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## REASONS TO BECOME AN A&WMA MEMBER



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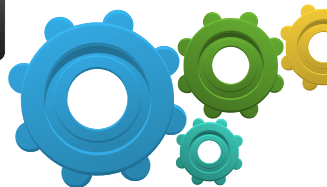


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## The Air & Waste Management Association (A&WMA)

is a nonprofit, nonpartisan environmental professional organization that enhances knowledge and expertise by providing a neutral forum for information exchange, professional development, networking opportunities, public education, and outreach to more than 5,000 professionals in 65 countries. A&WMA promotes global environmental responsibility and increases the effectiveness of organizations to make critical decisions that benefit society.



The **Core Purpose** of A&WMA is to improve environmental knowledge and decisions by providing a neutral forum for exchanging information.

The **Mission** of A&WMA is to assist in the professional development and critical environmental decision-making of our members to benefit society.

**Need to know what's hot and what's not? Rely on A&WMA to deliver the cutting-edge information, articles, and research needed to succeed. Discover the myriad ways A&WMA membership delivers the technical information needed to solve problems and make educated choices.**





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## Leading Edge Publications *The Journal of the Air & Waste Management Association*

*The Journal of the Air & Waste Management Association (JA&WMA)* is one of the oldest continuously-published, peer-reviewed, technical environmental journals in the world. First published in 1951 under the name *Air Repair*, JA&WMA is intended to serve those occupationally involved in air pollution control and waste management through the publication of timely and reliable information. All members receive online access and can purchase a print subscription.

## **EM**

Now in a new interactive digital format, *EM*, A&WMA's monthly magazine for environmental managers, explores a range of issues affecting the industry with timely, provocative articles and regular columns written by leaders in the field. *EM* keeps readers abreast of important developments throughout the year with coverage of regulatory changes, research, new technologies, market analyses, and environment, health, and safety issues. It also highlights new products, professional development opportunities, and more.

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## **A&WMA Newswire**

A free benefit for members, the **A&WMA Newswire** delivers the latest news and updates relating to legislation and advocacy, waste management, environmental issues, upcoming events and much more each week to your mailbox. View past issues, search the database, and view trending articles online. Subscribe to this benefit to help you stay informed, and improve the quality of the environmental performance in your organization.

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## **A&WMA Technical Council**

Technical Council is the scientific heart of the Association. Nearly 1,000 members participate in Council activities. These members voluntarily offer their expertise to develop programs for the effective exchange of information on all facets of environmental management. The Council provides the technical expertise to:

- Determine and produce the technical programs at annual meetings;
- Decide and construct the technical programs for specialty conferences and workshops;
- Report on state-of-the-art technology and on environmental issues; and
- Report on peer-review articles and publications.



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## Online Store Discounts

A&WMA's Online Store offers access to hundreds of technical references, conference proceedings, individual papers, downloadable courses, and webinars that help advance technical knowledge in every facet of the environmental profession. Members receive huge discounts for store products. The Online Store also sells A&WMA logo merchandise, such as apparel, gifts, and business tools proudly carrying the Association name and logo, which members can also purchase at a discounted rate!

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## A&WMA Buyers Guide

Want to know who offers the latest technology, management systems, and environmental consulting services? Our searchable online Buyers Guide (<http://awmabuyersguide.com/>) is your portal to connect to firms all over the world.

### Categories include:

- Air Management
- Business Services
- Control Products/Equipment
- Materials/Products
- Equipment/Systems
- Environmental Services/Management
- Site Assessment/Remediation
- Software
- Water Management

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## Discussion Forums

Learn what fellow members do and how they think. The Association creates opportunities for leading experts to gather and share cutting-edge information and perspectives with one another. At these forums, participants can exchange ideas, engage in discussions, and connect with decision-makers shaping the environmental field.



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## Discounts to the MEGA Symposium, Specialty Conferences, Workshops, and Webinars

A&WMA members receive deep discounts to leading industry conferences like the MEGA Symposium, as well as other speciality conferences, workshops, webinars, and special information exchanges. These savings afford members an economical way to share their work and discover the latest technology and best practices.



