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Message from the Chair

Corey Gautreaux, PPM Consultants, Inc.

Fall is here! Well, maybe not quite from a weather standpoint, but everything there is to love about fall is knocking on the door. September kicked off football season for my beloved LSU Tigers and maybe even several of your kids as well (and your favorite teams), October will welcome pumpkins and skeletons, November should allow those flannel shirts to come out of hibernation, and of course Santa won't hide much longer with December just around the corner.

Fall is always a special time across Louisiana. I know I've already mentioned football season and the weather change, but with fall comes our Section's big event, the Annual Fall Conference! Every year numerous volunteers put in extra hours to plan and implement a gathering that we can all be proud of. Whether you attend for the networking, learning from our esteemed colleagues, or simply hearing Bryan say funny (but often true) things about the state of affairs, we sincerely appreciate your attendance.

Once again, the Fall Conference will be at L'Auberge Baton Rouge on Wednesday, October 29th and Thursday, October 30th. The preliminary program is available, and registration is open! We look forward to welcoming all of you back and hopefully seeing a few new faces as well. Please be sure to thank our sponsors and volunteers who make the conference the success that it is.

On September 18th, the Section hosted a dinner meeting down in New Orleans at 73 Distillery. Those in attendance were treated to some tasty hand-crafted beverages, a tour of the distillery, some delicious food by Coterie, and some A&WMA/Environmental trivia by Greg and the great staff at Liskow and Lewis. I would encourage all of you to make time to attend one of our bimonthly meetings. You will have another opportunity when we host a Young Professionals gathering at Loft 18 in Baton Rouge on October 2nd. Don't let the "YP" confuse you, all are welcome whether if you've been doing this for 3 months or 30 years. Registration is open on our website, and I look forward to a little warmup before the conference.

As I wrap up my first year as Chair for the Louisiana Section, I can't say thank you enough to all of our board members, committee chairs, and volunteers who help make this such a great organization. I attended my first Fall Conference as a permit writer with LDEQ over 20 years ago. After leaving state employment, I worked with the A&WMA current president, Leah Blinn. She encouraged my interest with the Section and always pushed me to get involved when I could.

If you are interested in getting involved or have any feedback you'd like to share, please don't hesitate to reach out. I look forward to seeing you all at the Fall Conference. Cheers to a healthy and safe 4th quarter!



HON Webinar

From Karen Brignac, Brignac Environmental Consulting LLC

For those who were unable to attend the HON Workshop held April 8 and 9, there will be a webinar on October 9 from 12 to 1:30 pm. The webinar will review key revisions to the Hazardous Organic NESHAP (HON) and Group 1 Polymers and Resins regulations, including NSPS changes to aid in the implementation of compliance programs. Topics including process and maintenance vents, flare and LDAR requirements, fence line monitoring, and ethylene oxide will be covered. The status of EPA's reconsideration will also be discussed.



Remember, each member of A&WMA gets one free webinar per calendar year. Don't let this member benefit expire!

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.

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.

2024 Membership Performance Recognition Award

from Ashton Singletary, Southwest Louisiana Chapter of A&WMA

Thank you to the incredible dedication of our leadership team and the enthusiasm of our environmental professionals, the **Southwest Louisiana Chapter of A&WMA** grew from 55 to 81 members in just one year, a nearly 50% increase! This milestone reflects our commitment to fostering collaboration, advancing environmental knowledge, and building a strong, engaged community. To our members, new and returning, thank you for being part of this journey. Your passion and participation are what make this chapter thrive.

Here's to continued growth in 2025 and beyond!



Whiskey Business

from Courtney Tolbert, LDEQ



Greg Johnson, Shareholder at Liskow, Chair Environmental Regulatory Practice Group

Did you know? ... The Seven Three Distillery is named after the 73 distinct neighborhoods that make up New Orleans. The distillery uses local ingredients and names their spirits after the 73 neighborhoods. The evening consisted of a distillery tour and a test of knowledge about A&WMA (HQ and LA section), environmental issues, and of course whiskey.

Greg Johnson, Trivia Master, and his Liskow colleagues put together the questions and graded each team's answer cards. Congratulations to Jennifer Tullier, Kevin Calhoun, P.E., MBA, and Timothy Desselles, P.E. for outshining the completion and winning trivia!



Karen Brignac has officially retired! Well sort of... She has started her own consulting business, Brignac Environmental Consulting LLC. Her new email address is brignacec@gmail.com.

Happy
Retirement
Karen!



Karen is to A&WMA as boiled crawfish is to Louisiana, they simply go together. She pushed all of us to get involved, volunteer, and learn more about the organization. I took my first committee chair position under her guidance (Education Chair) and that taught me just how special this organization is. I am grateful for Karen's leadership and support, and I wish her the very best in her retirement!

- Corey Gautreaux, LA Section Chair

Upcoming Association and Section Events

SAVE THE DATES

October 2, 2025	YP Social	Loft 18 – Baton Rouge, LA
October 9, 2025	HON & Group 1 Polymers and Resins Regulations, including NSPS changes to aid in the implementation of compliance programs.	Webinar
October 29-30, 2025	LA Section A&WMA 2025 Fall Conference	L'Auberge Casino and Hotel, Baton Rouge, LA
October 27 – 31, 2025	Atmospheric Optics: Aerosols, Visibility, and the Radiative Balance	Specialty Conference – Lake Junaluska, NC
November 12-13, 2025	NSR Workshop	Specialty Conference – Pittsburgh, PA
November 20, 2025	The Times They Are A-Changing – An Overview of Recent Regulatory and Judicial Developments Part 2	Webinar
March 24-26, 2026	Data Center Insights and Innovation	Dulles Technology Corridor, VA
June 22 – 24, 2026	A&WMA 119 th 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](#).

Corporate Sponsor News:

As provided by individual companies

Landau Associates is growing in the Gulf Coast! In October, we're opening a new office in Houston to better serve industrial, manufacturing, oil & gas, forest products, and public sector clients. The office will focus on air quality management and multi-media audit services, led by Jessica Ross, PE, and Katherine Riemann. We've also expanded our remediation capabilities. Randy Grice, PG, joined our Baton Rouge team earlier this year, helping to deliver creative, high-quality solutions to clients with environmental remediation, permitting, engineering design, and compliance challenges at their facilities. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming LA Section conference.

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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.](#)