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The Louisiana Section Newsletter



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Corporate Sponsor Spotlight: 2023 Corporate Sponsors

We'd like to extend an invite for your company to participate in our Corporate Sponsor Program. The Corporate Sponsor donation of \$300.00 is fully dedicated to the educational goals and programs of the Section. As in the past, your company's name/logo will be listed on the newsletters, routine communications, and [website](#) of the Louisiana Section as a Corporate Sponsor, on the Corporate Sponsor board displayed at the Section events and the Fall Conference. For more benefits of being a Corporate Sponsor and to [become a 2023 Corporate Sponsor today](#), visit our website!

Message from the Chair

Allyson Morales, TotalEnergies Petrochemicals & Refining USA, Inc.

Louisiana Section Members, Sponsors, and Colleagues:

It is hard to believe that half of 2023 is behind us already. We have several events in the coming months. Be sure to check out the events calendar in the save the date section for details. Having just returned from Orlando, Florida for the Air & Waste Management Association's 116th Annual Conference & Exhibition, I am excited to continue the Mission of A&WMA to assist in the professional development and critical environmental decision-making of our members to benefit society. The Association offers a wide variety of conferences, workshops, webinars, and courses to keep members up-to-date on new developments in the profession. I am extremely proud of the content the Louisiana Section offers locally.



This year's Conference Planning Committee is in full swing planning for the 2023 Fall Conference October 25th-26th. Following the success of the 2022 Fall conference, the committee has several exciting sessions in development that are felt to be of interest to the regulated community.

Try to stay cool for what is left of this summer, and I look forward to seeing many of you at future events and at the fall conference!



2023 ACE Exhibit Floor (Orlando, FL)

LA Section YP Golf Tournament

Paul Algu, Carvana

On May 4th, the Louisiana Section Young Professionals Group (YPs) hosted the 12th Annual Section Golf Tournament at Pelican Point. The tournament featured a longest drive and closest to the hole contest. Following the completion of the tournament golfers and spectators alike gathered for a social and to enjoy the spring weather at Pelican Point's outdoor gazebo. We had our largest tournament ever with over twenty sponsors and 112 golfers! Our first-place team was Vopak and the PPG Industries team came in a close second with over \$800 in prizes being awarded to participating golfers and teams. It was a beautiful day of golf, great food, and much more, all supporting a great cause. The tournament raised close to \$9,000 with proceeds funding the continued growth of the Louisiana Section's YP Group and advancement of environmental leaders in Louisiana and across the Association. The YP group would like to thank all its supporters for the 12th Annual Tournament!



Congratulations to the 1st Place team from Vopak

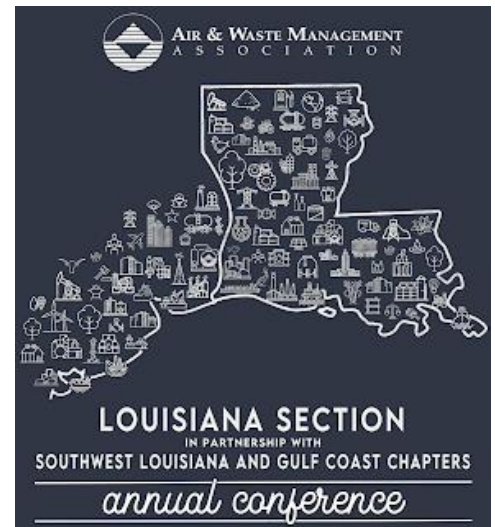
The YP group will also be holding another social event ahead of the Annual Conference so be on the lookout for an email soon with the details!

2023 Annual Conference

Jason Midgett, Placid Refining

The 2023 Louisiana Section Annual Conference is scheduled for October 25 – 26, 2023 returning to L 'Auberge Casino & Hotel in **Baton Rouge**. We will continue the successful collaboration with our friends in the Southwest and Gulf Coast Chapters and continue to provide a dedicated waste track. Exhibit space has sold out, but Sponsorships can still be considered if your company is interested! A preliminary program will be available in early September.

[Registration is now open!](#)



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LSU Student Chapter

Cheyenne Autin, LSU Student Chapter Chair

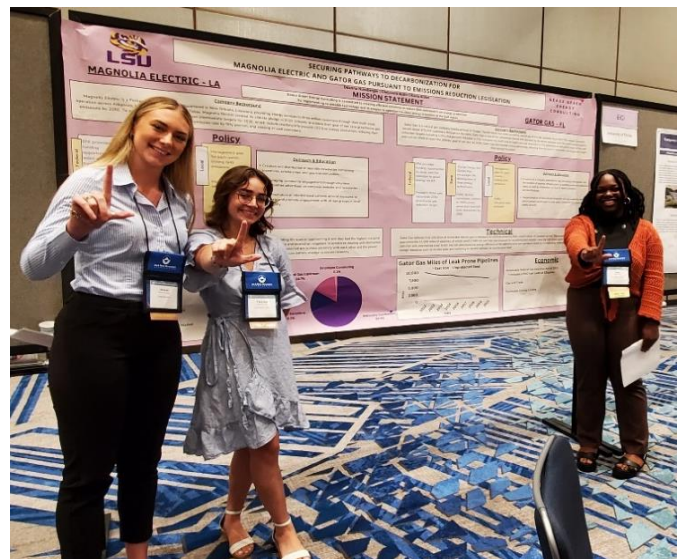
The A&WMA Student Chapter at LSU has had a successful few months! Our spring semester activities included visiting LSU AgCenter La House Home & Landscape Resource Center and volunteering in Geaux Big Baton Rouge, LSU's largest single day of student service. Our April meeting featured a presentation by Jennifer Tullier in which she talked about her work in environmental consulting at Spirit Environmental and shared career advice.

