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## The Louisiana Section Newsletter



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## Message from the Chair

*Corey Gautreaux, PPM Consultants, Inc.*

They say April showers bring May flowers, but I personally prefer to focus on the crawfish and baseball that Spring brings with it. Although my Tigers aren't off to an ideal start, the crawfish are a plenty and there is still time to pull things together for a trip to Omaha. I know I chose to talk about the fun things this time of year brings, I went ahead and ignored the pollen, but I know most of you are working diligently, and likely some long hours, to get in your annual certifications and wrap up your ERIC reports. Don't forget that TRI is lurking in the shadows as well!

It was great seeing many of you either at our January lunch meeting down in Gonzales or at our dinner meeting a few weeks ago at Walk On's. These events are a great way for us to get together, share ideas, catch up with colleagues, and network with those we been "needing to get in touch with". Our March meeting is a special one as we always have special guests from our students that are closing in on graduation or maybe looking for a summer internship. We handed out several resume booklets, but if you weren't fortunate enough to get your hands on one, let me know and I can email a copy over to you. These students have a leg up on the competition as they have already been introduced to the wonderful world of A&WMA!

As the April showers dissipate, our Annual YP Golf Tournament is in full bloom! Registration is already open and we look forward to welcoming our sponsors, golfers, and volunteers to Pelican Point down in Gonzales on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>! Be on the lookout for some reminder emails or check out our website to register your team, become a sponsor, or sign up individually and join in on the fun. In addition to our local events, the Annual Conference and Exhibition (ACE) will be held in Austin, June 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. We are excited to have ACE so close to home and hope you will consider attending.

Speaking of our website, I'd like to help clarify a few common issues that we have seen lately. Last year our website saw a huge upgrade. We can now use it to manage our membership, send emails, host event registration, and much more! Although we can do all these amazing things on our website, your A&WMA membership is still managed by our wonderful folks in Pittsburgh at our headquarters. So if you are looking to renew your membership, sign up for one of the fantastic international conferences/webinars, or would like to sponsor something on the international level, those things will be done through [www.awma.org](http://www.awma.org). If you're looking to sign up for one of our local events, would like to become a local Corporate Sponsor, or just want to get some more information on the Louisiana Section, [www.la-awma.org](http://www.la-awma.org) is the place for you! Additionally, both websites have a unique login. Be sure to save your credentials to each for easy event registration!

Thanks to each of you for your continued support of the Association and the Louisiana Section. If you have any questions on how to get more out of your membership, don't hesitate to reach out. I look forward to seeing all of you on the golf course on May 7<sup>th</sup>!



## Your A&WMA Membership Account

*From Karen Brignac, Brignac Environmental Consulting LLC*

As an A&WMA member, you have access to the member only portion of the A&WMA website along with reduced registration fees, one free webinar a year, and access to A&WMA publications. In order to make sure you are receiving all your benefits, you need to keep your membership information up to date. When you become a member, you will receive your member identification number and directions on setting up your account. If you've been a member for a while and have misplaced this information, you can contact headquarters at 412-232-3444 or [info@awma.org](mailto:info@awma.org). It's very important that you update your contact information if you change jobs. Once you login, you can update this information. The member login page also asks you to select up to six areas that relate most closely to your job; this information is used by various groups within A&WMA to make sure programming is relevant as well as to identify individuals who may be able to help with planning programming. Please remember that your login for the international A&WMA website and our local section's Star Chapter website are different! Keeping both updated will ensure that you don't miss anything A&WMA related.



## All About ACE

*From AWMA.org*

Get ready to energize your future at ACE 2026!

Become a **sponsor** or **exhibitor**! New packages are available. Explore the opportunities and sign up early to get the most exposure.

Learn more at [www.awma.org/ACE2026](http://www.awma.org/ACE2026).

June 21–24, 2026  
JW Marriott  
Austin, TX



# Understanding Member Benefits

*Jason Midgett, Placid Refining*

**Did you know?** All A&WMA members in good standing will receive one free live or recorded webinar (\$99/1.5 hours or \$169/2 hours, not a series) per membership year. Your membership must be current at the time of the webinar.

