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Louisiana Section of Air & Waste Management Association

Message from the Chair

Louisiana Section's

July Dinner Meeting

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I'm very proud to announce that the Louisiana Section was one of four sections to win the Minasian Award given to the top performing sections in the association. Our annual report provides information on our activities such as programs, conference, scholarships, etc. and is the basis for the award. I believe one of the strengths of our section is our YP program. Young Professionals are the future of our association – without them A&WMA will slowly fade away. I also believe that any time you volunteer, you gain much more than you give. We are fortunate that so many of our YPs see the value in A&WMA and see the gains to be made from volunteering.

The Louisiana Section was well represented at the recent A&WMA Annual Conference and Exhibition (ACE) in Long Beach with 22 attending. Four of these attendees were recipients of the YP to ACE scholarships. You can get to know some of our active YPs by reading about their experience at ACE in the newsletter. It's not too early to begin making plans to attend ACE 2015 which will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina from June 22-25. ACE is a great opportunity to attend technical sessions, visit with exhibitors of environmental products and services, and network with others in our field. There's also numerous opportunities for casual get togethers (but no World Cup next year – sorry Corey!). For YP's interested in attending, one factor in the application evaluation is your contributions to YP events and activities. If you want to

get more involved and increase your chances of a scholarship, please contact Jessica Miller.

Now that ACE 2014 is over, ACE 2016 in New Orleans looks a lot closer! Our Local Host Committee will begin meeting soon – if you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please let Bill Palermo, Jennifer Tullier, or me know and we'll find a spot for you. If there are technical topics you would like to see included, let us know as well.

While you're marking your calendars, be sure to set aside October 28 and 29 for our annual conference, which will be held at the Baton Rouge Marriott. The conference committee is now accepting abstracts for presentations; if you are interested, please send your abstract to



Above: Members networking at ACE!

Tammy Headrick by Monday, August 4. We have invited EPA Region VI Administrator Ron Curry, and as always will have presentations from LDEQ personnel.

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

Contact: Mary Claire Lambert

Karen Brignac

LA Section Chair

For the Louisiana Section, ACE 2014 started off a few weeks before arrival in Long Beach, CA. Four Young Professionals (YPs) were awarded partial scholarships to the conference. This is the fourth year scholarships have been awarded to YPs from the Louisiana Section. The YP to ACE program began with the first YP Golf Tournament and has been growing every year. The program was designed as a way to help support YPs who wouldn't be able to attend ACE without the scholarship. It was also designed to ignite a passion for getting involved in the local section upon returning. I personally believe it works having been one of those recipients and now being the YP chair for the LA Section. The past recipients have had the opportunity to attend ACE along with all technical and networking events. They have all returned to be involved in the association and to help further the growth of the YP section. They come back with the attitude to give back to the organization that helped support them. Our goal is to continue to grow and develop our local section. We couldn't do anything without the support and guidance of all of the "honorary YPs" showing us the ropes. Thank you to the LA Section and for all of those that supported the Annual Golf Tournament, without whom we wouldn't have this amazing program. Please take a chance to learn more about some of our awesome YPs and their experience at ACE by reading their articles below.

Jessica Miller

LA Section YP Chair



Above: Janet McCabe and other panel participants.

"To document all of the great things in a few words is impossible! From the opening remarks by Janet McCabe of the EPA to the YP Networking Reception, every minute of ACE allowed me to meet other professionals from throughout the US and Canada and hear technical talks from experienced colleagues. The networking alone was beyond my expectations! Between the amazing technical sessions to the numerous social events, and of course the awesome weather, ACE had something for everyone. I can't say thanks enough to everyone who was involved in the YP Golf Tournament that provided me with this opportunity! I look forward to getting more involved in A&WMA and helping provide others with the same opportunity. Thanks again!"

Corey Gautreaux

YP Member—CB&I

"I am so thankful to the Louisiana Section and all of those involved in the YP Golf Tournament for allowing me the opportunity to attend ACE this year in Long Beach. The networking and professional development opportunities at the conference were incredibly rewarding. I enjoyed the Young Professional sessions and networking events the most and value the technical information and career advice I gained from this experience. I hope to also use my experience to help more Young Professionals get involved in A&WMA."



Above: Mary Claire Lambert and Morgan Verrette

Morgan Verrette

SW Chapter Programming Co-Chair and YP Member—Citgo



Above: Mary Claire Lambert and Morgan Verrette

"I would like to thank the LA Section and the YP Group for the opportunity to attend ACE in Long Beach. ACE provided me with so many networking opportunities. I was able to attend the YPAC meeting and able to meet A&WMA members from around the country! My favorite event was the YP Mentor Breakfast where I met professionals in the environmental field and learned from their experiences. Along with the networking, the presentations were great and covered a very wide range of topics. I am looking forward to future A&WMA events, especially ACE 2016 in New Orleans. Thanks again!"

