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Corporate Sponsor Spotlight: 2023 Corporate Sponsors

We'd like to extend an invite for your company to participate in our Corporate Sponsor Program. The Corporate Sponsor donation of \$300.00 is fully dedicated to the educational goals and programs of the Section. As in the past, your company's name/logo will be listed on the newsletters, routine communications, and [website](#) of the Louisiana Section as a Corporate Sponsor, on the Corporate Sponsor board displayed at the Section events and the Fall Conference. For more benefits of being a Corporate Sponsor and to [become a 2023 Corporate Sponsor today](#), visit our website!



Message from the Chair

Jason Midgett, Placid Refining

It was fantastic to see so many of you at the Section conference this year. The record attendance and positive feedback has brought a rejuvenated spirit to our board and committee members. Thanks to all your participation and support of this event and the Section this year. We will begin planning our 2023 Conference in a couple of months. Now is the time for us to consider doing anything new or different so please speak up if you think you have a good idea.

In the last newsletter I requested new volunteers and I'm very pleased that we received some responses. We are excited to have new fresh perspective and to put these folks' talents to use. We continue to look for a few more volunteers to help round out our resources going into next year and join newly elected Corey Gautreaux (Vice-Chair) and Boyd Boswell (Director) in leadership roles. These gentlemen will begin their terms in January 2023 along with Emily Von Qualen who was eager to agree to a second term as our Treasurer. Thank you all for agreeing to serve.

A&WMA Members the Louisiana Section exists to serve you and we want to make sure you get value for your membership! Contact a board member and let us know how we can do that for you.

December brings about the completion of my term as Section Chair. I've enjoyed myself and learned a lot over the last two years. While I'll admit I'm ready to step back, I'm very happy that I said yes to the nomination and look forward to continuing my involvement in the Past Chair role. The Section has bounced back from the pandemic and there is a solid plan to continue to move forward. As I pass the role to the very capable Allyson Morales, I have zero doubt that she will drive us in the right direction and continue to fulfill our mission.

As we usher in the incoming leaders, we get to say thank you to the outgoing. Two of our Board members, Brandon Lithgoe and Jessica Aisner, will complete their terms this year. Thank you both for your years of service and leadership to the Section.

I wish all of you the best this Holiday Season and a prosperous 2023!

2022 Annual Conference

*Allyson Morales, TotalEnergies Petrochemicals & Refining USA, Inc.
2022 Conference Chair*

In collaboration with the Southwest Louisiana and Gulf Coast Chapters we had an extremely successful Fall Conference this year with over 400 registered attendees! With the support of Valero's sponsorship, we also had 12 students attend fully covered through the student registration scholarships.



We kicked off the conference with remarks from Dr. Earthea Nance providing an EPA Region 6 update followed by our keynote address from Dr. David Dismukes of the LSU Center for Energy Studies. Dr. Dismukes led us into our Path to Net Zero sessions. New this year to the program was the addition of Texas specific content concurrent with our LDEQ updates. We also successfully expanded the program to offer two full days of dedicated technical waste tracks.

Special thanks to LDEQ and to our conference committee and especially their employers for allowing their staff time to dedicate to preparing for the conference and sharing their expertise. Furthermore, I would like to thank both our invited speakers as well as abstract submittal speakers.

Finally, thank you to all the attendees, sponsors, and exhibitors. Without your participation we would not be able to attract the talented presenters year after year. We will continue to work diligently to bring our members a valuable experience at all meetings and conferences held by the Louisiana Section of A&WMA. Mark your calendars now for October 25-26, 2023 for the Fall Conference to be held once again at L'Auberge.

Thank You 2022 Section Conference Exhibitors and Sponsors



2022 Section Elections

Jason Midgett, Placid Refining

Corey Gautreaux a longtime section volunteer has been elected to Vice Chair and we are looking forward to his impact as he begins to lead us. Emily von Qualen will begin her second term keeping our books in order as our Treasurer. Boyd Boswell will begin a three year term as Director and continue to lead our educational programs for the near term. Their terms begin on January 1, 2023 along with Allyson Morales transition into the Chair role. I'm so pleased that our Section continues to have success maintaining a strong board of dedicated volunteers. A special thank you to Craig Cortello for his willingness to serve and to Brandon Lithgoe for his three years of service as a Director.

Volunteer Needs

Jason Midgett, Placid Refining

Since our call for help in the October 2022 newsletter we've had a couple new volunteers reach out and we are really looking forward to their service! We are still a little short on the volunteer horsepower that we need to be able to execute everything we would like to do in the upcoming years, especially in the young professional area. If you are on the fence, I assure you we completely understand not wanting to be sucked in and bogged down, you get to define how much time you can contribute. Reach out and we can discuss how best to use your service! We're looking for willing volunteers, that are interested in learning more. [Allyson](#) or [I](#), will gladly have an honest conversation with you.

