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The Louisiana Section Newsletter



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Corporate Sponsor Spotlight: Valero St. Charles Refinery

With the Section's Annual Conference quickly approaching, a request was sent out to our Corporate Sponsors seeking sponsorship of any student members interested in attending the Conference. Please join us in thanking **Valero St. Charles Refinery** for their generous sponsorship of our student attendees at the 2022 Annual Conference. **Valero St. Charles Refinery** is our "Corporate Sponsor Spotlight".



Message from the Chair

Jason Midgett, Placid Refining

I hope to see everyone at the end of October at L'Auberge in Baton Rouge for our Section's Annual Conference. I've been involved with the conference for many years at this point but always from a Treasurer perspective or on small specific tasks. This year I'm in thick of it and get to see ALL the coordination involved to put on an event like this with almost all volunteers. Thank you to this year's committee many of which have returned from 2021 (and some it seems forever) to accomplish the feat. If you attend, please be sure to thank them.

For the Conference we've tweaked a few things this year, maximized our exhibitor floor space, giving out the Dr. Joseph Didier Martinez Environmental Achievement Awards (first since 2017), and added a dedicated Waste management track. We are also working with our A&WMA peers in Houston, Gulf Coast Chapter, to bring in a little Texas flavor. We always have a great turnout from Texas based folks at our conference and it makes sense to share resources. We hope to be able to continue to share both of our group's efforts further in the future. The Southwest Chapter in Lake Charles has also resumed meetings after a very understandable pause from both COVID and Hurricane Laura impacts.

It has been a while since we held a fun meeting. I know some of you will remember those July fun meetings on a boat in a swamp. We're mixing things up a bit and on November 17th we will have a member appreciation social at Istrouma Brewery. Registration information coming soon!

My Chair term is ending in a few months, it has been nothing like I planned it would be when I started in the Vice Chair role in 2019. I realized early on in 2021 that it was not the year to try to do something new. Fortunately, the board and committee members were ready to do what we could do to stay relevant, and we survived. 2022 has continued serving up challenges to return Section operations 100% back to "normal", the job market has changed, inflation is painful, and everyone is super busy. The Section is evolving and surviving through our volunteers. The last three years the Section has benefited from very few new volunteers joining Section committees that serve all of us. The need is real for others to step up to support the Section. Please consider volunteering so we can continue to plan our networking opportunities.

2022 Annual Conference

Allyson Morales, TotalEnergies Petrochemicals & Refining USA, Inc.

The 2022 Louisiana Section Annual Conference is returning to L'Auberge Casino & Hotel on October 26-27, 2022. This year's conference offers some exciting new changes. In addition to offering great opportunities for professional development and networking throughout the two-day forum we have collaborated with our Southwest Louisiana and Gulf Coast Chapters for quality content across state lines. Furthermore, we have incorporated two full days of waste/remediation focused sessions. We look forward to opening the conference with an update from Dr. Earthea Nance, EPA Region VI followed by a keynote address from Dr. David Dismukes, LSU Center for Energy Studies. Day 1 will offer two tracks and Day 2 will now have 3 tracks incorporating invited speakers and quality abstract submittals.

We have a number of sponsorship opportunities still available, and we are anticipating 26 exhibitors. You will want to stay for the Wednesday evening social in the VIP Lounge and enjoy hors-d'oeuvres and drinks from 4:30pm-6:30pm and Thursday's activities will wrap-up with the YP Conference Unwind being held at the L'Auberge Rooftop Pool area beginning at 4:00pm.

If you are in need of hotel accommodations, please call L'Auberge at (866) 261-7777 and use room block code RAW23 for a discounted price through October 10th.

We hope you'll plan to join us at this year's conference by registering at <https://la-awma.org/conference/>.

Thank You

2022 Section Conference Exhibitors and Sponsors



2022 Section Elections

Kelly Phillips, Nucor Corporation

LA Section elections will open in the coming weeks for the position of Vice-Chair, Director and Treasurer. All 3 positions will take office beginning January 1, 2023. All current LA Section members will receive election details by email, with the elections open for 3 weeks.