## Discounts to A&WMA's Annual Conference & Exhibition

A&WMA's signature event, the Annual Conference & Exhibition, has been the must-attend environmental conference and exhibition for 107 years and counting. This is the environmental industry's premier education, networking, and solutions event, where attendees can enhance their knowledge and network with fellow environmental professionals from around the world. The conference features a technical program boasting over 500 speakers, hundreds of exhibitors displaying the newest products and services, social tours and networking events, and professional development courses taught by industry-leading instructors.

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## 9 Access to Local Section and Chapter Events

The Association offers programming close to home. With nearly 100 Sections and Chapters worldwide, A&WMA also serves members at the local level. A&WMA's Sections and Chapters are local member units that provide members with environmental leadership, region-specific programming, and networking opportunities in members' own backyards. Members receive discounts for registration and announcements of future programs. Local events are excellent opportunities to explore innovative solutions to local or regional problems and to build essential relationships for professional success.





**A&WMA assists in the professional development and critical environmental decision-making of its members. The Association provides support and training opportunities to help its members grow professionally and to become effective leaders in their careers.**

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## **Continuing Education Credits**

Those who participate in A&WMA events (conferences, courses, and webinars) may be eligible for continuing education credits. A&WMA issues certificates of participation through its online attendee confirmation system. These certificates may qualify for credit toward a professional license or certification (PE, CLE, etc.), depending on the requirements of the certifying agency. A&WMA's programming helps offer an economical way for its members maintain their professional licenses.



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## **Discounts to Professional Development Courses**

Peruse the Professional Development Catalog to see available live professional development courses, online courses, and webinar recordings. The Association hosts these opportunities live in markets throughout the United States and through its online training program, to make professional development as convenient as possible. A number of these are offered at no cost to members, so be sure to take advantage of these learning opportunities.

## **12 A&WMA Career Services**

Ready to make a career move? A&WMA's Career Center helps connect members to future employers or advance in their current position. Through the Career Center, members can post a résumé, search for online jobs posted, and even receive résumé, interview, and career advancement tips from seasoned professionals. The Career Center also helps companies recruit new talent and find qualified candidates quickly and easily.

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## **Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP) Certification Program**

Send a strong signal to clients, employers, prospects, and colleagues: become a Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP). Through a partnership with The Institute of Professional Environmental Practice (IPEP), QEP is the first and only credential of its kind. It is a multi-media, multi-disciplinary, fully accredited credential that requires environmental professionals to see “the big picture” and to have the skills and knowledge to solve “real-world problems”. Through the QEP certification, environmental professionals demonstrate the breadth and depth of their knowledge and experience.

## **Environmental Professional Intern (EPI) Program and EPI Mentor Program**

Also administered by IPEP, the Environmental Professional Intern (EPI) credential is an optional first step toward obtaining QEP status for environmental students and professionals just beginning their careers. The EPI credential is an opportunity for students who anticipate entering the environmental field, or for graduates who have entered the field within the last five years, to demonstrate personal knowledge of general environmental science.

The EPI mentoring program offers the availability of a QEP mentor for up to seven years to provide EPIs with professional guidance and introduction into a network of senior, well-respected environmental professionals.



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## **A&WMA Leadership Training Academy (LTA)**

Develop leadership skills. Created exclusively for the Association’s member volunteers, A&WMA Leadership Training Academy (LTA) strengthens leadership skills, fosters ideas that can be implemented within local member units committees, councils, and boards, and provides outstanding networking opportunities. LTA connects members to exciting ideas, essential tools, and exceptional people.

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## **A&WMA Honors and Awards Program**

Get recognized for achievements and contributions to the environmental field. Each year, A&WMA recognizes individuals and companies for outstanding accomplishments in the promotion of a clean environment through the A&WMA Honors & Awards Program. These awards were created by the Association to encourage environmental professionals to serve as models for others to emulate and, in doing so, further the mission and objectives of the Association.



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## **A&WMA Volunteer Leadership Opportunities**

A&WMA presents many opportunities to develop management and leadership skills. As a Chapter or Section Officer in a local unit, serving on one of the many committees, or on the Association’s Board of Directors, volunteers can help shape the operations of programs and membership services, and influence the exchange of information leaders require for environmental decision-making.



