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

- Access to Cutting-Edge Professional, Scientific and Technical Resources
- Networking with Leading Environmental Professionals
- Free Access to Career Center
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
• Michael Waguespack
• Responsible for developing the dinner meeting topics and getting the appropriate speakers
• Need your input on topics and speakers for dinner meetings
• 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"
• 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
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!
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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