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- Jennifer Tullier, Past Chair

Letter from the Chair, *Jessica Miller*

Hello! I am Jessica Miller and I am the new chair of the Louisiana Section for 2019-2020. We have so many events in the next couple of months. Keep reading to learn details about events for everyone. We also have a lot of new faces on our Board of Directors for 2019. Be sure to look at the welcome announcement on page 6 to see a full list of our current board members.

This year the A&WMA Annual Conference and Exhibition (ACE) will be held in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada June 25th-28th. Registration is now open. The details about registration and the technical program can be found [here](#).

Feeling like the white rabbit from Alice in Wonderland lately? "I'm late, I'm late for a very important date." I completely understand. We do not want you to miss out on the events happening this year, so be sure to pull out your calendar and get the dates from our "Save the Date Section" on page 3 into your calendar!

2018: Year in Review, *Jennifer Tullier*

It's hard to believe we closed 2018 and my term as Chair for the Louisiana Section ended over three months ago. I was fortunate to serve a great two-year term with an extremely dedicated, professional, and encouraging Board.

While preparing the Section's 2018 Annual Report, I was reminded of why this Section is often considered one of the top Sections in the Association. In 2018, the Section did not have a Membership Chair, as we were considering redefining that position. However, we had membership drives and outreach because members of the Board stepped in to help. That was how the 2018 Board worked...everyone jumped in and helped make 2018 one of the Section's best years. And then, there was the Section's Annual Conference, which was our best financial performance to date. And this year's Conference Planning Committee is already working to address more exhibitor space, more sponsorship opportunities, strong programming, great networking opportunities, and valuable presentations from regulators.

I extend a huge thank you to every Board member for their commitment and support of the Section, to the Board members' employers for being so supportive of their involvement, and to every member who attended an event, read a newsletter, and provided feedback. While it's fun to look back on 2018's success, I am confident 2019 will be even better.



**THANK YOU TO OUR
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YP GOLF TOURNAMENT

On May 2nd, the A&WMA LA Section Young Professional (YP) group hosted the 9th Annual YP Golf Tournament. The tournament featured the longest drive contest, closest to the pin contest, a chance to win \$10,000 with a hole-in-one, and new to this year, a putting contest with the chance to win a Yeti cooler and \$5,000. The winner of the putting contest walked away with a new Yeti Cooler and fell just short of the \$5,000 prize. Following the completion of the YP Golf Tournament, we hosted the A&WMA spring meeting in conjunction with the tournament awards ceremony, so everyone could enjoy the incredible BBQ prepared by Advanced Industrial Resources, Inc.

The tournament was SOLD OUT of sponsor and player spots for the first time! We had around 100 golfers out on the course this year and seven food tents along the course. Our first-place team was TRICORD and the Providence team came in a close second. It was a beautiful day of golf, great food, awards ceremony and much more, all supporting a great cause.

The tournament raised close to \$10,000 with proceeds funding the continued growth of the Louisiana Section's 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 Quebec City. Additionally, we will be donating money raised from mulligans to support a Louisiana science teacher and their school science project through DonorsChoose.org. The remaining money will go toward our LSU scholarship fund.

Thank you for your support and involvement to make this event successful as well as fun. The tournament was another memorable A&WMA gathering and we were so excited to see some new faces out on the course this year.

Please contact Caitlin Morrison at cmorrison@ramboll.com for any additional information.

On April 4th, the YP Group hosted an event at Topgolf to help people practice their swings. With over 50 people attending, there was plenty of networking opportunities with three hours of golf and food. Thank you to our Topgolf Event Sponsors!



Meet Your Regulator

By: Ashley Viator

In this issue, we will kick off part one of a series titled "Meet Your Regulator," where we will introduce you to a featured staff member of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality.

Our first interviewee is **Ms. Kelly Petersen**, Senior Scientist in the Office of Environmental Assessment (OEA) / Air Planning and Assessment Division.

How long have you been with the agency, and in what capacity?

Fifteen years. I worked in the Water Enforcement Permit Compliance Unit where I specialized in Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) and Compliance Monitoring for ten years, and I've worked with Emissions Reporting & Inventory Center (ERIC) for five years.

Name functions or circumstances where you interact with members of the regulated community.

I conduct ERIC trainings, and I answer ERIC-related phone calls and emails.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

Being able to help people and the environment.

Tell me an interesting little-known fact about yourself:

I enjoy watching Korean television, and I love chickens.

If you could be anywhere in the world right now, where would you be?

At home playing board games with my husband and my dogs. My dogs only sort of play – they sit with us at the table.

Advice for young professionals?

Do something you care about. Always keep the bigger picture in mind – what you're doing may be tedious, but it does impact the bigger picture.



