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Message from the Chair

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Earlier this year, the Board of Directors of A&WMA approved a Strategic Plan for the Association. I'd like to highlight some of the goals and objectives in the plan to get you thinking about how the Louisiana Section can contribute to implementing the Plan.

The first goal is "Industry professionals and regulators effectively engage in A&WMA activities". One objective is to increase industry and regulator participation at all levels of the Association. Over the years, industry participation, particularly at ACE, has lessened. We are fortunate that so many of our industry members attend our annual conference but they do not always participate in dinner meetings and ACE.

With our turn to host ACE coming up in 2016, the local host committee would like your feedback on what you are looking for at ACE. Are the presentations too technical or too simple? How can we add enough value to the conference so that it is worth your time and money to attend? I will be asking this question a lot during the next year as we start to plan for New Orleans.

A second goal is "Interested parties seek out A&WMA for a balanced exchange of global environmental information, knowledge, ideas, and solutions." One of the strengths of A&WMA is that we provide a neutral forum for exchanging information. To provide this, we need to hear from all stakeholders on issues. Without participation from industry and regulators, we risk losing that balance. We also risk losing the balance if we focus too much on theory versus practical applications. If there are topics you would like to see discussed at a dinner meeting, conference, webinar, etc., please let us know. The Association is always looking for ideas that will keep members engaged.

A&WMA is fortunate to have volunteer leaders that give of their time and energy to help meet the goals of the Association. If you have not yet voted for the Board of Directors and the President Elect, please take the time to do so. I was on the nominating committee and I think we have a great slate of nominees. If you would like more information about a particular candidate, please let me know as I know most of them personally. Also, you may vote for up to three Directors but you do not have to vote for three. Voting for only one will increase the chances of your favorite winning a spot on the Board.

Registration is now open for the annual conference to be held October 28 and 29 at the Baton Rouge Marriot. The committee has put together another excellent program featuring the EPA Region VI administrator, Ron Curry along with many LDEQ speakers. The preliminary program will be emailed and available at the September dinner meeting. We will once again feature the popular text questioning so get your fingers ready! And remember that the conference is at the Marriot on Hilton Avenue – across I-10 from the location

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of past years conferences.

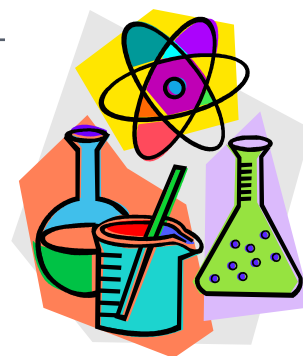
The day following our conference A&WMA will host a workshop for YPs titled “Developing the Professional in Young Professionals” also at the Marriot. This will feature sessions on key leadership competencies such as Priority Setting, Managing Key Relationships and Conflict Management. There will be a working breakfast and lunch included. If you are looking for professional development training for your young staff, I encourage you to check out the program on A&WMA’s website.

Karen Brignac
LA Section Chair

Adopt-A-School Program

It’s that time of year again – please pass along the Adopt-A-School information to any teachers that you know.

The primary purpose of the Louisiana Section Adopt-A-School program is to select an elementary or middle school at which the Section will award a cash donation for use at the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th grade level in the area of science education. It is the Louisiana Section’s desire that the funds be allocated to a specific project or purpose rather than simply becoming assimilated into the school’s general fund. In addition to the cash donation, the Louisiana Section will provide Environmental Education Resource Guides (print volumes of environmental education lessons/activities). No specific form for the proposal is required. The proposals will be evaluated equally on need and quality of the proposed program. The Louisiana Section requests that, at a minimum, the following information be provided regarding the school being nominated:



1. General background information about the school, including: the number of students in school and in the 3rd through 8th grades; the demographics of student population.
2. The significance the cash donation would have in the school’s overall program of science education, specifically: a clear explanation of why the school needs the grant, and the total number of students who will benefit from the grant.
3. Specific information regarding the intended use for the funds and the need for teacher training in the environmental sciences.

The more project oriented grant requests tend to score higher points with the judges than simple grant requests for money for the school’s general science funding. Ideally, but not a requirement, a Louisiana Section member nominating a school should be involved with the school and would be expected to act as liaison between the association and the school in the presentation of the award and any additional activities scheduled for the school during the year. Recipients of the grant will be requested to attend a Louisiana Section dinner meeting in New Orleans in January to receive the funds. Attendance is encouraged, but not re-

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quired. Details will be provided at a later date. Proposals should be received no later than **5pm on November 14, 2014**. Please address them to Allyson Morales at the address information listed below. If sending via e-mail, please include "Adopt-A-School" in the subject line.

