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Message from the Chair

This time of year always seems to call us to periods of reflection. Of course, we all spend a certain amount of time contemplating where we have been and where we would like to see ourselves at certain future dates. As an association, I believe that we are also called to reflect on the past year's activities and conduct a self evaluation to identify what was good, where we need improvement, and what we need to look forward to and plan for. Our organization has experienced yet another successful year! The programs and outreach that we have sponsored have been well received. We have seen lunch and dinner meeting attendances swell (sometimes beyond facility capacity), produced yet another

successful Fall Environmental Focus, and we have seen a renewed interest in volunteerism among our members. This is a clear indication that you value the activities and services that you receive through your association!

As I am sure that you probably know, your Board of Directors and Committee Chairs have done an exceptional job this year to help maintain the health of the Section. We remain financially strong and we are looked up to within the Sections and Chapters Council for the incomparable leadership our Section has maintained throughout our history. I am so proud to work with all of these folks and want you to recognize just how hard they work for you.



Michael Vince
LA Section Chair

From making sure that we have good food and comfortable meeting locations to ensuring that we award scholarships to deserving students, your board and committees are there. From coordinating all of the meeting and conference registrations, to ensuring that we have engaging and timely speakers for our meet-

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Fall Conference Feed Back

Thanks to all of the conference attendees who took the time to respond to the conference questionnaire. Not surprisingly, the Climate Change session and topics were well received as timely and informative. The presenters did a great job of representing the regulatory issues, including the concerns that the regulatory burden caused by Climate Change regulations would be a challenge for both

the regulators and the regulated community. The majority of the other positive feedback was related to networking opportunities provided by having a good mix of attendees including regulators, industry, lawyers and consultants.

The feedback received on the Young Professionals sessions stated that there were good networking opportunities and that the speakers provided good infor-

mation. Having an entire day dedicated to topics that had been specifically requested by Young Professionals was well received and will hopefully be continued in future conferences.

The surveys also provided good information on how we can improve the conference. My personal favorite was a comment on the fact that we ran out of coffee during breaks.

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ings, your board and committees give their best. From providing resources to our young professional members, to maintaining the business end of our operations, your committees and officers provide outstanding service.

You will soon be receiving information about the Section elections that will be going on later this month. This is your opportunity to help con-

tinue the good work that your Louisiana Section has committed to, so please remember to vote in our election!

On a personal note, I want to say "THANK YOU" for your support over the past year and I look forward to serving you as Chair through the end of 2010. My wishes to you all for a safe and joyous holiday season!

Michael Vince

Louisiana Section Elections

The 2009 Louisiana Section election will soon be here. Members will be receiving election information, including full voting instructions, by email or U. S. postal mail. As with prior years, voting will be via the Air & Waste Management Association's secure election center on its website. Members will receive their email voting messages on or

shortly after December 10, 2009. If the Section does not have a valid email address for you, you will receive your information letter via U. S. postal mail the week of December 14, 2009. Should your email message "bounce" when sent, you will receive a letter. The election website is scheduled to open on December 10, 2009, and it will remain open for cast-

Thoughts of a 30 year Member of the Louisiana Section

Vance Gordon has been a member of the Louisiana Section of A&WMA since 1979. His thoughts about the organization and how it has aided him in his work are below.

"I was invited to AWMA (actually APCA then) meeting in the early 70's by an associate from the plant next door. I had recently been given responsibility for Environmental Control at Borden Chemicals. My friend told me that AWMA participation was a good way to

keep up with developing regulations and network with professionals in the field. I found even more than this. AWMA membership was diverse and provided the opportunity to meet and get to know Regulatory Agency Professionals and see their side of current issues. After I joined AWMA National, I began to be involved in the running of the section. I carried my membership to my next job and eventually became Chair of the Louisiana Section. I attended several annual meetings and had the opportunity to meet many people from other Sections and AWMA National. When I retired after 35yrs in the Environmental area, I found out that I could continue as a Member Emeritus at a very attractive cost. *Since I owe a lot of my professional growth to AWMA, I decided to continue.* Travel sometimes keeps my meeting attendance to a minimum and I find that I know fewer and fewer people, but I still enjoy the Section meetings. "

ing votes until the close of the election on January 8, 2010.

Candidates are:

Director:

Karen Brignac
Diane Leche

Secretary:

Kelly Bradberry
Katie Ricks

Welcome to Our Newest Members!

ManaRobert Berg, Exxonmobil Corporation
John Black, Enviro One
Dana Blackburn, C-K Associates, LLC
Oliver Boyd, Motiva
Bob Brady, The Dow Chemical Company
Jill Burditt, ENVIRON International Corporation
Michael Carbon, ENVIRON International Corporation
Neha Damle, Environmental Resources Management
Elizabeth Fazekas, LSU student
Christopher Fetters, Conestoga-Rovers & Associates
Loree Fields, URS Corporation
Bill Frizzell, OxyChem
Rebecca Froedge, ExxonMobil Chemical Company
Jamie Godbold, PPM Consultants, Inc.
Todd Higginbotham, ENVIRON International Corporation
Richard Ishikawa, Shaw Environmental, Inc.

