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The Louisiana Section Newsletter

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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Jason Midgett

Louisiana Section Members, Sponsors, and Colleagues:

As I write this message, yet another early season storm is staring at our coastline, further stressing our already tired population. It will be long gone by the time you read this hopefully not leaving any nasty lingering taste. For all of you impacted in anyway by COVID 19 or the storms, I pray you have begun to heal and are on a path to recovery. 2020 was simply ugly and 2021 is at least for most, maybe, a prettier shade of ugly for now. I hope we can all keep moving forward and have a wonderful holiday season this year!

The strength of the Louisiana Section was broken by the pandemic (networking) but we have survived just fine from an operating perspective as our vendors graciously allowed us to cancel events without penalty. After a very successful Golf Tournament in May, we are continuing to move forward with resuming in person events. Our first in person meeting of the year will be on July 22nd at Mike Anderson's in Gonzales and I hope to see many of you there. The Louisiana Climate Task force is our topic, and we will have representatives from the

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Governor's Office to lead the discussion. Regardless of your stance on climate change we need to get back to networking and help develop solutions to the issues facing our State. *(continued)*



Jason Midgett, Chair

Our 10th Annual Golf Tournament, hosted by our Young Professional Group was yet another huge success! Golfers and sponsors were met with a beautiful MILD! sky-blue day out on the course. Thank you to the golf tournament committee for continuing to do a wonderful job coordinating this day and to all the companies who sponsored and participated! We expect next year's tournament to be held on Thursday May 5th, 2022!

The Section delayed the 2020 Educational outreach programs, but we are awarding all monies collected through our corporate sponsorship program in 2020 and 2021 this year. It is not too late to support the Section's Educational Programs by signing up with a small donation (\$225) to become a 2021 Corporate Sponsor (<https://la-awma.org/corporate-sponsors/>).

Annual Conference

Jennifer Tullier

After unfortunately not holding the LA Section Annual Conference in 2020, the Conference Planning Committee is happy to announce that 2021 planning is underway. The conference will be held October 27-28, 2021 at L'Auberge in Baton Rouge.

Given the uncertainty of limitations due to COVID-19, the Conference Committee has slowed the planning schedule to avoid unnecessary pivots and duplicate effort for conference volunteers. In an effort to proactively address potential COVID-19 concerns, there will also be some changes to what you've historically seen at the conference. Two notable changes include the lunch setup and the exhibitor layout. While lunch will still be provided, it will not be served in a buffet/serve yourself format. The

Yes! there will be a Fall Conference this year, October 27 & 28, 2021, at L'Auberge Hotel and Casino in Baton Rouge. See page 2 for an Annual Conference Update.

We will also continue planning virtual content going forward. I welcome anyone with topic ideas and/or willingness to do a presentation to [contact me](#). The virtual platform allows the Section to easily coordinate sessions and offer them in addition to our typical meeting schedule.

As we move forward, know that The Section is proceeding cautiously, with everyone in mind. Like so many other things in our lives right now, it will likely be a little different for a while longer. Please be patient with our volunteers as they navigate through planning events as we continue along.

Cheers to progress!
Jason

exhibitor layout will be modified to allow for distancing, and booth space will be limited to 20 exhibitors.

While some things are changing, you can still expect a great conference with plenty of opportunities for networking and catching up with peers...in person! Dr. Brown is a confirmed speaker and we're planning to end the conference with Ethics. We're also planning a full tract dedicated to Young Professionals (YPs) on day 2. Several invitations are out for other great speakers and we are excited about the interest already expressed for abstract submittals.

In the coming weeks, additional information will be provided on the Call for Abstracts and Exhibitor Registration. As you begin planning for your participation in this year's conference, here's a preliminary timeline:

- Early July: Call for abstracts
- Early July: Returning Exhibitor Registration
- Mid-July: Exhibitor Registration
- Early August: Attendee registration opens

- Early September: Preliminary Program Distribution
- October 1: Group invoicing closes
- October 11-22: All group invoices must be paid
- October 15: Advanced attendee registration closes
- October 27-28: CONFERENCE



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SUMMER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Ashley Viator

Please join us for the summer lunch meeting beginning at 10:00am on July 22 at Mike Anderson's Seafood in Gonzales. Mr. Harry Vorhoff, Deputy Director of the Governor's Office of Coastal Activities and Chair of the Governor's Climate Initiatives Task Force, and Ms. Lindsay Cooper, Policy Advisor of the Governor's Office of Coastal Activities, will be discussing the work of the Louisiana Climate Change Task Force.