SAVE THE DATE

Nat'l Conference (Quebec, Canada)	June 25 – 28
July Meeting (New Orleans)	July 27
Lunch Meeting (Gonzales)	September 19
La. Section Conference (Baton Rouge)	October 16-17

2019 Annual Conference Save the Date

by: Tim Desselles

We are planning to make new options available for our exhibitors, with an eye toward additional booth space and streamlining the registration process. We hope that these new options will allow for additional exhibitors from our wait list, provide all of our exhibitors a smoother process, and offer everyone a more dynamic experience at the conference.



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SAVE THE DATES

**2019 LOUISIANA SECTION
ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

OCTOBER 16-17, 2019

L'AUBERGE CASINO & HOTEL - BATON ROUGE

A&WMA Gives Back

By: Corey Gautreaux

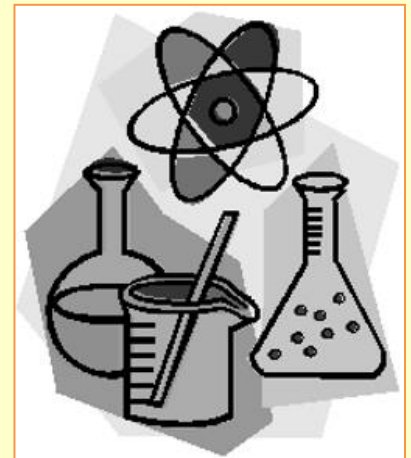
Each year the Louisiana Section awards students who exhibit exceptional projects in the environmental field at the state level of the Science and Engineering fair in the Senior Division. This year was no exception! The winners were as follows:

First Place (\$500) Jillian G. Eskew of St. Joseph's Academy – "The Impact of Biofiltration on the Nutrient Content of Fertilizer-Doped Water"

Second Place (\$400) Pranshu Khanna of Caddo Parish Magnet – "The Effect of Sawdust vs. Chitosan Powder in the Removal of Congo Red Dye from Water"

Third Place (\$300) Anna C. Leyrer of St. Joseph's Academy – "A Biological Restoration Model for Contaminated Coastal Marshes and Islands Using the Life Cycle of *Acheta domesticus* to Establish Environmental Sustainability"

We would like to congratulate all of our winners and encourage them to continue their environmental studies. Special thanks to Louisiana Section members Meghan Gallinaro and Katie Kogler for judging this year.



CONGRATULATIONS to the Adopt-A-School Winners

By: Corey Gautreaux

The Louisiana Section is proud to announce the 2018 Adopt-A-School winners. This year's response was off the charts and we look forward to the same great success moving forward. The winners are as follows:

\$500 - Kyle Davis, Apollo Elementary of Bossier City

\$500 - Lontarris Williams, LaSalle Elementary of Baton Rouge

\$750 - Nicole Phillips, Sacred Heart School of Baton Rouge

\$1,500 - Heather Fitzgerald, Devall Middle School of Port Allen

\$1,750 - Michelle Caluda, St. Charles Borromeo Elementary School of Destrehan

The Louisiana Section congratulates all of the awarded schools and appreciates their interests in teaching our youth the importance of science. Special thanks to Amanda Polito for her assistance in reviewing all of the fantastic applications this year.

March Dinner Meeting Wrap Up

By: Karen Brignac

The March dinner meeting was held at Drusilla Place Catering. The speaker was Dr. Christopher Kuhlman, Project Toxicologist with CTEH. Dr. Kuhlman spoke on "Clearing the Air: Toxicology and Exposure Guidelines for Benzene and Ethylene Oxide". He began with an overview of the principles of toxicology and then discussed the toxic properties of both benzene and ethylene oxide. He also reviewed the current exposure guidelines and standards for each chemical and when it is appropriate to use each. For example, the standard used in an industrial setting is different from the standard used for ambient air that the general population is exposed to. He discussed the concept of "acceptable risk" and the EPA's use of the term in developing community exposure guidelines. We appreciate Dr. Kuhlman taking time out of his busy schedule to speak to us; he was headed next to assist in evaluating the impacts from the tank farm fire in Houston!

On the Move

Did you recently move companies?
Does your company have any exciting mergers or relocations to share?
We want to know about it – email the committee to have your new position announced!

2018 Conference Wrap Up

By: Kelly Phillips

The 2018 Annual Conference held last October at L'Auberge was a huge success for the Louisiana Section. We brought back the tried and true EPA and LDEQ speakers to give updates on staffing, organizational structure, and regulatory updates. Our technical speakers offered an array of topics that garnered great feedback. We had record participation last year and would like to thank every attendee, exhibitor, and sponsor who played a part in the success.

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The Louisiana Section is one of nearly 140 geographical member units of the Air & Waste Management Association. As such, we plan, organize and present activities that focus on local and regional environmental issues. This includes holding luncheon and dinner meetings, technical seminars, annual conferences, workshops, continuing education courses, and social outings. We publish a newsletter, launch outreach activities and provide funds for scholarships. For more information about the A&WMA, [visit the A&WMA website](#)

Welcome to our 2019 Board Members . . .

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. . . And to our 2019 Committee Members:

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