Volunteer Needs

Jason Midgett, Placid Refining

It seems that everyone is extra busy these days and that is unlikely to change anytime soon. ESG/EJ/Carbon Management/Net Zero is our new normal on top of all the existing and rapidly evolving regulatory agenda. I view the Louisiana Section's most important trait in Louisiana as being able to provide networking opportunity. We certainly do more, however opportunities to gather are our backbone. It takes people to make these opportunities happen.

The LA Section is very much in need of several "new" volunteers to ensure our committees continue to remain viable. These roles are important to keep the Section moving and help with the attrition that every organization is faced with. Most of our committee volunteer responsibilities do not take a lot of time, seriously, they don't when we have enough support to spread out tasks. We all back one another up. Our conference and golf tournament planning is by far the largest efforts the Section undertakes each year and those tasks are not easy but we have strength in numbers. New opportunities and our COVID break have introduced gaps in our volunteer slate, and we simply need some help.

The immediate needs are in our communication (newsletter/email management), young professional (golf tournament/misc activities), and membership committees. We're looking for willing volunteers, that are interested in learning more. [Allyson](#) or [I](#), will gladly have an honest conversation with you.

2022 Adopt a School

Boyd Boswell, T. Baker Smith LLC

Adopt a School Campaign is **OPEN**: The LA Section is accepting requests for funding proposals from Louisiana elementary or middle schools (grades 3 through 8) for donations to support science education through December 9, 2022. Please send this link <https://la-awma.org/education/adopt-a-school/> to our Louisiana teachers and administrators! Eligibility requirements are included on page 1 of the short application form. At least \$5,000 dollars is available for donations this year made possible by our corporate and golf tournament sponsors! Direct questions to the Louisiana Section of A&WMA Education Chair [Boyd Boswell](#).

Thank You - 2022 Meeting Sponsors Spirit Environmental and Ramboll

The Louisiana Section extends a huge thank you to [Spirit Environmental](#) (March lunch sponsor) and [Ramboll](#) (September dinner sponsor). With increased cost for everything in 2022, sponsorship of our events helps us manage registration costs for all attendees. Continued support of the LA Section A&WMA is appreciated. If your company would like to sponsor an upcoming lunch or dinner meeting, please contact [Kelly Phillips](#).

Corporate Sponsor News:

As provided by individual companies

Aegis-Hedging: The U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission confirmed the appointment of Mike Taylor, AEGIS' Director of Emissions Trading as a representative Associate Member of the EEMAC Committee as of September 19th, 2022. The EEMAC and CFTC's other advisory committees serve an important role in helping the agency to carry out its mission to foster open, transparent, competitive, and financially sound markets. The advice and information Mike provides will play an integral role in assisting EEMAC Members with obtaining information on matters of concern to exchanges, firms, end users, and regulators regarding the energy and environmental markets and their regulation by the Commission.

Spirit Environmental has made many exciting new hires in the third quarter. We are eagerly looking for the right fit to grow our Baton Rouge team. If you'd like to discuss a change, contact [Jennifer Tullier](#) at (225) 892-1083.

Trinity Consultants will be moving our Baton Rouge consulting office from our current downtown location to United Plaza offices just off the interstate near Essen Lane. The consolidated office will also house staff for Trinity's MSI group, which provides ambient air and meteorological monitoring services. The new address effective 11/30/2022 will be:

8545 United Plaza Boulevard Suite No. 350
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809

Thank You 2022 Corporate Sponsors



LSU Student Chapter Update

Deanna Nussberger, LSU Student Chapter Chair
Logan Turner, LSU Student Chapter Vice-Chair

The Air and Waste Management Association Student Chapter at LSU is planning various activities for the Fall 2022 semester. As of now, there are 27 active members in the chapter, with room to expand throughout the semester. Officers from last year have since graduated and started their professional careers, so this semester's officers are Deanna Nussberger (Chair) and Logan Turner (Vice-Chair).