Don Johnson, Calcasieu Refining Corp.
Brandon Lithgoe, ENVIRON International Corporation
Cynthia Maldonado, Chemtura Corp.
James McAllister, Conestoga-Rovers and Associates
Ramesh Narasimhan, Trinity Consultants
William Nipper, The Dow Chemical Company
Rebecca Robinson, C-K Associates, LLC
Keith Rousseau, Avex
John Schneller
Tommy Stewart, LA Ash, Inc.
Beth Szwec, C-K Associates, LLC
Zia Tammami, C-K Associates, LLC
Lynne Wallace, Providence Engineering and Environmental Group, LLC
George Whitlow, Whitlow Enterprises Smoke School
Toby Wise



Southwest region Anti-Ozone Campaign

With looming reductions to the ozone NAAQS, which will cause parish or region wide non-attainment redesignations, interested parties throughout southwest Louisiana have joined forces to spread the word about ozone. The Lake Charles Chamber of Commerce, the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, Southwest Economic Development Alliance, and the cities of Lake Charles, Sulphur, Westlake, Vinton, DeQuincy and Iowa are a part of this collaborative effort. The

focus is to reduce ozone emissions in southwest LA to meet the standards set by EPA. The effects if the standard is not met could include higher operating costs, higher fuel costs for vehicles, and stricter automobile inspections. Calcasieu Parish is currently in attainment, but barely. Industry is not the sole contributor to ozone; sources include cars, human activities, decaying vegetation, ships, and small combustion equipment (lawn mowers) to name a few. There are many

things the average person can do to contribute to better air quality, including; maintaining your vehicle (emission control system, tire pressure, and keeping the gas cap tight), keep chemicals (including paints and cleaners tightly sealed; fueling when its cool; using lawn equipment after 6 p.m; implement an awareness program at your company. Carpool, walk, take public transportation, bring your lunch, paint in the cooler seasons, be mindful not to spill gasoline and don't top off your

tank! More information can be found at www.allianceswla.org.

Visit LDEQ's website at <http://deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/119/Default.aspx> to learn more about the statewide ozone taskforce. The new ozone standard will effect the significant portion of the state.

EPA Chief Visits New Orleans

EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson returned to her hometown, New Orleans, for the first time since President Obama appointed her back in January. During her visit Chief Jackson addressed EPA's Brownfields Conference attendees, toured the lower 9th Ward and new green home locations, and met with students and professors from Southern and Tulane Universities. According

to Jackson EPA will more closely monitor and oversee state regulatory activities under her term. The administration's current priorities include reducing greenhouse gases, working to revitalize the nation's drinking water systems and reduce urban and agricultural runoff pollution, and refocusing the agency's emphasis on toxic chemicals. These issues are "hot topics" in Louisiana, the

majority of industry in the state will be significantly impacted by any legislation written to control greenhouse gases. Addressing the "dead zone" in the Gulf of Mexico is critical to the survival of the state's fisheries. Jackson also stated that she had a special interest in making sure the EPA is doing all it can to keep issues associated with federal costal restoration efforts moving forward.



Fall Conference Feedback Continued...

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I second that comment. Also, we need to work with the speakers to format their presentations to ensure that the information can be easily read. We also received many good ideas on topics for future conferences.

As promised, we did a

random drawing from the tickets turned in with the conference surveys. Congratulations to Anthony Randall who won the \$25.00 Barnes and Noble gift card.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the conference committee and the many others who helped make the

Annual Conference a success. 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.

Cindy Thompson
Conference Co-chair

Fall conference attendance breaks 300 mark with 316 participants!

LSU Student Chapter

The LSU student chapter is excited about the progress that was made in the Fall semester of 2009. Membership has grown and ties with the Louisiana chapter have grown stronger through Fall Conference, dinner meetings, and guest speakers. There will be no meetings until the spring semester convenes in January. Special thanks to Dr. Maud Walsh, faculty advisor to A&WMA, and Dr. Charles Killebrew, who allowed the student chapter to hold meetings during his class period. From the LSU Student Chapter, we wish all A&WMA members a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Paul Algu
LSU Student Chair



Southwest Chapter Update

The Southwest Chapter of the Louisiana Section of Air and Waste Management Association hosted a luncheon at Pujos Street Café in Lake Charles on December 2, 2009. Our guest speaker was Charles Zukor of Trinity Consultants. Charles presented an update on the Greenhouse Gas Final Rule.