If you have any questions concerning the Louisiana Section Adopt-A-School program, please feel free to contact Allyson Morales at amorales2@amsty.com.

Allyson Morales
Education Chair

See the Attachment at the end of the Newsletter for more information on the Adopt-A-School Program!

July Dinner Meeting

The July Dinner meeting was held on July 17th at historic Arnaud's in the French Quarter. The restaurant provided an exceptional atmosphere for socializing as well as amazing food. The new location was certainly a hit with those in attendance. The members were greeted with a fun and engaging scavenger hunt/bingo ice breaker activity during the social hour. It was fun evening of learning all sorts of things about other members' backgrounds and latest traveling experiences. A lucky few even got to see pictures of Bill Palermo's recent safari expedition in Africa!

JoAnn Burke of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation was the speaker for the evening and provided the members with a passionate presentation about saving our lakes and waterways. JoAnn took our members on a journey through time discussing all the issues that have plagued the waterways of Louisiana and all the effort that has gone into restoring them since the creation of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation in 1989.

The next dinner meeting will be held at Mike Anderson's in Gonzales on Thursday, September 18, 2014. Rob McNeal, Shareholder of Liskow and Lewis will give an update on the South Louisiana Flood Protection Authority litigation. We hope to see all of you there!



Pictured Above: Karen Brignac, Valerie Mayhall and JoAnn Burke



Pictured Above: Members socializing at the July Dinner Meeting

Anna Migliore

ERM—Baton Rouge YP

A 1-day YP workshop will be held in Baton Rouge, LA, October 30th. Member registration is only \$175 (and includes breakfast and lunch). Please share this information with everyone you think may be interested. Encourage managers/supervisors to support their YP's attendance of this workshop. It's a strong, full agenda with a lot of valuable information. This is the Association's first YP focused workshop/conference/training; please help make it successful by spreading the word! For more info, [click here!](#)

August YP Event

Progress, change, and growth are things that are vital to the world of industry and to sustaining a dynamic company within that world. This means that as a Young Professional (YP) it is important to continue to grow your understanding of industry and keep up-to-date on any changes that might occur. Like most YPs, I am constantly trying to learn about a different type of media or process, and the YP meetings always have interesting topics to satisfy that purpose. When something sounds unique, I'm always excited to go and learn something new.



Pictured Above: Gus Zieske presenting at the YP Event

The YP group had a great meeting on August 28th at Café Americain in Baton Rouge. Gus Zieske from CK Associates spoke on "The Significance of Toxicity Testing and What It Means for Facilities." Gus has over 25 years of experience in this field and was able to provide a wonderful talk on the toxicity testing conducted at facilities in the area. We discussed the process of WET Testing along with common issues that can arise during the study. The best discussions always come out in the more casual YP meetings. We were able to discuss the way to analyze the information from a facility standpoint and understand how to justify a retest in the instance of an unusual occurrence during a sampling event. My favorite moments were when he let us know the common problems facilities can get themselves into, without even realizing they are doing it. I think everyone in our industry can appreciate that kind of information.

The YP's would like to offer thanks to Mr. Gus Zieske for his time and wonderful presentation. Also, many thanks go to Kristen Kraus for planning and organizing this event. Thank you to all who attended. We hope to see you at our next event, the "Conference Unwind" on October 29th at The Pelican House. It will immediately follow the Louisiana Section Annual Conference at the Marriot. This event will also serve as a way to meet for those attending the Young Professionals Professional Development Course on Thursday, October 30th. Hope to see you there!

Jessica Miller

YP Chair of LA Section

The LSU Student Chapter is back, and ready for involvement! As the new semester is now in full swing, I would like to take a moment to introduce the Student Executive Board of the Student Chapter of the Air and



Waste Management Association. I, Brittany Dupre, the Chair of the Student Chapter, am very excited to welcome all student members and specifically our new Executive Board members! Daniel Schwank is the elected Vice Chair; Kaci Jones the elected Secretary, and Ashleigh Piazza is the elected Treasurer. This will be an amazing year for our Student Chapter! We will be holding our first meeting this month.

Left: LSU Student Chapter Members at the July Dinner Meeting

Brittany Dupre
LSU Student Chapter Chair

Check Out the YP Website!

The **A&WMA Young Professional Website** features key information relevant to Young Professionals including a blog, event announcements, links to tools for YPs (the toolkit, YPAC newsletters), information about A&WMA and the Young Professionals Advisory Council (YPAC). <http://yp.awma.org/>

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Important Dates

October 9	Southwest Chapter Quarterly Lunch Meeting
October 28-29	LA Section's Annual Conference (Click to register!)
October 30	Young Professional Development Seminar (Click to register!)



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Submittal of Proposals

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