

A&WMA CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
AND
DELEGATE NOMINATION FORM

In 2018, A&WMA received official status as an observer for the 24th Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCC). Since then, the Association has selected delegates to attend COP as A&WMA’s official observers based on member interest, expectations that the member would represent the Association’s interests, and the ability of the member to pay their own expenses. In April 2021, the A&WMA Board of Directors (BOD) finalized the following selection criteria and expectations for COP representatives:

- Candidates for the COP delegate must be either a current or past officer of the A&WMA BOD.
- Ideal candidates will have a professional working knowledge of climate change issues.
- Candidates must be capable of objective observation and clear, objective reporting to the A&WMA membership on developments at COP in accordance with A&WMA guidance on content, format, and method of reporting.
- Candidates must commit to observing and reporting as representatives of A&WMA, and not personal perspectives, or on behalf of their employer or other organizations.
- Candidates must acknowledge that they will need to fund, and must commit to funding, some portion, or all, of their participation as an A&WMA observer representative from sources outside the A&WMA budget.

A total of up to four delegates will be selected for presentation to the UNFCC. Note that there is no guarantee as to the final number of delegate slots that we will be provided. The basis for a selection of four delegates is based on prior experience with A&WMA’s COP participation as an observer; the UNFCC reserves the right to restrict access and limit delegates for each NGO on a year-to-year basis. **Timelines and deadlines for registration are set annually by the Secretariat. A&WMA headquarters will follow all notifications as the chief administrator with the UN and will advise candidates of information that is needed in a timely manner throughout the process.**

NAME:	
EMPLOYER/AFFILIATION:	
FIELD OF EMPLOYMENT:	
TECHNICAL SPECIALTY(S):	
BASIS FOR COP INTEREST:	Please explain in a few sentences your reason for wishing to serve as a delegate for the A&WMA.

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WEEKS OF INTEREST: 1	WEEK 1		WEEK 2
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EXPECTATIONS:			
To be eligible for consideration as an A&WMA COP delegate, interested individuals must provide full acknowledgement of each of the following statements. Please indicate your concurrence and understanding of the statement by providing a check mark to the left of the statement.			
	I hereby acknowledge and attest that I am capable of objective observation and clear, objective reporting to the A&WMA membership on developments at COP in accordance with A&WMA guidance on content, format, and method of reporting.		
	I hereby agree to provide daily updates on COP activities, meetings, presentations, etc., to the A&WMA membership via written blog entries or other formats determined and requested by the BOD to the extent practicable.		
	I hereby commit to observing and reporting as a representative of A&WMA, and will not interject my own personal perspectives, nor those of my employer or any other organizations. There is no expectation that I will serve as an observer on anyone or any organization's behalf other than that of the Air & Waste Management Association.		
	I hereby acknowledge that my participation in COP26 will in no way be funded by the Air & Waste Management Association. I will be responsible for funding my own travel and other expenses incurred while serving as an A&WMA Delegate.		
	I further acknowledge that serving as a COP delegate on behalf of the A&WMA is an extreme honor. If, during the execution of my duties as an A&WMA delegate, I am found to be in violation of any of the prior acknowledgements, I will forfeit my right and ability to serve as a future delegate on A&WMA's behalf.		

- 1 In order to allow for the greatest number of delegates to represent the A&WMA, up to four delegates will be selected, with two delegates selected for each week-long period. Delegates 1A and 1B will serve as delegates for Week 1 and Delegates 2A and 2B will serve as delegates for Week 2. You may indicate a preference for either or both weeks. However, please recognize that delegates will only be selected for one of the two weeks, not both unless less than four individuals express interest in the opportunity.

Selection Process

In general, the following shall guide the selection process for official A&WMA observer representatives:

1. No later than 9 months prior to the date scheduled for COP, the President shall appoint a committee of at least 3 members, at least fifty percent of whom shall be current members of the Board of Directors, to a COP Observer Representative Selection Committee (ORSC). If available and willing to serve, the Past President shall serve as Chair of the ORSC.
2. No later than 8 months prior to the date scheduled for COP, or as soon after the identification of the location as feasible, the ORSC shall solicit interest from qualified candidates to serve as official A&WMA observer representatives to COP.
3. No later than 7 months prior to the date scheduled for COP, or as soon after the identification of the location as feasible, the ORSC shall present up to four (4) recommended candidates to act as official A&WMA observer representatives to the Board of Directors for approval.
4. The Board of Directors shall approve selection of official A&WMA observer representatives and forward those names to the Executive Director who shall coordinate registration of the selected representatives for a COP with the UNFCCC Secretariat.

Funding Participation

The Board of Directors has expressed a desire, to the extent possible given the overall Association's financial position each year, to fund, at least in part, a portion of the expenses for participation of A&WMA's official

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observer representatives to COP. This funding may be provided from A&WMA funds through an allocation in the Association's annual budget. To assist the Board of Directors to facilitate funding of official observer representative participation, the ORSC shall undertake the following:

1. In connection with the annual budget process, the ORSC shall assess expected expenditures for travel and accommodations for the upcoming COP and transmit a recommendation for a budget allocation to the Finance Committee for consideration in formulating the Association annual budget.
2. To the extent official observer representatives desire to solicit funding from Association Sections and/or Chapters (beyond that provided through the Association annual budget), such solicitations shall be overseen by the ORSC in coordination with the Sections and Chapters Council.
3. The ORSC shall explore, and provide a recommendation to the Board of Directors on, the potential for a dedicated self-sustaining mechanism to provide funding for official observer representatives' costs for attending COP.