Mary Claire Lambert

Communications Chair and YP Member—
Sage Environmental Consulting

"Sun, water, amazing weather, and good people- sounds more like a vacation than work. However, that's exactly what ACE in Long Beach, California had in store for all who attended. From the moment I arrived in Long Beach, I met amazing people not only from our very own Louisiana Section but from all over the country and the continent. Everyone came from different backgrounds and held different positions within the environmental field providing new and unique perspectives on global and domestic environmental issues.

To lead off this four day discussion was Janet McCabe of US EPA, Steve Shestak of The Boeing Company, and Dennis Arriola of Southern California Gas Company in the first keynote presentation. Now if that variety of speakers in one session didn't peak your interest, there were over 100 technical sessions over the four days with a wide range of environmental topics. The young professional sessions were the technical sessions I made a point of attending. My favorites were the YP session "ACE 101: Conference Introductory Panel for Young Professionals" and the "Air Pollution Control 101A: Acid Gases, Nitrogen Oxides, and Volatile Organic Compounds". ACE 101 was essentially a few ACE-seasoned YPs sharing their wisdom on how to get the most out of attending ACE. It was great!

Lastly (but definitely not least), there were the social events. Every day there was some social-type event if not more than one. First, there was the Grand Reception on Tuesday night of ACE. Second, third and fourth were the YP Mentor Breakfast, Speed Networking, and the YP/Student Networking Reception on Wednesday. Fifthly, there was the Honors and Awards Ceremony and Luncheon on Thursday. And if that wasn't enough socializing, there were the impromptu lunches, dinners, and drinks with new acquaintances and some old friends at every turn.

What an amazing conference! I can't put into words what this experience has added to my personal and professional development and my drive to be more involved in the Section. I would like to thank the YP to ACE Committee for giving me this opportunity and everyone who participated in the YP Golf Tournament which provided the funds. Finally, I would like to leave you with this statement...WATCH OUT ACE NEW ORLEANS 2016!!"



Above: LA Section YPs with A&WMA Board Members

Kristen Kraus

YP Member—CK Associates

2014 State Science and Engineering Fair

Each year the Louisiana Section awards students who exhibit exceptional projects in the environmental field at the State Level of the Science and Engineering fair in the Senior Division. This year was no exception, and on March 26, 2014, out of 17 projects, we awarded three winners. Our first place award which included a check for \$400 was received by 9th Grader, Ms. Madison Hasenkampf, from St. Joseph's Academy for her project titled "Phytoremediation of Heavy Metals from Contaminated Soil Using Hyperaccumulators". Our second place award and a check for \$300 was received by 10th graders, Ms. Kylie McNamara and Ms. Andree Laville, also from St. Joseph's Academy for their project titled "What's Our Footprint? Carbon Dioxide Sequestration by Trees at St. Josephs Academy vs Carbon Dioxide Emissions from Vehicle and Utility Sources". Finishing up, our third place award and a check for \$200 was received by 12th graders, Ms. Abbi Griffith and Mr. Jack Hopper, from Benjamin Franklin High School for their project titled "The effect of bacteria: *Pseudomonas putida*; *Bacillus subtilis*; and fungi: *Stropharia rugosonulata*; *Pleurotus ostreatus* on the bioremediation of motor oil". We would like to congratulate all our winners and encourage them to continue their environmental studies.



Above: 2014 Award Winners

I would also like to take the time to thank Drew Haight for volunteering to help judge this year.

Allyson Morales
Education Committee Chair

Board Member Spotlight

We are pleased to highlight Richard Metcalf who is our newest Director on the Louisiana Section's Board. Although Richard is new to the Board, he has been a long time member and valuable asset for the Louisiana Section. In his day job, Richard is the Director of Environmental Affairs for Louisiana Mid-continent Oil and Gas Association (LMOGA), which is an industry trade association that represents individuals and companies who produce, transport, refine and market crude oil, natural gas and petroleum products. Richard tirelessly lobbies on behalf of LMOGA's membership to insure that environmental legislation and related regulations are fair and can be practically implemented. He also serves on several environmental work groups with Louisiana Chemical Association (LCA) and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ).