Mike Dever
Southwest Chapter Chair

October Fall Conference Dinner Meeting

The October dinner meeting was held in conjunction with the Fall Conference at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Executive Center in Baton Rouge. Director Loren Scott, Loren C. Scott & Associates, Inc., gazed into the crystal ball and spoke on the Economic Outlook for 2010. His presentation focused on the trends (GDP and Unemployment) that the nation has experienced during previous recessions and how the current economic situation is following right along with them.

Dr. Scott also spoke on the impacts of cap and trade and oil prices related to the economy. Dr. Scott's presentation was both informative and entertaining. The Louisiana Section thanks him for sharing. The January Dinner meeting will be held at Zea's in New Orleans. Watch your inbox for the invite!

Why do I belong to A&WMA?

"I believe the only way to get a return is to make an investment. Originally the reason was to meet with your peers and have information interchanges, we didn't have many regulations and methods, no internet, emails, etc. to communicate. I have remained an active member, because I enjoy the many friends I have made during the years. I am also active at the international level. I have only missed 3 annual meetings/conferences in the past 45 years."

Fred Dowling
LA Section A&WMA member (45 years)



Don't forget to consider the environment during the holiday season!

Except during hurricane recovery efforts, more garbage is produced during December than any other month of the year in Louisiana! Do a little home environmental planning this season. Consider an artificial tree that does not have to be discarded or recycled and can be used for a decade or longer, it's usually worth the investment. If you do purchase a live tree, don't use tinsel and decorations that will have to be removed before recycling. Check the local requirements before you bring your tree to the curb. Forego wrapping papers and foils and use re-usable fabrics, or gift boxes. On the big day don't throw them out! Don't buy foil wrapping paper as the ink typically makes it non-recyclable. Foam peanuts are being used less and less, however if they show up, most local

mailbox or postal shipping stores will take them for recycling. Most cardboard is recyclable and there is a demand for it! Buy rechargeable batteries for all those new gadgets and properly dispose of the old devices and batteries. The percentage of recycled products available for purchase continues to rise, support sustainability and buy those labeled as "made from recycled materials" instead! When it comes to using holiday lights buy LED's. The energy savings and longevity make up for the small additional up front-costs, and remember to put your decorations on a timer switch to avoid the higher utility bill! Plan properly and do all your shopping in three or fewer trips, not only will it cut down on your stress, but you'll save gas and time!

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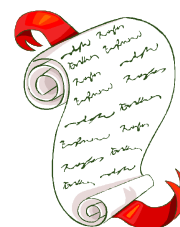
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Holiday Shopping Tips

Planning ahead will help save you time, money, and added stress!

- 1) **Make a list of who you need to buy for.** Include (coworkers, charity, etc) and don't forget to check it twice!
- 2) **Figure out the budget,** how much can you really spend?
- 3) **Estimate the dollar amount for each person on the list,** including a limit per person will help you keep your budget.
- 4) **Compare the budget and the estimated gift/person,** if they don't fit go back and re-evaluate!
- 5) **Know how you are going to pay,** hopefully you can use your holiday account.
- 6) **You've budgeted your money, now budget your time,** planning your shopping can save you \$, especially if you need a babysitter.
- 7) **Start early,** the popular Black Friday has already passed but look for other door-buster and early bird specials.
- 8) **Sales** - everything is "on sale" but comparison shop just to make sure it really is.
- 9) **Keep watching the Sales,** even if you have made a purchase, retailers will normally refund the difference to you.
- 10) **Keep your receipts,** If you have to return something without it you probably won't get back what you paid, stores will refund the lowest price if at all.
- 11) **Time to Wrap,** make sure you budget time and money for this, sometimes it costs more to wrap a gift than it did to purchase it. Buy your wrapping materials ahead of time and take advantage of post holiday sales for next year.



Important Dates



State Holiday– Christmas
 State Holiday– New Year's Day
 Renewable Biomass Energy: Reducing Carbon Footprint and Saving Fuel Costs (Webinar– www.awma.org)
 State Holiday– Martin Luther King's Birthday
 January Dinner Meeting– Location TBD
 2010 Environmental Regulator Compliance Conference (Alexandria River Front Conference Center)
 President's Day
 Mardi Gras
 Louisiana Environmental Education Symposium (Baton Rouge Marriott)
 March Dinner Meeting (Holiday Inn in Gonzales, Louisiana)
 103rd A&WMA Annual Conference and Exhibition (Calgary, Alberta, Canada)

December 25
 January 1
 January 14
 January 18
 January 21
 January 27
 February 15
 February 16
 February 26-27
 March 28
 June 22-25

Reminder!

Please remember to update your contact information on the A&WMA Website. Updating your information will keep you informed about future A&WMA events.

Sudoku

The object of the game is to fill every row, column, and square with the digits 1-9. Numbers cannot repeat. Good luck!

Level of this Puzzle: Medium

Happy Holidays!

~from the staff of the Monitor!



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