**Looking for new ways to connect with professionals in the field? Want to connect with others sharing common vision? Need to expand business potential in other markets? Considering a job change and wish to build a career network? Professional networking is an essential practice the Association facilitates in many ways, ensuring members can connect with those who will bolster their success.**

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### **Networking Events at the Annual Conference**

A&WMA's Annual Conference hosts numerous special networking events where attendees can make new contacts, refresh old ones, and grow industry knowledge with some quality face-to-face interaction. Good conversations at the Annual Conference often lead to much more – new jobs, new partnerships, and new ideas – maybe even new solutions to the toughest environmental challenges.

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### **Online Searchable Directory**

Members have access to A&WMA's membership directory search engine, which provides crucial contact information for fellow members across the world. Need to contact a speaker? Met a potential partner on a project? Looking for an expert in a particular market? The online member directory is members' portal to leading professionals in every facet of the environmental field.

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### **Social Media: Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter**

The Association, many of its Sections and Chapters, and even groups such as the A&WMA Young Professional Advisory Council (YPAC) are using social media to keep members tuned into emerging topics, linked to important articles, and aware of upcoming events that keep professionals up-to-speed, informed, and connected.



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## The Committee for the Professional Development of Women

As more and more women enter environmental professions and prepare themselves for leadership roles, A&WMA stands ready to assist in development and encouragement of women. The mission of the Committee is to draw upon the unique perspectives and talents of women, to encourage women's participation and involvement in the environmental profession, to mentor women in the profession, and to further the goals of the Association.



### 21 Partnerships and Affiliated Organizations

Want to get connected with other leading organizations sharing a common vision? The A&WMA Directory of Partners and Affiliated Organizations is comprised of organizations with which the Association has formed ongoing strategic partnerships for events, education, and initiatives.

**A&WMA strongly supports students and the development of future environmental professionals. Student members enjoy a deeply discounted membership rate. A&WMA offers students unique benefits designed to encourage and support student success as they prepare for a career in an air or waste management profession.**

### 22 A&WMA Scholarships and Awards

Each year, A&WMA recognizes outstanding students who are pursuing courses of study and research leading to careers in air quality, waste management, environmental management/policy/law, and sustainability. This includes more than \$200,000 awarded annually in student scholarships, thesis/dissertation awards, and awards for best student paper and poster at the Association's Annual Conference & Exhibition.



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#### A&WMA Student Chapters

Many universities have active A&WMA Student Chapters, which help connect students pursuing environmental careers with each other. As a Chapter Officer, students gain leadership experiences future employers will find useful. Nearby Sections & Chapters are charged with assisting these student leaders in providing speakers and mentors, and offering opportunities to interact and network with professionals locally.

### 24 One Year Free Membership Gift to Graduates

Are congratulations in order? A&WMA gives its graduating student members (undergraduate, masters, or doctoral) a free one-year electronic Association membership as a gift to honor their accomplishment.

### 25 Student Events at the Annual Conference

A&WMA's Annual Conference & Exhibition provides a perfect opportunity for students to get the latest technical information available, while making important industry contacts. Future environmental professionals will have plenty of opportunities at the conference to network, present and publish their work, and further their professional education. The conference offers student competitions, poster sessions, and speaking opportunities in front of professionals from around the world.



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**A&WMA values and strongly supports the development of our young professionals (YPs) by constructing services and activities designed to strengthen our membership base younger than 36. In addition to offering a discounted membership rate, YPs enjoy all the benefits of full membership and have access to YP-only programs, including net-working and mentorship opportunities.**

## **A&WMA Young Professional Advisory Council (YPAC)**

The A&WMA Young Professional Advisory Council (YPAC) advises the A&WMA Board of Directors and other Councils of services and activities to effectively engage YPs. This Council recruits and retains YP members by fostering relationships with current YP members, employers, and A&WMA Sections and Chapters, by serving in roles within A&WMA, and by facilitating the integration of student members into the Association upon graduation.



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## Young Professionals Network

Stay connected. Many Sections and Chapters have active YP groups who plan programs, networking events, and activities tailored toward YPs. Members find these connections and networking opportunities beneficial to career advancement.