Above: Richard Metcalf

For the Louisiana Section, Richard is a regular speaker at lunch and dinner meetings on a variety of environmental issues. Most recently, he spoke with Henry Graham of LCA in Lake Charles to update the membership on the most recent legislative session and rule making. He also has volunteered to attend the Section's strategic planning meetings to advise the Board on how to increase membership value and how to improve communication with specific sectors of our membership, including industry and the regulatory community. His assistance in getting the word out on our events including workshops and the Annual Conference has helped make these events successful. During the three year term as Director, we are looking forward to his ideas and support of the Louisiana Section.

Cindy Thompson

Southwest Chapter Update

The Southwest Louisiana Chapter held its first YP Event on May 28 at "Painting With a Twist" in Lake Charles. The event was titled "Paint a Vision of Your Career" and was a great success. Approximately 20 YP participants attended the event with representation from Axiall, CRA, Citgo, Phillips, Sage, and Sasol. Participants enjoyed a fun filled night of networking, refreshments, and painting. During the event we were able to cross promote the SWLA A&WMA 2nd Quarterly Meeting and educate YPs on the goal and vision of the Southwest Louisiana YP Chapter. The Chapter would like to thank Ava Coleman (SWLA Chapter YP Chairperson) and Morgan Verrette (SWLA Programming Co-Chair) for organizing a successful event. Also, a big thanks to Sage Environmental Consulting for sponsoring this event. See below for a description of the event from a local YP!



Above: Members at the first SW Chapter YP Event!

The SWLA Chapter held its 2nd Quarter luncheon on June 24 at Reeve's Uptown Catering in Lake Charles. Guest speakers were Richard Metcalf, Environmental Director of LMOGA, and Henry Graham, Vice-President of Environmental Affairs for the LCA. Richard and Henry provided the membership with updates on current and ongoing environmental legislation that impacts our industries. The SWLA Chapter appreciates Richard and Henry's insights on these events and legislation.

Beau Mixon

SW Chapter Chair

Southwest Chapter Hosts First YP Event!

At the end of May, the Southwest Louisiana Chapter of Air & Waste Management Association hosted an event for the Young Professionals sponsored by Sage Environmental Consulting. The event was held at Painting with a Twist in Lake Charles, LA. The painting of the night was a wonderful pelican Louisiana scene inside of a fleur de lis. The guests of the night ranged from seasoned employees of the industry to interns looking to gain contacts in the area.

The YPs got together to share their creative sides and work on networking with other industry professionals. Some thrived in both, while others focused on the networking side as their paintings suffered (they all came out looking great in the end!). The venue provided plenty of fun and games, including dress up materials and even a limbo contest. All in all, a great time was had enjoying food and drinks, showing off creative skills, and interacting with others who share a passion for the environment! Stay tuned for more YP events!



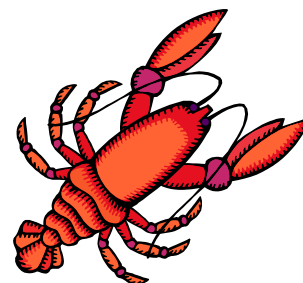
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SW Chapter YP Member

May Dinner Meeting

The May Dinner Meeting was held on May 15th at Middendorf's in Manchac. The meeting began with a social then a crawfish and shrimp boil on the deck. Cheryl Nolan, Assistant Secretary, LDEQ Office of Environmental Compliance, provided an update of current activities of the LDEQ Compliance and Enforcement Divisions.

The meeting was very well attended and enjoyed by all! The next meeting will be held on July 17th at Arnaud's in the French Quarter. JoAnn Burke of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation will be the speaker for the evening. Looking forward to seeing you there!



Call for Abstracts—LA Fall Conference!

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See the attachment at the end of the newsletter for more details!

Adopt-A-School Update

This year the 5th grade students at Devall Middle School were able to observe particulates in the air by utilizing the student hand held microscopes purchased with the Adopt-A-School Award. This activity was introduced to me during a summer workshop several years ago. The project entails, students defining particulate matter, making pollution air strips and placing them throughout our campus.

Students inspected the air strips periodically. After one week the strips were removed and analyzed. The students were surprised at what they were able to observe and the particulates attached to the air strip. Students discussed what they knew of pollution before the air strips were placed around the school then continued the discussion after the air strips were examined. Overall, it was a great learning experience! Thank you for all you do for our students.



Pictured: 5th grade students at Devall Middle

Deborah L. Major

5th Grade Teacher—Devall Middle

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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Has your contact information changed recently? If so, don't forget to update your information on the A&WMA Website to receive all the benefits of being an A&WMA member!

