

Our 2010 Year-End Review

Ron Farley

2010 Southern Section Chair

The coming of the new year also closed the Southern Section's 2010 operating year. I was honored to serve as the Section's Chair during 2010, and I want to offer some thoughts and reflections on the year as well as to introduce the coming year for our incoming Chair, Mary Ann Keon, and the new Section Board Members.

While 2010 had its difficulties and transitions, I hope that we laid some valuable groundwork for the advancement of the Section during 2011 and the coming years. On the whole, I think the year was a positive one for the Section. In a period of economic troubles, we had a successful annual meeting and began to stabilize our membership roll. We also developed some management guidance that should be of direct benefit to future Section leaders, and that can be easily adapted for use by individual Chapters if they choose. For the most part, our Chapters were very active and appear to be growing, and I am impressed by the leadership we have there. With that said, perhaps my greatest concern as I leave the position of Chair is the continued inactivity of the East Tennessee Chapter. Unfortunately, the challenge remains to reinvigorate this Chapter and avoid its having its charter suspended by the international Air & Waste Management Association.

Turning to the more positive events of the year, our Annual Meeting in Mobile in August was roundly considered a success. We approached that with some concern in light of general economic conditions that had affected the 2009 Annual Meeting, but good planning and work by the host Alabama Chapter, led by Chapter Chair Shelby Stringfellow, resulted in an excellent program at a great venue. Attendance and sponsorships returned to more typical levels and comments were very favorable. Speaking personally, I sincerely appreciate the wide range of support from all parts of the Section, both in overall attendance and as participants in various parts of the program.

Aside from the success of the Annual Meeting, I am pleased that we were able to develop a Policies and Procedures Manual for use by the Section's leadership. This idea stemmed from a training session that Mary Ann, Allison Casey and I attended at the A&WMA Headquarters in Pittsburgh. The very practical benefits of

such a manual became clear during more than one of the workshops, and we were able to develop a manual for the Section based on examples that were provided. I am optimistic that this will serve as a guide for the Section's day-to-day work.

Much of the Section's activities are conducted by the Chapters, and we were generally fortunate this year to have excellent leadership in those positions. I have mentioned Shelby Stringfellow, but we also benefited from the presence of Charles Burgess as Chair of the West/Middle Tennessee Chapter, Allison Casey Chairing the Mississippi Chapter, and Russell Kemp who served as Chair of the Georgia Section. Both Chuck and Allison helped to reinvigorate their respective Chapters and develop leaders who will be succeeding them. I am pleased to note that Allison will serve as Vice Chair of the Section for 2011. In Georgia, Russell continued the tradition of good leadership there including beginning to focus on the advance planning that will help the Georgia Chapter host the Annual Meeting next August. I want to thank all of these Chapter Chairs for their good work and support during the year.

I also want to thank the other members of the Section's Board from the past year. In addition to the Chapter Chairs, our Board was comprised of the Section's officers: Mary Ann as Vice Chair, Jeff Kitchens, Secretary, and Shelley Forbes, Treasurer; our directors: Martha Sims, Richard Holland, Andrew Covington, and Heather Abrams; our immediate Past Chair, Elizabeth Peeler; and Dallas Baker, who serves by virtue of his position as a Director of A&WMA's international organization. My job was made much easier due to their patience and efforts. On a personal level, I want to also thank Justice Manning, the Section's Administrative Assistant, for all that he did during my year as Chair, and for all that he does every day for the Section. I also owe a note of special thanks to one of the Section's past Chairs, Phil Davis, for his willingness to answer questions and otherwise to allow me to have the benefit of his experiences while in this position. Finally, I also want to thank Gwen Eklund, the 2010 President of Air & Waste Management international for all of her support and assistance, including attendance at our Annual Meeting.

As I leave this position, I encourage each of you to become more active in the Section and your Chapter. Our organization offers great opportunities for professional training, development of leadership skills and development of professional contacts. I hope the Section and the Chapters will make more formal efforts to involve members in programs intended to further professional education and development, expand membership and develop leadership potential. The international organization offers training and guidance in all of these areas, which can be of great value in assuring the vitality of the Section and its individual Chapters. As a first step for each individual member, I encourage you to simply

read the Section's Bylaws (can be found at www.ss-awma.org, through a link at the bottom of the home page) and to begin to understand the organizational structures of your Chapter, the Section, and the international Association. There are opportunities for each of you to participate, and this is a good way to get started.

In closing, I wish for the Section the best of luck in the coming years. I know that Mary Ann and the Officers and Directors of the Section will do an excellent job.

Ron

Notes from the Editor

Justice Manning

In addition to the comments of our past chair above, I want to take the time to let the membership know who the new officers are. A Board roster with contact information is attached to this newsletter. As a section we are especially indebted to **Jeff Kitchens**, ADEM, for having served as Secretary for the past four years. Thank you, Jeff. We are pleased to welcome **Julie Aslinger**, Center for Toxicology and Environmental Health, as the newest member of the Section Board who was elected as Secretary for the next two years. Welcome aboard, Julie.

As Ron indicated in his message, we had a very successful Annual Meeting for the Section, hosted by the AL Chapter, who did their usual excellent job. Below these notes will be a list of exhibitors who supported the Section again this year, with one or two new ones. Papers with slides which were presented at the meeting are posted on the web site, <http://www.ss-awma.org/annual.php>. Rather than providing a summary of some of the sessions at this late date, if you are interested in a particular topic you may look at the slides and/or contact the author for further information.