The most exciting recent event for our chapter was participation in the Environmental Competition International (ECi) at ACE 2023. The theme of the competition was "The Race to Zero" and teams were challenged to develop plans to help two different companies with their carbon reduction. Alana Aidoo, Cheyenne Autin and Deanna Nussberger were the Geaux Green Energy Consulting and focused on energy companies. Our proposal focused on an analysis of economic, technical, social, and political issues faced in the transition to green energy. We created a scientific poster and responded to judges who role-played as stakeholders. Our team also gave an oral presentation in which we discussed our decarbonization strategies as well as the tweak which involved climate change risk assessment. We were pleased to place second in the competition!

In other good news from the conference, LSU chapter member Oluwafemi Awolesi received a scholarship in the Sustainability Research Related to Waste Management category.



Jennifer Tullier speaking to Environmental Management Systems students at LSU.



Deanna Nussberger, Cheyenne Autin, and Alana Aidoo with their Geaux Green Energy Consulting poster.



Oluwafemi Awolesi, A&WMA scholarship awardee.



Jordan Haywood, A&WMA president, team members Cheyenne Autin, Deanna Nussberger, Alana Aidoo, and Paul Algu, Louisiana Section liaison to the student chapter.

2024 Annual Conference & Exhibition

Get your passport ready! The 2024 Annual Conference and Exhibition is headed north to Calgary June 24-27, 2024.

Returning to Calgary after 13 years, ACE 2024 will unite professionals from major industry, private sector, consulting, government and academia for an exciting event that will explore the ever-expanding environmental challenges and provide solutions to becoming and remaining resilient for tomorrow. This is an ideal opportunity for professionals to share their knowledge to advance the industry, and for environmental companies to showcase their products, services, and solutions with professionals motivated to build a more resilient and sustainable world. Exhibit and sponsor packages are available to help you meet your goals that include conference registrations, exhibit booths, advertisements, event recognition and more!

2023 ACE in Pictures



LA Section members Allyson Morales and Jennifer Tullier with other members of the Association's Sections and Chapters Council



Karen Brignac (Deltech Monomers) presents at ACE



ECi Team with Paul Algu and Faculty Advisor Dr. Maud Walsh



Jennifer Tullier (Spirit Environmental) presents at ACE



Paul Algu (Carvana) with other members of the Association's Young Professional Advisory Council



Stanton Energy Center Orlando

Corporate Sponsor News:

As provided by individual companies

DDG's Coastal Division expands services to now include specialty environmental and regulatory services. At the helm of our environmental team is Tiffany Hammond, a project manager and geomorphologist with over 14 years of experience in the public, private and academic sectors. Chelsea Core brings over 15 years of experience in the fields of IT, GIS, and Environmental Studies. Brad is wildlife biologist who brings over 8 years year of specialized environmental permitting experience to them team. Logan Buras, a recent graduate in Natural Resource Ecology and Management, has also joined the team.

Thank You - 2023 Corporate Sponsors



Upcoming Association and Section/Chapter Events



August 29, 2023	Understanding and Regulating the Risks from Air Toxics	Webinar
September 13-14, 2023	40th International Conference on Thermal Treatment Technologies and Hazardous Waste Combustors	Specialty Conference – Charlotte, NC
September 21, 2023	LA Section Lunch Meeting	Section Event – Gonzales, LA
September 26-27, 2023	Electric Power Transformation: 2023 MEGA Symposium on Energy, Environment, Policy, Technology	Specialty Conference – Pittsburgh, PA
October 3- 4, 2023	Advancements in Vapor Intrusion and Emerging Contaminant Air Quality Issues	Specialty Conference – Chicago, IL
October 23-24, 2023	Environmental Justice: From Policy to Practice	Specialty Conference – Arlington, VA
October 25-26, 2023	LA Section Annual Conference	Section Event – Baton Rouge, LA
March 7, 2024	Southwest LA Chapter Conference	Chapter Event – Lake Charles, LA

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](#).

2023 Board Members

Allyson Morales	Chair	TotalEnergies Petrochemicals & Refining USA, Inc.
Corey Gautreaux	Vice-Chair	PPM Consultants
Jason Midgett	Past-Chair 2023 LA Section Conference Chair	Placid Refining Company, LLC
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Dr. Maud Walsh	Association Board of Directors	LSU

2023 Committee Members

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Blake Vincent	YP Golf Tournament Chair	CK Associates
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Anna Somerville	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.](#)

SAVE *the* DATE



AIR & WASTE MANAGEMENT
ASSOCIATION



SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA CHAPTER

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

GULF COAST CHAPTER AND LOUISIANA SECTION

PRESENTS:

SW Louisiana / GC Texas Spring Conference

March 7, 2024

L'Auberge Casino & Hotel Lake Charles

Registration will be opening soon!

Exhibitor and sponsorship opportunities will be available!