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# The Monitor

Louisiana Section of Air & Waste Management Association

# Message from the Chair

resolutions, changes and 2017 for the LA Section Louisiana Section's A&WMA will see several changes and new **Dinner Meeting** approaches. The Board welcomes a new Vice-Chair, Jessica Miller; a new treasurer, Paige Huggins; and a March 23, 2017 new Director, Doug Melancon. These new Board members have been very involved with the LA Mike Anderson's Section for several years and bring new ideas and Clarion Inn Conf. Center perspectives to the Board. Moving forward for the 1500 Louisiana 30 W next two years, the Chair and Vice-Chair are



move forward toward the same goals. For the 2017 elections, there were three candidates on the ballot for the position of Vice-Chair. This was the first time in several years that the ballot had 3 candidates for the Vice-Chair position. Moving forward, Jessica and I are excited about succession planning and getting more of our members involved, so we can continue to have full ballots and strong section leadership. As the previous YP Program Chair moves into the Vice-Chair position, Caitlin Morrison has stepped into the role of YP Program Chair. As Doug Melancon moves into the Director position, Mary Claire Petit moves into the position of Corporate Sponsorship Chair. The Communications Committee has also been reworked and will be led by Amanda Polito. Amanda will be working closely with the newsletter and website (which is set for some changes this year).

Another major initiative for 2017 includes increasing participation at dinner meetings by industry personnel. The current LA Section Board and Committee Chairs is composed of approximately 35% industry representatives. In an effort to continue growing industry participation, at least one dinner meeting will be

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converted to a lunch meeting, so industry personnel can more easily attend (tentatively planned for September in Gonzales). A more relaxed dress code will be encouraged so industry personnel can feel comfortable attending in jeans or FRCs. Efforts will also be made to end each dinner meeting by 7:30 PM.

Myself and the Board are very excited about the direction of the LA Section, and we look forward to the continued support and participation of all our members. If you have any interest to become more involved, if you have any feedback or ideas to share, please reach out to us.

Jennifer Tullier

### Win \$10,000 with a hole-in-one!

Please join us at Pelican Point on Thursday, May 11th for the 7th Annual Young Professionals Golf Tournament. This year you will have the chance to win \$10,000 with a hole-in-one! Don't miss out on a day of golf, great food, awards ceremony, and much more all supporting a great cause. Proceeds will be used to fund the continued growth of the Louisiana's Sections YP Group and support Louisiana's YP participation on an international level within the association. We will be donating money raised from mulligans to support a Louisiana science teacher and their school science project through DonorsChoose.org.



Shotgun start at 9:00 am, immediately followed by a lunch and awards.

Your involvement makes this event successful as well as fun. So come out and join us for another memorable tournament.

Thank you to our 2016 Platinum Sponsors!









### Louisiana State Science and Engineering Fair

Corey Gautreaux



Each year the Louisiana Section awards students who exhibit exceptional projects in the environmental field at the Louisiana State Science and Engineering Fair in the Senior Division. Last year the Louisiana Section was proud to be able to add the Junior Division to the awards list and will continue that this year. This year's

Science Fair will take place inside the Student Union on the campus of LSU. Judging will take place on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 (Junior Division) and Wednesday, March 22, 2017 (Senior Division). Awards will include a check for \$300 to first place, \$200 to second place, and \$100 to third place for the Junior Division and \$500, \$400, and \$300 respectively for the Senior Division. https://is.lsu.edu/newDOCE/LSEF/State.asp

### Joseph Didier Martinez Environmental Achievement Awards

The Louisiana Section of the Air and Waste Management Association is pleased to announce that applications for the 2017 Joseph Didier Martinez environmental achievement awards are now being accepted. These awards recognize outstanding achievements by companies and individuals in the fields of air pollution control, waste management, remediation, waste water treatment, and pollutant monitoring. Environmental technical achievements worthy of consideration include, but are not limited to:

- New technologies
- Production process changes that minimize pollutant emissions or waste
- Specific processes that minimize, treat or more effectively control pollutants
- Improved management practices that reduce environmental impacts.

An award winner will be chosen for each of four categories:

- Industry
- Municipalities/parishes
- Universities/colleges
- Small businesses (less than 500 employees for a manufacturing company, less than \$7.5 million in average annual revenue for a non-manufacturing company).