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## Outstanding Young Professional Award

The Outstanding Young Professional Award recognizes an individual or individuals who are pursuing excellence in their careers and have made a valuable contribution to A&WMA by serving in a leadership position. This award is presented annually.



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## YP Events at the Annual Conference

See what hundreds of young professionals are discovering at A&WMA's Annual Conference & Exhibition. YPs have plenty of opportunities at the conference to network, present, and publish their work, and further their professional education.



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**A&WMA aims to serve. With a dedicated and professional staff headquartered in Pittsburgh, PA, A&WMA invests in its members and in the effectiveness of local Sections and Chapters.**

## **A&WMA Website**

Visit A&WMA's new and improved website to keep informed of new programming announcements and what's happening around the Association. As this benefits guide shows, A&WMA membership gives access to a wide range of valuable services and information designed to keep professionals informed and effective. A&WMA's website ([www.awma.org](http://www.awma.org)) is an important tool used to deliver these benefits to members.



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## Be a Part of History

A&WMA has been around for over 100 years providing environmental stewardship throughout a century of change. Many scientists, engineers, and professionals in the past have paved the way to establish a forum for professionals with different backgrounds and perspectives to come together to make a positive impact on our environment. A&WMA connects our members to the larger vision which includes maintaining and improving the environment of our planet. Each member makes their own contributions toward that goal and becomes a part of the history the next century will reveal.



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## Annual Conference Mobile Device Application

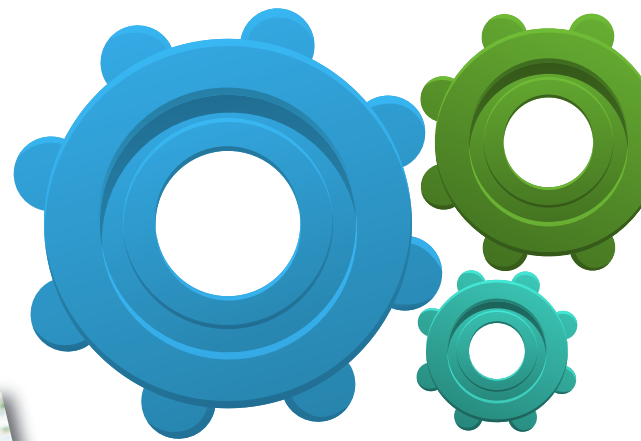
To make attendees' experience at A&WMA's Annual Conference & Exhibition even better, the Association offers a free conference mobile device web site that allows attendees to create customized technical program schedules and receive up-to-the minute announcements and changes to the event.

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## Access to Experts in the Industry

In addition to networking to advance your career, A&WMA also offers the unique opportunity to connect with other professionals in the industry to share knowledge, solve problems, and get an inside perspective on current environmental issues. Participating in meetings, sections and chapters, committees, and online learning brings together people of similar and diverse backgrounds who often work together throughout their careers.



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## Volunteer Resource Center

Everything members need to be a polished and well-equipped volunteer leader is in one place on the A&WMA Website at Volunteer Resource Center. There, members will find electronic products such as Branding (Logos), reference material, Sections & Chapters Council models, samples, and best practices, and online webinar training. Professionally produced material such as A&WMA signage and printed media can be requested for delivery as well.



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## **Balanced, Neutral Information Exchange**

The Core Purpose of A&WMA is to improve environmental knowledge and to assist in the critical environmental decision-making of its members to benefit society. A&WMA meets this challenge, through programs and services designed to transfer environmental knowledge, that support academic research and education, and that establish **neutral forums** for experts and leaders.

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## **A&WMA Education Council**

The Education Council is responsible for education and training programs delivered to A&WMA members in many forms and settings. It produces and promotes programs and activities in education and training with goals to encourage adequate human resources in the fields of air and waste management, and to improve the knowledge and skills of members and the public.



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## **Environmental Education: K-12, Higher Education, Public Education**

The Association is in the environmental education business. A&WMA offers programs to promote academic activities that will ensure an adequate pool of competent environmental professionals for the future. A&WMA develops and provides public education programs and materials on environmental issues and provides outreach opportunities for members to become actively involved in environmental education efforts. A&WMA's members develop and distribute K-12 environmental education curriculum and programs, encourage teacher training workshops, and coordinate other child environmental programs.





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