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The CONDUIT

Chair's Message

Welcome back to *The Conduit*, the newsletter of the A&WMA Sections & Chapters Council. This is the time of year the Council asks local member units to do a few things like complete and submit an annual report, send current or future member unit leaders to the Leadership Training Academy, and make plans to send a representative to the next Sections & Chapters Council in-person meeting at the Association's Annual Conference & Exhibition (ACE) in Pittsburgh this June.



The first Council meeting of the year was held on January 21, 2017, in Pittsburgh, in conjunction with the Association's Inter-Council meetings. We had a good meeting, which set the stage for the year and upcoming meetings, which will be held in June at the ACE and then in late September/early October in Minneapolis.

After the Inter-Council meeting each January, one of the first orders of business for the S&CC year is the annual reports. Please take the time to gather and report the required information by the March 31 deadline. For more information, you can go to <http://annualreport.wcsawma.org/>. Timely submissions of annual reports

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Leadership Training Academy

This year's A&WMA Leadership Training Academy promises to be one of our best sessions ever! Will your local member unit, Council, or committee be represented? Please plan to join us April 21-23 in Pittsburgh.

This is a program created exclusively for our volunteers that will strengthen your leadership skills, give you ideas that can be implemented within your local member units, committees, councils and boards, and provide you with outstanding networking opportunities. This will be your connection to exciting ideas, essential tools, and exceptional people.

Hilton Garden Inn, 250 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh PA
412.281.5557 – GROUP RATE \$139;
Cutoff date for special rate is April 11th

A registration fee of \$300 will cover all training sessions and materials, and food and beverages including Friday lunch, reception, and dinner, all three meals on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday morning. You will have plenty of time to network with other members and see some of the sights of Pittsburgh, including PNC Park, ESPN's top rated baseball stadium in the country. For more information on LTA, including the agenda and registration, please visit the [LTA webpage](#).

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serve as your unit's entry into the Minasian Award and Chapter Cup competitions. But, more importantly, the annual reports give us information on how you are serving the A&WMA membership and the environmental profession and allow us to identify and promote best practices across member units. Next up for the Council will be the Annual Leadership Training Academy, April 21-23, 2017, in Pittsburgh. Send us your current and future leaders and our LTA faculty will make sure that they get a good background in the Association as well as the tools they will need to serve as a volunteer leader of your local member unit. If your unit has not sent anyone to LTA in a few years, you are missing out on one of the best things we do. You can get more information on LTA at <http://www.awma.org/lta>

I also wanted to include a note about the new A&WMA website. If you've tried to access members-only portions of the site recently, you should have been required to update your credentials (and also some demographic information). What you see now on the website is the first phase of the site's transition to a new system, so it is not yet all that it will be. In particular, we have had questions about downloading a member unit's membership list, which is being worked on, but has not yet made it into the live version of the site. Please let us know if you have any questions or suggestions about the site as it evolves to its full functionality.



On behalf of the Council, the Association, and the Members, thanks again to all of the local member unit volunteer leaders. You all are on the front lines of serving the membership. Please let me know if you have any ideas about how the Council can help you with that mission.

Greg L. Johnson
Chair, Sections & Chapters Council

S&C Council 2016 Fall Meeting—Denver, Colorado

HOW TO UPDATE YOUR A&WMA CONTACT INFORMATION

The A&WMA membership database allows you to update your contact information, such as phone number, email address and employer, on a self-service basis. If you have changed employers or addresses (physical or email) follow these steps to stay in touch with A&WMA and allow your A&WMA friends to find you. The procedure is:

1. Go to awma.org
2. Select the "Log In" button at the upper right
3. Enter your member number and password (or follow the password help instructions)
4. Select "Membership" from the menu at the top of the page
5. Select "My Account" from the Member Services menu on the left of the page
6. To update your address or email address, select "Address" and "Edit" at the bottom of the "Address" page

PLEASE PUT THIS INFORMATION ON YOUR WEBSITE AND IN YOUR NEWSLETTERS

2016 Membership Performance Recognition Program

We recently wrapped up the 2016 Membership performance Recognition Program. The process starts in September when the committee reviews membership data for all the Sections and Chapters. Sections and Chapters that have done a good job in retaining and increasing members are notified and requested to complete a brief form. The purpose of the form is to learn what techniques are being used in successful membership programs so that we can share them with other Sections and Chapters.