2022 Adopt a School

Boyd Boswell, T. Baker Smith LLC

Adopt a School Campaign is **OPEN**: The LA Section is accepting requests for funding proposals from Louisiana elementary or middle schools (grades 3 through 8) for donations to support science education through December 9, 2022. Please send this link <https://la-awma.org/education/adopt-a-school/> to our Louisiana teachers and administrators! Eligibility requirements are included on page 1 of the short application form. At least \$5,000 dollars is available for donations this year made possible by our corporate and golf tournament sponsors! Direct questions to the Louisiana Section of A&WMA Education Chair [Boyd Boswell](#).

Upcoming Association and Section Events



January 19, 2023	LA Section Lunch Meeting	Section Event –Gonzales, LA
April 11, 2023 – April 12, 2023	A&WMA/ASME Waste Information Exchange	Specialty Conference – Washington, DC
April 21, 2023 – April 23, 2023	Leadership Training Academy	Association Training – Pittsburgh, PA
May 4, 2023	LA Section Annual YP Golf Tournament	Section Event –Gonzales, LA
June 5, 2023 – June 8, 2023	A&WMA 116th Annual Conference & Exhibition	Annual Conference & Exhibition – Orlando, FL
October 25-26, 2023	LA Section Annual Conference	Section Event – Baton Rouge, LA

For a complete list of Association events and registration information, please visit the [Association's Event Calendar](#).
To learn more about the Section's activities please visit the [Section website](#).

Corporate Sponsor News:

As provided by individual companies

Advanced Industrial Resources: AIR announces that, in addition to the air emissions testing/monitoring services offered out of our Baton Rouge, LA office, we now have an office in Houston, TX to better serve clients in the LA and TX industrial region. AIR is a full-service air emissions testing/monitoring firm headquartered in Acworth, GA (Atlanta) with offices in Baton Rouge, LA; Houston, TX; and Portland, OR.

AEGIS Hedging Solutions, a leader in technology and expertise for commodity and environmental markets, announced the appointment of Zander Capozzola to the newly created position of Vice President of Renewable Fuels. With over 15 years of experience in environmental markets price reporting, analysis and consulting, Capozzola will be responsible for leading AEGIS' continued growth in the fast-moving biofuels and renewable fuels markets.

AEGIS was recently named the industry leader in hedging solutions for a sixth consecutive year and is a Top 5 Workplace in the Greater Houston area.

Spirit Environmental has made many exciting new hires in the third quarter. We are eagerly looking for the right fit to grow our Baton Rouge team. If you'd like to discuss a change, contact [Jennifer Tullier](#) at (225) 892-1083.

Thank You 2022 Corporate Sponsors



A&WMA 2022 Scholarship Awards

Boyd Boswell, T. Baker Smith LLC

The Louisiana Section Air and Waste Management Association (A&WMA) completed its 2022 Scholarship program for the Fall 2022 / Spring 2023 school year. Two scholarships were awarded in 2022 to two recipients - one from Louisiana State University (LSU) and one from Southern University in Baton Rouge.

Several universities were contacted this year and provided the scholarship application information with several applicants from LSU, Southern University, and Delgado Community College. The review team of Corey Gautreaux and Boyd Boswell reviewed, selected the best applicants, and conducted interviews with each of them. After interviews and consideration, the two applicants listed below were selected as recipients of scholarships.

Elizabeth Babalola – Elizabeth is attending Southern University and pursuing a Master's in Urban Forestry and Natural Resources. Her bachelor's degree is from the University of Ibadan located in Ibadan, Nigeria, which she received with honors. Elizabeth has performed several internships with forestry, genetics, and for local government administering the yellow fever vaccine in Nigeria. She is currently a member of the Southern University Association of Women Society is interested in combining her interest in social health advocacy and pollution prevention and mitigation.

Madeline Fryer – Madeline is attending LSU and pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Coastal Environmental Science with a minor in Chemistry. She is active on campus and is performing honors thesis research utilizing aerial drones and MATLAB to evaluate anthropogenic debris fluctuations in urban watersheds. She is President of the LSU Karate Club and she was the LSU Water Polo Secretary. She has also worked as a medical scribe and has her FAA Part 107 pilot's license.

Thank you to Elizabeth and Madeline for their applications, but more importantly, we want to thank them for their interest in A&WMA and their environment and communities.