**Apply for your free webinar at least 2 full business days** in advance. Late applications will not be accepted. Once received, we will check your membership and if you are current and haven't already used your free webinar this year, we will send your registration to our webinar partner. You will receive a confirmation and access link from [support@peachnewmedia.com](mailto:support@peachnewmedia.com).

If you are not able to attend the live webinar, you will be sent a recording to watch at your convenience. If you want to use your member benefit to access a [past webinar](#), the same form should be used.

Not a member, but ready to join and take advantage of some of many member benefits? Visit the [Association's website](#) to join now.



## Southwest Louisiana Chapter – 2026 Spring Conference Wrap-up

*From Laura Bruchhaus, LyondellBasell*

The 2026 SWLA A&WMA Spring Conference was a great success and a clear reflection of the strong support and engagement within our chapter and the broader environmental community.

We extend our sincere appreciation to our sponsors for their generous support, which made this conference possible, and to our speakers for sharing their expertise across air, water, waste, and LDAR topics. Their contributions provided valuable insight and made the technical sessions informative and engaging.



Thank you to our exhibitors for showcasing innovative products and services that continue to advance the environmental profession. Thank you as well to all participants whose engagement, discussion, and enthusiasm made the conference a meaningful and impactful experience.

Finally, thank you to the Conference Planning Committee, whose dedication and countless volunteer hours were essential to the success of this event. We look forward to continuing this momentum and hope to see you again at future SWLA A&WMA events.

# 2026 Fellow A&WMA Membership Award

From Jason Midgett, Placid Refining, LLC



The Air & Waste Management Association has selected Greg Johnson to receive the Association's 2026 Fellow A&WMA Membership. The Fellow Grade of Membership is bestowed upon members who have a at least 15 years of relevant experience, 10 consecutive years of membership, and have made both professional and service contributions that advance the mission and objectives of A&WMA. Greg has well exceeded all the qualifications for the Fellow Grade during his career both for A&WMA and other through other professional accomplishments. The Louisiana Section and A&WMA has continuously benefited from countless hours of service of his 30 years of membership!

Greg returns to the city of his Alma Mata to receive this membership award, Austin Texas. He graduated from the University of Texas with his B.S. in Chemical Engineering and will be recognized during the 119th Annual Conference & Exhibition in Austin at the Honors & Awards Brunch and Ceremony, which will be held on Wednesday, June 24, 2026.

## Congratulations Greg, on this well-deserved overdue recognition!



### Let's Get Social

From Lorenzo Reyes, LDEQ

The Louisiana Section is coming to your favorite social media platforms! Find us on LinkedIn, X, Instagram, and Facebook for real time updates on upcoming Section events, highlights, and important announcements. Scan the QR code [or Click Here](#) to follow all of our social media accounts and stay in the loop!



## Upcoming Association and Section Events

### SAVE THE DATES

April 17-18, 2026	A&WMA Leadership Academy	Pittsburgh, PA
May 7, 2026	YP Golf Tournament	Pelican Point Golf and Country Club Gonzales, LA
May 19, 2026	Lunch Meeting	TBD – Look out for an email!
June 22 – 24, 2026	A&WMA 119 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference & Exhibition	ACE – Austin, TX

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](#).