We look forward to the Annual Meeting this year to be held in **Callaway Gardens on August 3-5, 2011** and hosted by the GA Chapter. Their chair, Benjamin Sessions, has already announced the date and location and has pulled his leadership team together for the major components of the meeting. Information regarding the Annual Meeting will be posted on the Section web site, www.ss-awma.org/annual.php, so check in occasionally to determine the status. In the meantime, please **mark your calendar for August 3-5, 2011**.

We have been fortunate with Section leadership again this year. Both the Chair and Vice Chair have attended key training/meeting events sponsored by HQ. Ron refers to

that experience in his message. We have had and look forward to some very effective and proactive leadership in the Section. (**Opinion:** No one can be an effective leader without good followers. In other words, we need you!!) Our section membership has been in a decline as the economy dropped but again, as Ron mentioned, it seems to have stabilized to some extent. However, that level of stability is barely enough to sustain a viable Section. Your assistance is needed as you meet with your clients, colleagues, and friends of the environment to invite and encourage others to become members. Quickly review the reasons and opportunities of membership that Ron highlighted in his message above. The reason for mentioning "friends of the environment" as those to invite as members is that a person does NOT have to be a professional environmental worker or a technical person to be eligible for membership in the A&WMA.

Without exception to my knowledge, all leaders in the Association, whether local or national, have found their experience to be rewarding, with its value depending on the individual serving. Because of the need to help the Association grow, I would like to add my own 2¢ worth on the value of serving at the International level. In the Technical Council, I was Secretary and Chair of the Health and Environmental Effects Committee (AT-3) in the Air Toxics Pollutant Division, Air Group, Technical Council in the late 80s to mid-90s. This was, and remains, an invaluable effort for professional development for me. Another of our Section members, Stan Vasa, is serving as chair of the Toxic Air Pollutants Division through June 30, 2012. You may access the following web site to get Stan's contact information by clicking on [Air Group](#) at this link and scrolling to the bottom of the page.

(http://www.awma.org/about/tech_council/index.html) I'm sure he would be happy to discuss the benefits of

such service with anyone interested. Of course, many other divisions are available in the Technical Council.

In addition to the Technical Council, three other major councils exist in the Association. These are the Sections & Chapters Council (S&CC), Education Council, and Young Professionals Advisory Council, the newest Council.

The availability of the Policy and Procedures Manual mentioned in Ron's message above is easily accessible on the Section web site at the following link,
<http://www.ss-awma.org/documents/policies.doc>.

2010 Annual Meeting Mobile, AL August 3-6, 2010

Meeting Sponsors

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Exhibitors at our Annual Meeting were:

AEC Holdings, Inc., Birmingham, AL
 Entec Services, Inc., Birmingham, AL
 Horiba Instruments, Inc., SE offices (AL, GA, MS, TN)
 M & C TechGroup, Springhill, TN
 PPM Consultants, Inc., Birmingham, AL

SEAS (Sanders Engr. & Analytical Serv., Semmes, AL)
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Gerald Hardy, Jay Sutton, & Tracey Strickland at the
ENTECH booth



Tom Lotz, Tom Lotz, Jr., & Gwen Eklund, A&WMA
 President @ **TRC** Booth



Bill Klutz, Gena Driscoll, and Wayne Coe @ **HORIBA** booth



Richard Blanchard awaiting visitors at **Spectrum Systems** booth



Guest visiting w/ Joe Sanders at **SEAS** booth



Harold Henry, HORIBA, visiting w/ Roy Vincik @ **M&C TechGroup** booth



Wade Day w/ daughter, Kylee at his company's booth, **STI CEMS, Inc.**

The Southern Section, A&WMA takes this opportunity to once again express our sincere appreciation to the **Sponsors** and **Exhibitors** who contributed so highly to the financial success of the 2010 Annual Technical Conference and Meeting. **THANK YOU!!**

We also take another opportunity to announce that the **2011 Annual Meeting** will be held at **Callaway Gardens near Pine Mountain, GA**. The dates will be **August 3-5, 2011**. You may see a flyer with more details on the SS web site, www.ss-awma.org/annual.php. If you have questions, want to exhibit, present a paper, or to help in other ways, you may contact Benjamin Sessions or one of his committee with the GA Chapter. Benjamin's contact information is on the flyer referenced above.



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Continuing Education Opportunities

Date	Event Type	<i>Event Title</i>	Event Location
Mar 1 - 2, 2011	Conference	Understanding Today's Clean Air Act Permit Programs	New Orleans, LA
Mar 16, 2011	Webinar	Waste Incineration Technology	online
Mar 24, 2011	Webinar	Sustainability Reporting	online
Mar 30, 2011	Conference	Climate Financial Workshop	Houston, TX
Apr 5, 2011	Conference	Climate Financial Workshop	Chicago, IL
May 10 - 13, 2011	Conference	International Conference on Thermal Treatment Technologies & Hazardous Waste Combustors	Jacksonville, FL
May 22 - 25, 2011	Conference	Residuals and Biosolids 2011—Adapting Residuals Management to a Changing Climate	Sacramento, California
Jun 21 - 24, 2011	Conference	104th Annual Conference and Exhibition	Orlando, FL
Jun 19 - 22, 2012	Conference	105th Annual Conference and Exhibition	San Antonio, TX
Aug 20 - 23, 2012	Conference	2012 MEGA Symposium	Baltimore, MD