



AIR & WASTE MANAGEMENT
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Get Involved and Have Fun!

Presented by Cindy Thompson – Volunteer Coordinator

Overview

- What is A&WMA all about?
- What are the benefits?
- What are the opportunities?
- Real Life Stories

**GET
INVOLVED**
Be a volunteer and reap the rewards

A&WMA Mission

The **Mission** of A&WMA is to assist in the professional development and critical environmental decision-making of our members to benefit society.



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A&WMA Core Purpose

- To improve environmental knowledge and decisions by providing a neutral forum for exchanging information
- 32 Sections and 100 Chapters worldwide
- Two monthly publications
- Conferences, workshops, webinars and courses
- Annual Conference and Exhibitions

A&WMA International

- Board of Directors
- Education Council
- Sections & Chapters Council
- Technical Council
- Young Professionals Council



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A&WMA Membership Benefits

- Access to Cutting-Edge Professional, Scientific and Technical Resources
- Networking with Leading Environmental Professionals
- Free Access to Career Center



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A&WMA Membership Benefits

- Professional Training and Development
- Discounts and Sponsorship
- Recognition



Benefits of Volunteering

WORK

Mentoring
Networking
Job Services
Leadership
Opportunities

LIFE

Communication
Technology
Social Networking
Connection

Best Ever Benefit?

- Have FUN while growing professionally and personally



A&WMA Louisiana Section

- Board consists of Chair, Past Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and three Directors
- Speaker Chair
- Corporate Relations Chair
- Awards Chair
- Nominating Committee
- Education Chair
- Facilities Chair
- Communications Chair
- Young Professional Chair
- Website Chair
- LSU Student Chapter Liaison

A&WMA Louisiana Section



Speaker Chair

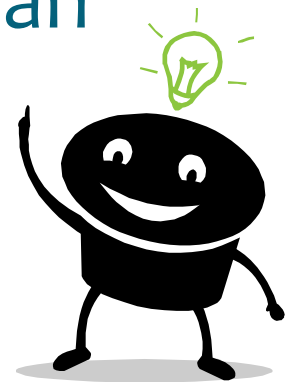
- Michael Waguespack
- Responsible for developing the dinner meeting topics and getting the appropriate speakers
- Need your input on topics and speakers for dinner meetings

Membership Chair

- Claudia Nethery
- Meet and greet new members and guests at events and make them feel welcome
- Contact lapsed members
- Help develop a meeting in North Louisiana

Communications Chair

- Mary Claire Lambert
- The Monitor – cover a dinner meeting, write a technical article, suggest newsletter content, photograph an event
- ***Share your ideas with us!***



Education Committee

- Allyson Morales
- Adopt-A-School Program
- Scholarship Program
- Louisiana Science and Engineering Fair
- Get the word out, your child's school could benefit
- Science Fair Judges
- Evaluate scholarship applicants

Young Professionals Committee

- Jason Midgett/Jessica Miller
- Golf Tournament
- Maintain college relationships
- Ideas for events and help to plan/host that event. Professional development class, social hour, tour, "neutral demos"

Young Professionals Committee

- Other community or peer events (races, cookouts, etc.) Put a team together and have fun
- New cities? NOLA Group started this year
- YP's can host events anywhere there are a few folks that will participate

Environmental Achievement Award Program

Three categories of finalists- industry, universities, and municipalities/parish government

Lots of opportunities for outreach and development of applications

Environmental Achievement Award Program Outreach

- **Industry** - see if the Louisiana facility a project that could qualify for this award and then help develop the application for submittal to our judges.
- **Consultant** - see if any of the firm's clients have a project that the client would be interested in jointly submitting with the consultant.
- **Recent graduates**- contact your local universities for identification of faculty/graduate students who would be interested in submitting an environmental research project for this award.

2016 ACE in New Orleans

- Technical Papers
- Student Programs
- Social Programs
- Technical Tours
- The list is endless!



Young Professional Involvement

Allyson Morales:

I joined AWMA as a student and have remained a member. I utilize my membership for various reasons.

- Great outlet for networking and staying current in the ever changing field
- Means for discussions among industry, government and consulting allowing multiple experiences and view points to come together for the better of the field
- Great mechanism for students to get there name out above the others also

Join In!



How?

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