The winners are chosen from the responses received and they are announced at the January Sections and Chapters Council meeting. Letters signed by the A&WMA President are sent to the winning Section and Chapter Chair and announcements are made in other A&WMA publications. The winning local units also get to use the blue ribbon logo below in their 2017 communications.

Congratulations go to the following local Sections and Chapters that have been recognized for their 2016 Membership Performance:

Chapters

Connecticut
Tampa Bay



Sections

Golden West
Louisiana
Nevada
Niagara Frontier

If you are looking for ideas or how to develop elements for your Section of Chapter, feel free to reach out to these successful Sections and Chapters. If you don't know how to reach them directly, feel free to contact me and I can help.

Jim Walker, A&WMA Membership Chair, james.walker@cmsenergy.com

Upcoming Events

- March 31 Section & Chapter annual reports due
- April 21-23 Leadership Training Academy, Pittsburgh
- June 5 Sections and Chapters Council meeting, Pittsburgh
- June 5-8 A&WMA Annual Conference & Exhibition, Pittsburgh

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE MARCH 31

If you haven't submitted your Section of chapter annual report, please do so as soon as possible. This is the means by which we can determine the vitality of your group, who needs help, and which groups should be celebrated for their successes. All Section and Chapter reports are due by March 31st.

Information for filing your 2016 annual report can be found at <http://annualreport.wcsawma.org/>. If you need information regarding your login and password information, please contact Mohan Balagopalan mbalagopalan@aqmd.gov.

A&WMA's 110th Annual
Conference & Exhibition

Bridging Environment, Energy & Health

JUNE 5-8, 2017
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



Registration is now open!

The 2017 Air & Waste Management Association's Annual Conference & Exhibition (ACE) will examine how leaders in industry, government, academia, and non-governmental citizen groups work together to improve community health and protect the environment. The Pittsburgh area is a great example of the amazing improvements in environmental quality and health that can occur when these groups are bridged together.

For information on sponsorship opportunities, registration, the technical program, accommodations and Conference events, please visit the [ACE webpage](#). Remember to promote the annual conference at your local meetings.

Sponsor a Student Team for the 2017 Environmental Challenge International (ECi) Competition

The Air & Waste Management Association (A&WMA) is proud to host the Environmental Challenge International (ECi) as part of its 2017 Annual Conference & Exhibition in Pittsburgh, PA.

What is ECi?

ECi is a student team competition that gives students the chance to step into the role of an environmental professional to solve a real-world problem. Professional members of A&WMA have created a challenging situation and invite your local schools to build a team to study the issue and generate a practical solution.

The Challenge

This year's problem deals with the timely issue of hydraulic fracturing in Southwestern Pennsylvania. Student teams will act as independent consultants to address the how, who, what, and some of the whys regarding public concerns in construction and drilling. Teams will present a proposal that addresses the environmental, social, and economic interests of the problem.

Why should you get involved?

You've been working hard in your college classes, and ECi gives you the opportunity to put your knowledge to work. Team members will gain valuable experience working in a group, interacting with professionals, and solving problems. Plus, you get to visit Pittsburgh, it looks good on a resume, and there's the potential to earn cash prizes!

Who can participate?

The ECi competition is open to undergraduate students, graduate students, Ph.D. candidates, and recent graduates (2016-2017) in the environmental field. Teams should consist of 3 to 5 members.

How?

Details on how to participate (including this year's Problem and Protocol can be found on the [ECi Competition page](#) on A&WMA's Annual Conference website.

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