These prestigious awards are named in memory of Joseph Didier Martinez (1915-1998), creator of the Institute of Environmental Studies at Louisiana State University in 1968. He developed the initial undergraduate and graduate environmental studies programs at LSU and conducted significant environmental research. Many environmental professionals in Louisiana were either students of Dr. Martinez or graduated from the programs he created.

The deadline for submission of the award application is August 15, 2017. The awards will be presented to the winners at the AWMA fall conference in October. Please email questions and submittal packages to Michael.Waguespack@wsnelson.com. Submittals should not exceed ten pages (including text, figures, calculations, photographs, etc.). Please include contact information in the email only. No reference to the company or person nominated is allowed on any of the project description materials.

#### **Upcoming Events**

YP EDMS Training Thursday, March 9

LWEA & A&WMA LSU Student Chapters Abita Brewery Tour Saturday, March 11

March Dinner Meeting Thursday, March 23

YP Golf Tournament Thursday, May 11

May Dinner Meeting Thursday, May 18

July Dinner Meeting Thursday, July 20

September Dinner
Meeting
Thursday, September 21

**LA Section Annual Conference**Wednesday-Thursday

October 18 - 19

## Adopt a School Winners

Corey Gautreaux

The Louisiana Section is proud to announce this year's Adopt-A-School winners to T.S. Cooley Elementary Magnet and Most Blessed Sacrament School. T.S. Cooley Elementary Magnet is located in Lake Charles and was awarded with a grant for \$3,000 which the school plans to purchase Louisiana Interactive Science Student Edition Textbooks with online access to Digital Courseware, Louisiana Interactive Science Grade Level Library, Advanced Level Library, and Scaffolded Inquiry Activity Cards. Baton Rouge's Most Blessed Sacrament School was awarded a grant for \$2,000 which the school plans to use to purchase aprons, protective eyewear, gloves, and masks for future dissections. The

Louisiana Section congratulates both schools and appreciates their interests in teaching our youth the importance of science.

#### Bring a Friend to the March dinner meeting!

The Louisiana Section was selected to receive recognition as one of the Best Performing Chapters in Membership Development for 2016. The achievement was announced at the Section and Chapters Council meeting in January and our award will appear in the A&WMA Sections and Chapters Council newsletter later this year. In addition, we are authorized to use the Membership Recognition Award logo on our website, correspondence, and other communications in 2017. Congratulations to our membership!

To maintain the strength of the Louisiana Section, we want to continue adding energetic, dedicated people to our ranks. So we are asking our membership to reach out to potential new members. For the March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, please invite a friend and/or potential new member. Plan to accompany the friend and essentially "host" them for the meeting. Please let me know who you are inviting and I can reach out and encourage them to become members.

### A&WMA LSU – Student Chapter

Aamani Kura

The A&WMA Student Chapter at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge has been highly successful this academic year. There's been a tremendous increase in membership involvement, as well as interest in joining A&WMA. Elections were held, and two new officers were brought on board. Representatives from companies such as Marathon Petroleum and PPM Consultants have hosted the monthly student chapter meetings. In correspondence with Paul Algu, the Chapter's Student Liaison, and LSU Career Services, the A&WMA Student Chapter held a Resume Builder Workshop to help students prepare for the LA Section's March Resume Dinner. The Chapter, in collaboration with the LWEA Student Chapter at LSU, is conducting a tour



of Abita Brewery and their in-house WWTP for the student and professional members. Keep an eye out to hear more about the Chapter's fundraisers at Chipotle, networking social with YP, Pelicans game social, Geaux Big BR Service Project, and more. Please contact awmachapter@lsu.edu if you'd like collaborate with the LSU A&WMA Student Chapter or take part in any of our events.

# Verify Your Contact Information

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!

- Networking opportunities with leading professionals in the environmental field.
- Access to cutting –edge professional, scientific and technological resources.
- Opportunities for professional training and development.
- Full online access to both The Journal of the Air & Waste Management Association and EM, A&WMA's monthly magazine for environmental managers.
- Free access to the A&WMA Career Center where careers and candidates come together.
- Access to local Section and Chapter events.

Click here to update your information!

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