and Lewis
 Darletha Dorsey, LSU Student
 Wayne Ebarb, Energy Transfer
 Loree Fields, URS Corporation
 Brian Glover, ENVIRON International Corporation

Jamie Godbold, ENVIRON International Corporation
 Ryan McNabb, Taminco, Inc.
 Matt Navo, LSU Student
 Michael Richard, Student
 Alexander Sabo, LSU Student
 Nicole Sullivan, ERM
 Alicia Thomas, LSU Student
 Patricia Williams, University of New Orleans

Important Dates

January 16-17, 2013	Environmental Regulatory Compliance Conference (Alexandria, LA)
January 24, 2013	LA Section Dinner Meeting (Messina's in Kenner, LA)
October 29-30, 2013	2013 LA Section Annual Fall Conference (TBD)

Share your ideas with us!

Have an idea for the Monitor?
 Send it to the editor to see your thoughts in action!
 Contact [Mary Claire Lambert](#)



Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

Chair – Julie Roussel	225-353-8956	Speaker Chair – Michael Waguespack	504-207-7340
Vice Chair – Karen Brignac	225-245-2656	Corporate Relations Chair – Doug Melancon	985-536-5202
Past Chair – Michael Vince	225-219-3485	Awards Chair – Jason Midgett	225-346-7454
Treasurer – Raquel Murphy	504-561-6639	Education Committee Chair – Kevin Calhoun	225-766-7400
Secretary – Jennifer Tullier	225-755-1000	Education Vice Chair – Allyson Morales	225-746-5889
Director (2010-12) - Diane Leche	225-977-1549	Communications Chair – Kelly Bradberry	225-927-2258
Director (2011-13) - Greg Johnson	504-556-4115	Website Chair – Tammy Headrick	225-977-1549
Director (2012-14) - Doris B. Grego	985-536-5437	Young Professionals Co-Chair – Jennifer Tullier	225-755-1000
S & C Council Rep. – Bill Palermo	504-472-9993	Young Professionals Co-Chair – Jason Midgett	225-346-7454
SW Chapter Chair – Drew Cagnolatti	337-436-3248	Newsletter Chair – Mary Claire Lambert	225-397-1865
Facilities Chair – Carol Murphy	504-472-9993	Conference Co-Chair – Jennifer Tullier	225-755-1000
Membership Chair – Veronica Crow	504-281-8344	Conference Co-Chair – Bill Palermo	504-472-9993

Southwest Chapter Officers

Chair – Drew Cagnolatti	337-436-3248	Membership Committee Chair – Phyllis Holifield	337-708-8431
Vice Chair – Sarah Doucet	337-494-5239	Program Committee Co-Chair – Michael Dever	337-842-3858
Secretary – Bruce Hubbard	337-882-5375	Program Committee Co-Chair – Morgan Verrette	337-802-6263
Treasurer – David Monfore	337-558-5961	Nominating Committee Chair – Don G. Johnson	337-708-4789
Past Chair – Chuck Zukor	337-493-3301		



LOUISIANA SECTION AIR AND WASTE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

ENVIRONMENTAL FOCUS 2012

OCTOBER 30 AND 31, 2012

PRESENTATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE SECTION WEBSITE:

<http://la-awma.org/>

To access, go to the website. Click on the link labeled "Conference."

You will be prompted to enter your login in the following format:

First letter of first name followed by last name (John Smith would be jsmith)

Use your name as present on your registration

Then enter the following code:

LSFC2012