Understanding Member Benefits

Jennifer Tullier, Spirit Environmental

A&WMA has over 500 student members in approximately 50 chapters at colleges and universities worldwide! The Louisiana Section has supported the LSU Student Chapter for over 20 years, and student members at other colleges and universities across the state. The Association and Louisiana Section are dedicated to numerous opportunities for student members. Each year, with the support of the Louisiana Section Corporate Sponsors, the Louisiana Section provides up to \$10,000 in educational scholarships.

The Association awards numerous scholarships during the Annual Conference and Exhibition, recognizing outstanding students pursuing courses of study and research leading to careers in air quality, waste management, environmental management / policy / law, and sustainability with respect to air quality and waste management. Scholarship applications for 2023 are being accepted until January 11, 2023. For more information on how to apply, please visit the [Association's scholarship website](#).

Student members attend Section and Association events at reduced student pricing, with programs developed specifically for students – Environmental Challenge International (ECi) Competition, Student Poster Competition and student events.

Student membership only costs \$35, and you receive a free year of young professional (YP) membership upon graduation! Not a member, but ready to join and take advantage member benefits? Visit the [Association's website](#) to join now.

2023 Annual Conference & Exhibition

from the Association website: www.awma.org

A&WMA will welcome the world's leading environmental experts, thinkers, and practitioners to Orlando from June 5-8, 2023 to address environmental challenges, discuss strategies and solutions to climate change, sustainability, new contaminants, and other issues that call for balancing growth with sustainability and resiliency.

Returning to Orlando after 12 years, [ACE 2023](#) will unite professionals from major industry, private sector, consulting, government and academia for an exciting event that will explore the ever-expanding environmental challenges and provide solutions to becoming and remaining resilient for tomorrow. This is an ideal opportunity for professionals to share their knowledge to advance the industry, and for environmental companies to showcase their products, services, and solutions with professionals motivated to build a more resilient and sustainable world. Many exhibit and sponsor packages are available to help you meet your goals that include conference registrations, exhibit booths, advertisements, event recognition and more!

Save the Date

JANUARY 2023 LUNCH MEETING



Registration information coming soon

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022

11:00AM-1:00PM

DOORS OPEN @ 11:00

LUNCH @ 11:30

SPEAKER @ 12:00

Community and Stakeholder Engagement

Tim Johnson, TJC Group President and Founder

MIKE ANDERSON'S SEAFOOD

1500 Louisiana 30 W - Gonzales

SAVE THE DATE

Louisiana Section A&WMA
Annual YP Golf Tournament

Thursday, May 4, 2023
at Pelican Point Golf & Country Club

Sponsorship and Registration details to come

SAVE THE DATE

2023 Louisiana Section Annual Conference

October 25-26, 2023

L'Auberge Casino & Hotel

Exhibitor, Sponsorship and Registration
information to come in 2023



2022 Board Members

Jason Midgett	Chair	Placid Refining Company, LLC
Allyson Morales	Vice-Chair	TotalEnergies Petrochemicals & Refining USA, Inc.
Jessica Aisner	Past Chair	SLR International
Emily von Qualen	Treasurer	Liskow & Lewis
Lauren Rucinski	Secretary	Kean Miller LLP
Karen Brignac	Director	Deltech Monomers OpCo, LLC
Brandon Lithgoe	Director	Ashworth Leining Group
Mary Claire Petit	Director	Valero St. Charles Refinery
Morgan Nelson	SW Chapter Chair	Phillips66
Greg Johnson	Past Chair S&C Council	Liskow & Lewis
Jennifer Tullier	S&C Chair / Association Board of Directors	Spirit Environmental
Dr. Maud Walsh	Association Board of Directors	LSU

2022 Committee Members

Michael Waguespack	Awards Chair	Waldemar S. Nelson & Company
Nathan McBride	Program Chair	Colonial Pipeline
Tokesha Collins-Wright	Program Chair	LCA
Boyd Boswell	Education Committee Chair	T. Baker Smith, LLC
Kelly Phillips	Facilities Chair & Nominations Chair	Nucor Corporation
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Paul Algu	YP Chair	Carvana
Amanda Polito	Communications Chair	Energy Transfer Partners
Maureen Ducote	Website	LDEQ
Deanna Nussberger	Student Chapter Chair	LSU Student
Vacant	Newsletter Committee	
Vacant	Membership Committee	

The Louisiana Section is one of nearly 140 geographical member units of the Air & Waste Management Association. As such, we plan, organize and present activities that focus on local and regional environmental issues. This includes holding luncheon and dinner meetings, technical seminars, annual conferences, workshops, continuing education courses, and social outings. We publish a newsletter, launch outreach activities and provide funds for scholarships. For more information about the A&WMA, [visit the A&WMA website.](#)