One of our goals this semester is to encourage new and existing members to reap all the benefits that come with being involved in A&WMA. We held a booth at the 2022 College of Agriculture Burger Bash on LSU's campus in the beginning of the semester to spread the word about our chapter. This event was successful in gaining new members and broadcasting the professional development and other advantages associated with joining our chapter. Some of our members were also in attendance to the Louisiana Section meeting on September 15th at Mike Anderson's in Gonzales, which was an excellent opportunity to meet those who are involved with A&WMA at the professional level. (Thanks again to Ramboll for sponsoring this event and making it more affordable for students!)



Chapter members and their guests who attended the Louisiana section meeting at Mike Anderson's on September 15th (left to right: Oluwafemi "Femi" Awolesi, Deanna Nussberger (Chair), Logan Turner (Vice-chair), Anna Somerville, and Prakash Dangal).

Our first chapter meeting of the semester will be held on September 29th, featuring a former chair of the A&WMA chapter at LSU, Lindsey Thomasee. Ms. Thomasee will be giving a presentation about her professional trajectory, allowing students to get a glimpse at career options in waste management. Some other things we have going on this semester are additional meetings as well as the Louisiana Section of A&WMA Annual Conference in late October. Last year's conference was a wonderful experience for LSU chapter members who participated, and we cannot wait to attend this year! Our chapter is planning a service activity this semester and are exploring options for this opportunity.

Understanding Member Benefits

Jennifer Tullier, Spirit Environmental

Did you know that with your Association (and therefore Section) membership, all members receive special member pricing for Section and Association events? As required by the Association's Manual of Operations, members receive a 25% cost savings on all events (webinars, conferences, local meetings, etc.).

Another benefit of membership? If you are traveling and would like to participate in another Section or Chapter's event while in that location, you can still take advantage of the member price savings to attend their events. For a list of Section/Chapter events across the Association please visit the [Association's Local Events website](#).

Not a member, but ready to join and take advantage of some of many member benefits? Visit the [Association's website](#) to join now.

Upcoming Association and Section Events



October 12, 2022	Tighter PM2.5 NAAQS – What May Be Ahead and Implications for Regulators and Regulated Sources	Association webinar
October 14, 2022	LA Section Annual Conference – Early Registration Deadline	Registration Deadline
October 19, 2022	Clearing the Haze – Visibility and EPA’s Regional Haze Program	Association webinar
October 26-27, 2022	LA Section Annual Conference	Section Conference – Baton Rouge, LA
November 2-3, 2022	New Source Review Workshop	Specialty Conference – Atlanta, GA
November 8-10, 2022	The Science of PFAS: Transforming Research into Action	Specialty Conference – Durham, NC
November 17, 2022	LA Section Member Appreciation Event	Member Event – Baton Rouge, LA
November 29-30, 2022	Climate Change Virtual Conference	Virtual Specialty Conference
December 6-7, 2022	47th Annual Information Exchange	Specialty Conference – Durham, NC
June 5- 8, 2023	A&WMA 116th Annual Conference & Exhibition	Annual Conference & Exhibition – Orlando, FL

For a complete list of Association events and registration information, please visit the [Association’s Event Calendar](#). To learn more about the Section’s activities please visit the [Section website](#).

2022 YP Golf Tournament

Paul Algu, Carvana

The 2022 Golf tournament, our 11th year, was another great relaxing (warm) day out on the Pelican Point course in Gonzales. This event is made possible by only a few volunteers and all our sponsoring companies. It certainly beats a day in the office and caps off the reporting season quite well. Thank you to everyone who contributes! We are planning to be back on the Pelican Point course for # 12 on May 4th, 2023 (subject to change). We are planning to provide initial information before the end of 2022!

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



2022 Board Members

Jason Midgett	Chair	Placid Refining Company, LLC
Allyson Morales	Vice-Chair	TotalEnergies Petrochemicals & Refining USA, Inc.
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Dr. Maud Walsh	Association Board of Directors	LSU

2022 Committee Members

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Maureen Ducote	Website	LDEQ
Deanna Nussberger	Student Chapter Chair	LSU Student
Vacant	Newsletter Committee	
Vacant	Membership Committee	

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.](#)