Registration is available until July 20th at 12:00pm. Changes may not be allowed onsite. Click here to register: <https://la-awma.org/events/july-2021-meeting/>

Health Considerations: The Section has reserved additional space to allow attendees to socially distance as they prefer. Lunch attendance is optional; reduced rates are available for those who attend the meeting only.

Thank you to our meeting sponsor SLR International.



If you have any topics you would like considered at a section meeting or your company wishes to sponsor a future meeting, please contact Jason Midgett at jason.midgett@placidrefining.com.

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Caitlin Morrison

The Louisiana Young Professional group hosted its 10th Annual Young Professionals Golf Tournament at Pelican Point Golf Course and raised just over \$8,000. The tournament also raised \$500 from mulligans that will be used to support a Louisiana science teacher. Thank you to our competitive golf teams and unsure golfers who donate to support a local teacher and their passion for environmental education.

It was a beautiful day filled with delicious food and a great day of golf. We had 95 golfers and 14 food sponsors on the course this year! I can tell you that no one went home hungry. Without the support from our generous sponsors, we would not be able to support the YPs that put so much time and hard work into the Louisiana section keeping it alive and ever evolving.



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 15th Hole Food	 9th Hole Food	 3rd and 18th Hole Food
 10th Hole Food	 11th Hole Food	 1st Hole Food

GOLD SPONSORS

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HOLE FOOD

 12th Hole Food	 6th Hole Food	 7th Hole Food	 16th Hole Food
 13th Hole Food	 8th Hole Food		

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SPIRIT — Registration Food **ELEMENT** — Registration Drinks
Providence — Golf Carts & Tournament Drinks
TRC — Longest Drive Contest **ATLAS** — Closest to the Pin

GOLF TOURNAMENT EVENT SCHEDULE


7:30AM CHECK IN @ CLUBHOUSE

At registration grab a some **FOOD**  **SPIRIT** and a **DRINK** 

Take your **GOLF CART** to your assigned hole. 

9:00AM SHOTGUN START

Every hole is sponsored by one of our fantastic sponsors; stop by the tents to grab a quick snack.

Get a drink from one of the **DRINK CARTS!** 

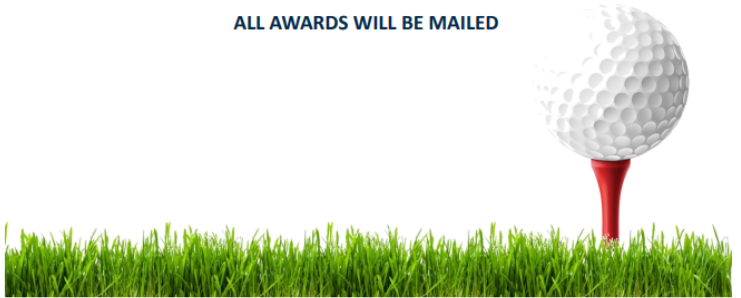
On course events include:

LONGEST DRIVE CONTEST 

CLOSEST TO THE PIN 

Pay for **MULLIGANS!** The money collected will benefit a Louisiana public school conducting an environmental science project.

ALL AWARDS WILL BE MAILED



Excerpt from the 10th Annual Louisiana Section A&WMA Golf Tournament, hosted by the YP Group. Special thanks to all of our sponsors!

LOUISIANA SECTION HISTORY

Karen Brignac

While cleaning out old files at a clients' site, I ran across the program booklet for the Louisiana Section's Title V Permitting Workshop from 1994. In looking at the cover page (opposite), several things stuck out to me.

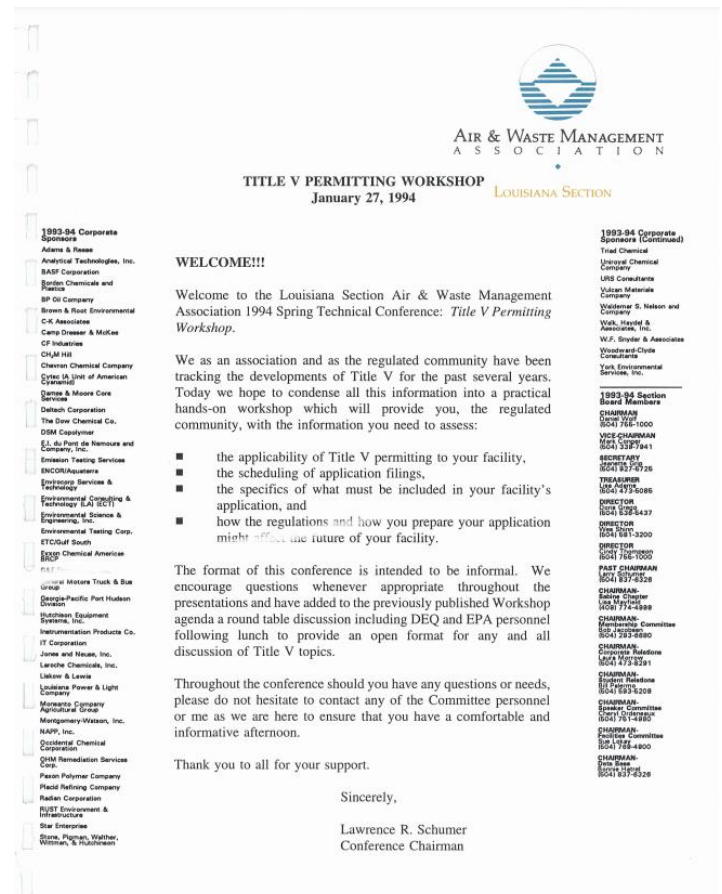
First, there actually was a time when facilities did not have Title V permits. I know that's hard to believe for those of you new to the environmental profession, not to mention those of you born after January 1994! Maybe that means those of us who remember that time need to retire....