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- Access to cutting –edge professional, scientific and technological resources.
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- 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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Important Dates

July 17, 2014	LA Section's July Dinner Meeting (Arnaud's – French Quarter)
August 4, 2014	Abstracts for LA Fall Conference are Due!
October 28-29, 2014	LA Section Annual Conference (Baton Rouge, LA)

Share your ideas with us!

Would you like to submit an article to the Monitor?

Send it to the editor to see your thoughts in action!

Contact Mary Claire Lambert

Louisiana A&WMA 2014 Fall Conference - Call for Presentation Abstracts

The Louisiana Section of the Air & Waste Management Association is now accepting abstracts for presentations at its 2014 Annual Conference to be held October 28 and 29 at the Baton Rouge Marriott, which will be a new location for the conference. Presentations selected from this Call for Abstracts will supplement the presentations made by invited speakers.

The deadline for abstracts is August 4, 2014.

The conference planning committee developed the list of topics (below) that was felt to be of interest to the regulated community, but we invite you to submit an abstract on any topic of your choosing. Please keep in mind that the audience is generally composed of attorneys, regulators, environmental managers, and consultants. We also plan to have sessions specifically geared for Young Professionals.

Abstracts need be no more than one page - two pages at the most. A title should be at the top of the page along with the author and all co-authors. The presentations should be geared to last no longer than 30 minutes, including time for questions and answers. **For this year, we expect to be able to allow a small number of the abstract presentations to last for 45 minutes. In your submittal, please indicate whether your presentation is intended to be geared for 30 or 45 minutes. If you have indicated a 45-minute presentation, upon selection of your abstract, we will advise whether you have been accepted for 45 minutes. Please be aware that due to the development of the program for the conference, even if you indicate a 45-minute presentation, there is a possibility that the Conference Committee may have to limit you to 30 minutes.** Long form papers are not strictly required, but some form of written materials (PowerPoint presentations are certainly acceptable) must be submitted in advance and approved by the Conference Committee. This year's suggested topics, in no particular order, include:

- Air regulations update
- State nonattainment developments
 - New ozone rules
 - Schedules for new NAAQS and LA Attainment outlook
- State permitting program
- New Source Review Issues
- Greenhouse Gas Issues
- Interrelated air and wastewater topics
- Emissions Calculations and ERIC
- New or Updated EPCRA issues
- Boiler MACT
- Modeling against new NAAQS – PM-2.5, SO₂ and NO_x
- DEQ Initiatives
- Enforcement Initiatives
- New EPA Uniform Standards
- New EPA Chemical Source rules
- New Oil and Gas rules
- Future of flare regulations
- Solid Waste or Hazardous Waste topics, including common violations and permitting
- More re engines, NSPS, NESHAPs and permitting
- Strategic Planning for Air Quality Compliance
- For Young Professionals: What's coming from DEQ and EPA, new guidelines, professional tips, briefing on HON/MON, modeling techniques, etc.

The above topics are just suggestions. You are welcome to submit an abstract on any topic appropriate to the intended audience.

We cannot accept abstracts that are submitted late. Our review schedule is too tight to accommodate late submissions so, please get your abstract in on or before August 4th. Please note that, in accordance with A&WMA guidelines, speakers selected on the basis of an abstract submittal will **not** receive a complimentary conference registration. Selected speakers will be allowed to attend the session in which their presentation is made without paying a registration fee. Selected Speakers will be required to pay the daily or full conference fee for attendance in sessions other than the session that includes his/her presentation.

The Conference Committee is currently planning space for 10-12 papers to be selected for presentation from among the abstracts submitted. Abstracts will be graded by an independent review committee composed of two senior DEQ staff and three to four industry environmental professionals. No outside attorneys or consultants will be on the abstract review committee. Papers will be selected based on quality, interest level and timeliness of topic and appropriateness for the target conference audience.

Industry, consultants, and attorneys are all encouraged to submit abstracts. This message is being sent to the LA Section members who have e-mail addresses on file with Headquarters, so feel free to forward the Call for Abstracts to others who might be interested.

If your abstract is selected for presentation, you will be notified and will receive further information about the requirements for the presentation, including the use of the A&WMA style guide and the early-October final deadline for submission of complete and final presentations.

Abstracts should be submitted by e-mail to Ms. Tammy Headrick at ExxonMobil Corporation: tammy.headrick@exxonmobil.com. You will receive a confirmation e-mail once your abstract is received. If you have any questions about the call for papers, please contact Jennifer Tullier or Bill Palermo, the General Conference Co-Chairs, at jennifer.tullier@c-ka.com, 225-755-1000; or bpalermo@rtpenv.com, 504-472-9993, x-105, respectively.

We look forward to receiving your abstracts!

Jennifer Tullier
Conference Co-Chair

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