



# The Monitor

Louisiana Section of Air & Waste Management Association

## Louisiana Section 2018 News

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### New for 2018:

The LA Section is happy to announce we have a new website! This has been a project on our list for a while and we are very excited to have a new website to better serve our membership. Please visit the website and let us know if there is anything you would like to see added. As we move through 2018 additional features will be added.

Visit our website: <https://la-awma.org/>

### Volunteers Needed:

We are looking for fresh faces, positive energy and dedicated volunteers.

The LA Section Board is currently looking to fill a Facilities Chair position (responsible for organizing meeting locations, menus and registration details).

Education Committee is currently looking for volunteers to judge the State High School Science Fair to be held at LSU (Baton Rouge) the morning of March 21<sup>st</sup>. If anyone is interested and available to help please contact [Corey Gautreaux](#).

In the coming months, the LA Section will begin plans for the Section's Annual Conference to be held October 24-25, 2018 at L'Auberge Hotel and Casino in Baton Rouge. If anyone is interested in being part of the Conference Planning Committee please contact [Jennifer Tullier](#).

If you have a topic you would like to hear more information on during a Section Dinner Meeting and have a potential speaker, please contact [Mindi Faubion](#).

### Changes to the Louisiana Section Board:

At the end of 2017, Karen Blakemore and Allyson Morales completed their terms as Secretary and Director, respectively. Paige Huggins has also resigned from her position of Treasurer and Facilities Chair. We thank each of these very dedicated volunteers that have filled multiple roles over the years, brought great feedback, ideas and attitude to each meeting, and have helped us continue to move forward. Jason Midgett has been appointed to fill the Treasurer position and is temporarily filling the Facilities Chair position. Paul Algu became Secretary effective January 1 and will serve a two year term, while Daniel Wolf returns the Board as a Director for a three year term.

Over the past several years, my involvement with this Section and the Association, has repeatedly shown the LA Section to be one of the strongest Sections. These volunteers are part of why we continue to be successful. THANK YOU!

## LA Section 2017 Annual Conference Review:

As 2017 drew to a close, it was great to look back on the successes of 2017 including the Annual Conference held in October.

Some highlights from the 2017 conference and attendee feedback:

- The 2017 Annual Conference hosted over 300 attendees.
- LDEQ and EPA presentations continue to be a significant draw for attendees.
- Over 75% of attendees visit the exhibitors.
- Presentations in the YP track draw a great mix of YPs and experienced professionals.

To every attendee, exhibitor and sponsor, thank you for continuing to support the LA Section Annual Conference and for making 2017's conference a success.

In looking ahead to 2018, we are currently under contract for October 24-25 at L'Auberge Hotel and Casino. EPA Region VI has reached out to us and we are working with them for an impressive Keynote Speaker, and A&WMA President-Elect Michele Gehring is a confirmed attendee for 2018. We hope you'll make plans now to join us in October!

## Thank you to our 2017 LA Section Sponsors



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## Message from the A&WMA Executive Board

Greg L. Johnson

The Sections and Chapters Council held an eXCELlent fall meeting in Minneapolis. Our business included reviewing the sections and chapters who had and had not submitted annual reports and their past participation in Leadership Training Academy to assess their activity levels. We also hiked the St. Croix River, enjoyed cheese curds and **BEVER**ages across the state line in Wisconsin, and caught the Twins-Tigers baseball game, at which Tigers player Andrew Romine played all nine defensive positions in a single game (only the fifth player in major league history to do so).

With great excitement (but some sadness), I will note that our Council Vice Chair, Michele Gehring, won the election for President-Elect of the Association. We are, of course, excited for her to lead the Association and for one of our S&CC leaders to take the helm. But, her Presidential duties will keep her from fulfilling her term as Vice Chair and eventual Chair of the Sections and Chapters Council (hence the sadness). As such, we will be calling for nominations for interested candidates to fill the remainder of her term as Vice Chair and to serve a three-year term as Chair of the S&CC from 2019-2021. Please consider whether you or someone you know would be qualified and interested to lead the Council overseeing our Association's local member units.

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Please join us at Pelican Point on Thursday, May 3rd for the 8th Annual Young Professionals Golf Tournament. Start practicing your golf swing for your chance to win \$10,000 with a hole-in-one! If you are feeling a little worried about your golf skills, don't worry, we have other fun competitions out on the course including a prize for the "Most Golf Balls Lost". Don't miss out on a day of golf, great food, awards ceremony and much more, all supporting a great cause. Proceeds will be used to fund the continued growth of the Louisiana's Sections YP Group and support Louisiana's YP participation on an international level within the association. We will be awarding a scholarship to help send a YP to the A&WMA Annual Conference and Exhibition to be held on June 25-28th, in Hartford, CT. Help spread the word about this great YP opportunity; the application will be opening on March 1st. Also, we will be donating money raised from mulligans to support a Louisiana science teacher and their school science project through DonorsChoose.org.

A shotgun start will begin at 9:00 am. Lunch and awards will follow immediately.

Your involvement makes this event successful as well as fun. So come out and join us for another memorable tournament. Please keep on the lookout for upcoming information on registration and sponsorship opportunities. We are excited to see some new faces out on the course this year.

Thank you to our 2017 Platinum Sponsors!



## Upcoming Events

### March Dinner Meeting

Thursday, March 22, 2018  
Mike Anderson's, Gonzales

### May Social/Fun Meeting

May 17, 2018  
World War II Museum, New Orleans

## Adopt a School Winners

Corey Gautreaux



As we bring in the new year, we look forward to sponsoring all of our usual events. From the state Science Fair in March to our Scholarship Awards in June, the Louisiana Section of the A&WMA is busy providing monetary awards throughout our young science-based minds. In the years past, we have offered our Adopt-A-School Program at the end of the year and presented our winners at the January Dinner Meeting. Last year we decided to try something different and move the Adopt-A-School Program to an early September deadline, and the feedback was outstanding. Last year we received more grant request than the last several years combined! In keeping with that focus this year, we are happy to announce that the Adopt-A-School Program will take place from August to early September, with an award presentation in early October. We hope this change allows for our educators to plan the school year a bit more smoothly. We also feel that this allows parents to provide the grant information to their child's teacher during orientation. We look forward to all the exciting events and would like to thank all of our corporate sponsors that make these awards possible.

## A&WMA LSU – Student Chapter

Paul Algu

The LSU student chapter is off to a roaring start in the new year! Chapter elections were held in December and Juan Rubio was elected as the new chair of the student chapter. In addition, Parth Dave was elected as vice chair and past chair Aamani Kura was elected to the new position of Student Director. Under this new leadership, the student chapter expects to have a successful transition into the Spring semester and looks forward to participating at Section and Association events throughout the year. Congratulations to our newly elected officers (all current A&WMA LSU Board members pictured) and Geaux Tigers!



## Save the Dates

### ACE Annual Conference & Exhibition

June 25-28, 2018

Hartford, CT

### LA Section Annual Conference

October 24-25, 2018

L'Auberge Hotel and Casino, Baton Rouge

## Verify Your Contact Information

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Has your contact information changed recently? If so, don't forget to update your information on the A&WMA Website to receive all the benefits of being an A&WMA member!

- Networking opportunities with leading professionals in the environmental field.
- Access to cutting –edge professional, scientific and technological resources.
- Opportunities for professional training and development.
- Full online access to both The Journal of the Air & Waste Management Association and EM, A&WMA's monthly magazine for environmental managers.
- Free access to the A&WMA Career Center where careers and candidates come together.
- Access to the [local Section](#) and Chapter events.

[Click here to update your information!](#)

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