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Greetings from Your Outgoing Alabama Chapter Chair

Steven Burns

It was a pleasure and a privilege to serve as the Chair of the Alabama Chapter of the Air & Waste Management Association in 2018. We had a busy year with many opportunities for networking and professional advancement. The A&WMA Southern Section meeting in Huntsville in September and our CCR and RCRA training in March stand out as highlights. I hope you took advantage of those events and others to catch up with your peers and maybe learn a thing or two along the way.

Pulling these events together requires a lot of hard work by the entire board of directors. I was lucky last year to be surrounded by the likes of Heather Jones, Tim Martin, Lynn Roper, Scott Sanders, Trey Lightsey, Bob Gunn, and Spencer Edwards. Tim, Lynn, and Bob will cycle off, having served for a number of years. I thank them all for their service and would encourage you to do the same!

Heather takes the baton as Chair for 2019, and I'll continue this year as Past Chair. New board members include Chris Ailor (Vice Chair), Anna Wood (Secretary), and Lisa Cole. Heather and your 2019 board have more events on the way, so keep your eyes peeled and make every effort to attend A&WMA events this year.

This is YOUR A&WMA chapter, so if you have ideas for ways the association can serve you better, please feel free to contact any of us and, better yet, get involved with some of our planning activities. Are there particular topics you're interested in? Particular types of events that are especially helpful (or not)? Let us hear from you!

I look forward to seeing you at an A&WMA event soon.



Meet THE CHAIR

Chairman's Address

Heather Jones

As we start a new year, I would like to thank Steven Burns for all he has done to promote the Alabama Chapter of A&WMA during his year as Chairman of the Chapter. Most notably, under his leadership we hosted a very successful A&WMA Southern Section Annual Conference in Huntsville. I know that I have big shoes to fill, but I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve as the 2019 Chair. Much has been done in the past several years to grow the Chapter and explore new areas for us to become involved. I very much plan to continue with those endeavors. In 2018, we tried something completely different and hosted two training courses (Joyce Engineering CCR Training and McCoy's RCRA Training), both of which were extremely successful. We would like to offer additional training opportunities in the coming year, so if you have an ideas or know of any training opportunities, please don't hesitate to reach out to one of the board members. Also, the board of directors is busy planning the co-hosted ADEM/A&WMA Regulatory Update. As always, we'll also be looking to schedule dinner meetings and networking events around the state, and we are always on the lookout for opportunities to promote professional growth. We are eager to revive the student chapter at the University of Alabama and hope to expand that opportunity to other universities across the state.

For me, A&WMA is a great avenue for facilitating open discussion on the technical and regulatory issues associated with maintaining environmental quality and compliance. It gives all of us the opportunity to branch out from our everyday roles and those people we interact with on a regular basis to expand our contacts and increase our professional diversity. On top of that, I genuinely enjoy getting to know and visiting with the many friendly, knowledgeable members in our Chapter. I hope you do too, and I look forward to seeing you at an A&WMA event soon.

If you have any ideas or would like to become more involved with the Alabama Chapter, please feel free to contact me or anyone on the Chapter Board. We want input from you so that we can better serve you. We are interested in sharing ideas and information and providing a forum to grow the Chapter. So if you have any ideas or would like to become more involved with any of the Alabama Chapter committees such as the student chapter, Young Professionals, the newsletter, or A&WMA scholarships, please feel free to contact me at hjones@adem.alabama.gov or 334-271-7849.



Meet THE BOARD



Heather Jones, Chair

Mrs. Jones received a bachelor's degree in Chemistry from Huntingdon College. She began working for the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) in the Land Division in 2002. During her ADEM career, she has worked as a compliance inspector in both the TSCA and RCRA programs. However, most of her time with ADEM was spent working with Waste Approvals. In 2016, Ms. Jones was promoted to Chief of the Compliance and Enforcement Section of the Solid Waste Branch of ADEM's Land Division. For the last three years, she has served as an A&WMA Alabama Chapter board

Chris Ailor, Vice Chair

Chris graduated from the University of Alabama with a degree in Environmental Science. She is a Senior Environmental Scientist with ADEM's Air Division. At ADEM, Chris began working in the Agriculture/Gas Unit, but currently works in the Natural Resources Section. She is responsible for all permitting, compliance and enforcement for a section of the State's wood products industries.



Steven Burns, Past Chair

Steven earned his law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center and his undergraduate degree from Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee. He is a Partner in the Environmental and Natural Resources section of Balch & Bingham LLP in Birmingham, Alabama. In the past, he has served as Chair and Vice Chair of the Alabama Chapter of the Air & Waste Management Association. He currently serves as Counsel and Secretary to the National Waterways Conference.

Trey Lightsey, Director

Trey Lightsey graduated from the University of Alabama with a Master's of Science degree in Environmental Engineering and a Bachelor's of Science degree in Biology. He currently works as the Supervisor for Electronic and Data Services in the Environmental Affairs organization for the Alabama Power Company. This group manages all laboratory and plant environmental data for the company and provides IT technical support for a host of activities at the General Services Complex in Calera, AL.



Lisa Cole, Director

Lisa Cole has been with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management for 18 years. She is currently the Environmental Manager for the Natural Resources Section of ADEM's Air Division, which is responsible for the permitting, compliance and enforcement of the wood products and agriculture industries. Ms. Cole previously worked in the Control Strategies Section, specifically dealing with trading programs and emissions inventories. She has a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Business Administration from Auburn University.

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Spencer Edwards, Southern Section Liaison

Spencer earned his Bachelor's of Science degree in Environmental Science from Auburn University at Montgomery. He is the Business Development Manager at Sanders Engineering & Analytical Services. He has 22 years of experience in emission measurement and consulting ranging from permitting to test method design.

Anna Wood, Secretary

Anna Wood has been with the Program Development Unit of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management for 5 years. She has worked on the Clean Power Plan, the Cross State Air Pollution Rule, and other air pollution transport and inventory projects as they pertain to electric utilities within the state of Alabama. Additionally, she utilizes industry-provided data to build an annual inventory of Title V facilities and emissions within the state. She has a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science in Biology from the University of Alabama.



Scott Sanders, Treasurer

Scott earned his Bachelor's of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Alabama. He has served as the Treasurer of the Alabama Chapter of A&WMA since 2004. He has over 27 years of experience working in the environmental field working first in emissions testing, 17 years for the Alabama Department of Environmental Management in the regulatory arena and now as the Air Compliance Engineer at Evonik in Theodore, Alabama.

It's time to pay dues!

You can go to the Chapter website to download the membership form to mail in with your dues or just pay online!

<http://www.ss-awma.org/alabama.html>



Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendars Now

- ◆ March 19-21 Air Quality Models Conference
Durham, NC
https://www.awma.org/calendar_list.asp
- ◆ April 2-4 Smoke School
Montgomery, AL
<http://adem.alabama.gov/programs/air/visibleEmissions.cnt>
- ◆ August 22 AWMA/ADEM Regulatory Update (Tentative)
- ◆ September 11-13 A&WMA Southern Section Conference
Calloway Gardens
Columbus, GA
(details to follow)



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