**MAY 7, 2026**

**PELICAN POINT GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB**

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## EVENT SPONSORSHIPS

SPONSORSHIP TYPE	CONTRIBUTION	BENEFITS OF SPONSORSHIP
HOLE SPONSOR	\$100	Sponsorship of one hole along the course, including custom 18" x 24" sign with your company one-color logo on it... Depending on the number of vendors on the course, your sign may be paired with others.
CLOSEST TO THE PIN SPONSOR		<i>The Section will provide a gift card valued at \$150 for each sponsor to handout.</i>
LONGEST DRIVE SPONSOR	\$350	Sponsorship of hole and food station along the course at the closest to the pin/longest drive hole location, including custom 18" x 24" sign with your company one-color logo on it. Logo will also be included on a banner in the Pavilion Area.
REGISTRATION DRINK or FOOD SPONSOR	\$100	Provide drinks and/or breakfast items at registration before the tournament play begins. Prominent visibility at or near the registration table. Registration Drink and Food Sponsorship is two separate, exclusive sponsorships. The Registration Drink and Food Sponsors can only serve before the tournament starts.
GOLF CARTS SPONSOR	\$300	Each golf cart will have a custom sign with your company one-color logo on it. You may provide your own signs if preferred. The sponsor will have the opportunity to outfit the golf cart with company swag, such as, personalized score cards, golf balls, tees, towels, etc. If interested, please call for details.
TOURNAMENT DRINK SPONSOR	\$400	Sponsorship comes with two drink carts and two custom 18" x 24" signs with the company one-color logo on it. Sponsor will be responsible for providing and distributing drinks to the golfers throughout the game. Golf carts are required to be operated by a Pelican Point staff member.
TOURNAMENT FOOD STATION SPONSOR	\$300	Sponsorship of one food station along the course, including custom 18" x 24" sign with your company name and/or one-color logo on it. This sponsorship includes HOLE SPONSORSHIP.

All Event Sponsorships come with acknowledgment of your support in the tournament program and A&WMA Newsletter.

*Note: The tournament will not provide tents, tables, chairs or food. The sponsor must provide everything including people to staff the tent.*

*\*Sponsorship must be confirmed by **April 17, 2026**. Late sponsorships may be excluded from signage.*

## TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIPS

	CONTRIBUTION	TEAM (4 PLAYER) ENTRIES (\$550/TEAM VALUE)	TENT/FOOD STATION (\$300 VALUE)	BENEFIT/VISIBILITY
PLATINUM Save \$200!!	\$1200	2	FREE	TOP BILLING on advertising & event day print materials, Signage in Pavilion Area, and Newsletter recognition
GOLD Save \$50!!	\$800	1	FREE	Logo on advertising & event day print materials, Signage in Pavilion Area, and Newsletter recognition

**REGISTER HERE TO PLAY/SPONSOR!!**

# Thank You 2026 Corporate Sponsors



**Become a Corporate Sponsor!** The support and contributions through this program allows the Section to fund annual educational awards activities such as our Collegiate Scholarship Program, and Louisiana State Science Fair Awards. The Corporate Sponsor donation of \$375.00 is fully dedicated to the educational goals and programs of the Section. The annual donation allows any three employees of your company to attend meetings, workshops or conferences at discounted rates. 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. [ADD IT HERE](#)

## 2026 Board Members

<b>Corey Gautreaux</b>	Chair	PPM Consultants, Inc.
<b>Ashley Viator</b>	Vice-Chair / LDEQ Liaison	LDEQ
<b>Allyson Morales</b>	Past-Chair	TotalEnergies Petrochemicals & Refining USA, Inc.
<b>Eric Rucinski</b>	Treasurer	Alliance Technical Group
<b>Courtney Tolbert</b>	Secretary	LDEQ
<b>John King</b>	Director	Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, LLC
<b>Emily von Qualen</b>	Director	Liskow & Lewis
<b>Karen Brignac</b>	Director	Brignac Environmental Consulting LLC
<b>Jason Midgett</b>	Association Board of Directors	Placid Refining, LLC
<b>Laura Bruchhaus</b>	SW Chapter Chair	LyondellBasell

## 2026 Committee Members

<b>Michael Waguespack</b>	Awards Chair	Project Consulting Services, Inc.
<b>Doug Melancon</b>	Program Chair	ExxonMobil
<b>Tokasha Collins-Wright</b>	Program Chair	LCA
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<b>Andrew Swedler</b>	Corporate Relations Chair	ExxonMobil
<b>Heather McCormick</b>	Membership Committee	Linde
<b>Tucker Brown</b>	YP Co-	Placid Refining, LLC
<b>Tristan Collins</b>	Chairs	AmSpec Group, Inc.
<b>Blake Vincent</b>	YP Golf Tournament Chair	CK Associates
<b>Courtney Tolbert</b>	Communications Chair	LDEQ
<b>Lorenzo Reyes</b>	Communications Committee - Social Media Outreach	LDEQ
<b>Maureen Ducote</b>	Communications Committee - Website	LDEQ
<b>Cindy Wu</b>	Education Committee	Erthwrks, Inc.

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.](#)