Second, take a look at the companies that were corporate sponsors for 1993 – 1994. By my count, only 14 out of the 55 sponsors are still in existence or are still going by the same name.

And lastly, there are many familiar names in the Section Board Members; some of whom have very recently been on the board and several still active in the section (thank you Daniel, Cindy, and Bill).

What's my point you ask? No matter how things change, the Louisiana Section of A&WMA will stay with the times and be there to support our members and profession. Whatever the hot topic of the day is, you can count on A&WMA to provide timely information and access to experts. We can also rely on our members to step up and serve on the board to continue the tradition

of volunteer service. And on that note, the nominating committee is currently searching for volunteer willing to run for the positions of director and secretary. If you are interested, please e-mail me at Karen.brignac@ppmco.com.



LSU Student Chapter Update

Lindsey Lamana

AWMA Student Chapter at LSU had a total of 31 members, six general meetings, and four events for the 2020-2021 academic year. All meetings were held virtually. The students consisted of those mostly majoring in Environmental Management Systems, including several in Coastal Environmental Science and Engineering.

Two events were held in the Fall 2020 semester. Devon Brits, research associate at LSU Entomology and research director of Soldier Fly Technologies presented Recycling Food Waste on the Fly Using Black Soldier Fly to Recycle Food Waste at LSU. In November, LDEQ Environmental Scientist Senior Al Hindrichs discussed his experience in the Water Planning and Assessment Division.

The Spring 2021 semester included two more events. In March, a professional panel participated in a live Q&A with the students. The panel consisted of Emily von Qualen, Environmental Attorney at Liskow and Lewis New Orleans; Tokesha Collins Wright, VP and General Counsel of Environmental Affairs for Louisiana Chemical Association; and Brandon Lithgoe, Environmental Engineer at NOVA Chemicals Corporation. In April, the annual Resume Workshop was led by Paul Algu and Jason Midgett with expert advice from Boyd Boswell, Allyson Morales, and Lauren Rucinski. The Resume Booklet was completed at the end of the semester in early May.

On the Move

- Did you recently move companies?
- Does your company have any exciting mergers or relocations to share?
- We want to know about it – email the committee to have your new position announced!

MEET YOUR REGULATOR – Alan Mayfield

Ashley Viator

Read below to “Meet Your Regulator”, where we will introduce you to various staff you may encounter through the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality. Our latest interviewee is Mr. Alan Mayfield, air permit writer in the OES / Air Permits / Petrochemical group.

How long have you been with the agency, and in what capacity?

I have worked at LDEQ for almost 2 years. I work at LDEQ as an air permit writer. My career at DEQ began in 2019, a few months before Covid began. My previous job experience was in private industry.

Name functions/circumstances where you interact with members of the regulated community.

In the permits group, we work on drafting the Title V air permits with which companies have to comply. To get the necessary technical details for the new/revised permits, we review the permit applications for updates and modifications that are being requested, review the company compliance status for actions that may need to be addressed, and review changes in regulations that may have occurred since the permit was last issued. Many times we have to contact the companies for additional or supplemental information. We communicate through written correspondence, phone calls, and emails.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

I find it interesting to learn about the industries with which I have never work before.

Most interesting little known fact about yourself:

I enjoy growing orchids. I find the many varieties of orchids to be fascinating.

If you could be anywhere in the world right now, where would you be?

I have always wanted to visit Australia. However, not during their hot summer, but rather when it is a cooler time of the year.

Give us your best advice for young professionals:

Always be respectful of others. Learn something new every day. Build networks with other professionals. Never underestimate the power of being a good listener.



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