

# Alabama Chapter Newsletter

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## Ways to get involved

- Join a committee. We need help on our Young Professionals Committee and on the Scholarship Committee.
- Come to a Dinner Meeting. We are planning one for April in Montgomery and would love to see you there! Details to be sent out soon.

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## Chairman's Farewell Address

**Heather Jones**

The time I have spent serving as the Chair of the A&WMA Alabama Chapter has truly been a pleasure. The previous year, 2018, was the year that Alabama hosted the Southern Section Conference and we took a little bit of a hit financially as a result of that event. During 2019, our focus was to take what we learned from that and apply it to the other things we do. And you know what, it worked. We had a successful year and were able to rebound from 2018. A big part of that is due to the membership for participating in dinner meetings and the Regulatory Update. By now, hopefully you've recognized that we have a few tried and true events that we continue to host, but we are trying to expand into different areas. So be on the lookout for new things and continue to give your feedback on what works and what doesn't. I look forward to continued involvement with the growth of the Chapter.

## Past Chair's Farewell Address

**Steven Burns**

As I cycle off the Board of Directors after my second rotation as Vice Chair, Chair, and Past Chair, I am grateful to the A&WMA Alabama Chapter and its members for everything they do and for allowing me the opportunity to serve. In my view, A&WMA serves an invaluable role by allowing environmental professionals the opportunity to learn, exchange ideas, and network in a non-political, nonpartisan atmosphere. Improving our mastery of the technical and regulatory issues that are A&WMA's focus ultimately helps us do the real work necessary for the protection of the air, water, and land resources of Alabama and the world. So thanks to A&WMA for doing what you do. I plan to keep showing up at A&WMA events, so instead of goodbye, I'll say, "See you next time!"

# Greetings from the New Chair

**Chris Ailor**

As we embark on another exciting year full of opportunity and development in our field, I am honored and delighted to serve as the incoming Chair for Alabama's chapter of the Air & Waste Management Association. With each passing season, our role in bringing the environmentally-concerned entities of our community together becomes more important and more challenging, and I can't wait to see what learning, teaching, and outreach prospects 2020 brings. In moving forward, it's important to look back on the events and accomplishments of 2019, a busy and productive year for the Alabama chapter of the A&WMA. Along with ADEM successfully hosting a very stimulating Air & Water Regulatory Update in August, the Chapter has done much to boost our growing Young Professionals group within the membership as well. We hope to further increase this section of our chapter's community in 2020, so spread the word to budding professionals who may be interested!

Assembling and administering our events is often a complicated task with many moving pieces and I was extremely fortunate to work with a great team of leaders last year to learn from and look to for an example. Heather Jones, Steve Burns, Trey Lightsey, Spencer Edwards, Anna Wood, Scott Sanders, and Lisa Cole are among the hard-working, experienced people who led our chapter last year, and we thank them for all that they've done and will certainly continue to do to help us achieve our goals.

Thank you to everyone who voted in the recent elections, and thank you to each and every member of our A&WMA chapter. We exist because we have devoted members committed to promoting technological advancement, open dialogue, and a symbiotic relationship amongst environmental professionals to promote and achieve new heights in environmental responsibility. I look forward to a new year of even more progress, so keep your eyes and ears open for upcoming news and events! And as always, if you have ideas about how to make our chapter better or more effective, don't hesitate to reach out and make a suggestion.

Happy New Year! I look forward to seeing you all very soon.



# Meet the 2020 Board



**Chair  
Chris Ailor  
ADEM Air Division**



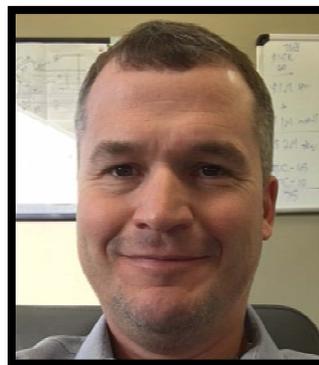
**Vice Chair  
Adam George  
TTL, Inc.**



**Past Chair  
Heather Jones  
ADEM Land Division**



**Southern Section Liaison  
Spencer Edwards  
Sanders Engineering &  
Analytical Services**



**Director  
Trey Lightsey  
Alabama Power**



**Director  
Lisa Cole  
ADEM Air Division**



**Secretary  
Anna Wood  
ADEM Air Division**



**Treasurer  
Scott Sanders**

# Dinner Meeting

Chris Ailor

On November 14, 2019, the Alabama Chapter held its last dinner meeting of the decade at the Alabama Power Company's General Services Complex in Calera, Alabama. Trey Lightsey, one of the Alabama Chapter's past and newly re-elected Directors of the board, spoke to the group in his capacity as Supervisor for Electronic and Data Services in the Environmental Affairs organization of the Alabama Power Company. Trey's presentation outlined the structure of roles and responsibilities within each area of the Lab and Field Services organization, and introduced Debbie Bond, an Environmental Affairs Specialist and Quality Control Officer, and Wade Bice, Environmental Affairs Supervisor of Air Quality Field Services. After enjoying dinner, fellowship, and a lively discussion of the various topics brought up throughout Trey's presentation, Debbie lead us on a tour through the laboratories on campus, highlighting each section's applied analyses and explaining the technologies used for their corresponding methods. After a tour of the labs, Wade lead the group on a tour of the field services teams' new building, which houses field equipment and a smaller lab utilized specifically for analyses of field sampling and testing. The Chapter would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Mr. Lightsey, Ms. Bond, and Mr. Bice, for lending their immensely valuable time and providing our attendees a rare and extraordinary glimpse into the inner workings of the Alabama Power Company's Lab and Field Services Complex.



## Tidbits

- Keep an eye out for an upcoming announcement regarding a dinner meeting being planned for April in Montgomery. Once the details have been finalized, we'll send out an email to register.
- Scholarship information will be posted to the website by March 1st. If you know of any eligible college students, please pass the info along. ([www.ss-awma.org/alabama](http://www.ss-awma.org/alabama))

## We need your help

- \* The Young Professionals Committee and the Scholarship Committee are looking for members to join. If interested, please contact [alawma@gmail.com](mailto:alawma@gmail.com) .
- If you are interested in writing an article for the newsletter, please contact the chapter ([alawma@gmail.com](mailto:alawma@gmail.com)).