

*Happy New Year!!*

## Message from the Chair

*Dwight Wylie*

A long time passed between my first term as Section Chair in the 1980s and my term this past year. When Justice “talked me into” becoming a candidate for Vice Chair in the Fall of 2006 I knew what was facing me. Nevertheless, I accepted the challenge with some goals for the Mississippi Chapter as well as for the Section. I am happy to say that those goals (scholarship awards, a successful Annual Meeting, and leaving the Section and MS Chapter in the black) were realized, thanks to the outstanding help of the MS Chapter. The Section awarded three scholarships; so did the Chapter. In addition, the basis was established for making this an annual event at the Section level, rather than sporadically as in the past. The committee put in place some criteria to solicit and award scholarships, which will make this process easier in the future (which is upon us). Beyond the Section and the MS chapter awarding 3 scholarships each, two other chapters also awarded seven additional scholarships following their own criteria. The Southern Section was the source of \$16,000 in scholarship funds; we should be proud of this endeavor as we are making the task of many young professionals getting through college and graduate school just a little easier.

Leaving the Section and Chapters in the black is always important and each is in good fiscal shape from what I understand. I personally enjoyed the Annual Meeting and was enriched by it, both professionally and personally.

A continuing struggle for some of our chapters is finding volunteer leadership and the means to keep the programs interesting enough to provide for a viable chapter from year to year. I trust that **Elizabeth Peeler** as incoming chair will continue to make this an important goal for her tenure and that some of the chapters which seem to be languishing may benefit from enthusiasm and support from the Section, which I think is quite viable. However, it is a continuing struggle for all of us as professionals in a field that demands much from us to keep our employers happy and to keep “bread on the table.” I plan to remain active by supporting efforts of the MS chapter and will be willing to help at the Section level as needed and available after I fulfill my third year in leadership as Past Chair. My immediate goal is to get the Chapters to quickly prepare and file their Annual Reports so that the Section can be timely in filing its report for this year. Your support will be appreciated.

Thank you for the opportunity to have served you this year. I trust that you also were rewarded from attending the Annual Meeting in Biloxi and will join me in supporting the Eastern Tennessee Chapter in pulling off another successful meeting in Chattanooga next year. The dates are selected but the hotels are still being evaluated. Please mark your calendar for July 28 – 31, 2009.

*Dwight Wylie*

## Notes from the Editor

*Justice Manning*

Since it is the end of the year and you need something to challenge your mind after all the relaxation, I have decided to provide two more environmental questions for your consideration. The last questions were provided in the December 2007 issue of the Newsletter. Here are the two questions. Try your hand. A couple of links are provided in the answers. Other documentation can be retrieved on the EPA web site, [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov).

**Question 1:** Which creates more pollution, the average car or the average home?

- a) average car
- b) average home
- c) about the same

**Question 2:** A typical light bulb wastes what percent of electricity?

- a. 5 percent
- b. 30 percent
- c. 65 percent
- d. 90 percent

Another bit of news that should be of interest to each of you regarding this past annual meeting: we were able to obtain nine new members, two of whom are outside of the geographic confines of our Section. Nevertheless, they will be contributing members to the Association.

Just as a reminder for those whose memories are as bad as mine. Below is a list of exhibitors from our Annual Meeting in Biloxi. I had approximately half of the booth photos in the last issue of the newsletter; the rest are below. You may see those at [www.ss-awma.org](http://www.ss-awma.org), and

### Exhibitors at the Biloxi Annual Meeting were:

Advanced Environmental Consultants, Inc.  
Air Liquide  
Airgas  
Allied Energy Corporation  
Argus Analytical, Inc.  
E. Roberts Alley & Associates, Inc.  
Eco-Systems, Inc.  
EMS, Inc.  
Entec Services, Inc.  
Environics Inc.  
ERM-SE, Inc.  
Focus Environmental Inc.  
Indigo Technologies

click on Newsletter, and select the September 2008 issue.

**One last item:** Attached to this issue of the newsletter is the **ballot** for the vacant positions at the Section level for next year. Your participation in this process is encouraged to show your support for those willing to serve you as Section leaders. Hopefully, your chapter is in the process of selecting/supporting officers for the next year. As soon as the process is complete and I receive the lists from the chapters, the information will be posted on the Section web site, [www.ss-awma.org](http://www.ss-awma.org).

LA Ash, Inc.  
M & C Products  
Micro-Methods, Inc.  
Plastic Fusion Fabricators, Inc.  
PPM Consultants, Inc.  
RMT  
Sanders Engineering & Analytical Services, Inc.  
Spectrum Systems, Inc.  
STI CEMS Services  
Trinity Consultants  
United States Environmental Services  
Veolia Environmental Service - Tech Solutions LLC

Again, to each of these exhibitors we extend a very cordial **thank you** and hope that they will be interested in exhibiting in **Chattanooga, TN** next year. As noted above in Mr. Wylie's *Message from the Chair*, the dates for the 2009 Annual Meeting are **July 28 - 31, 2009**. If you will notify me, I shall see that you obtain the information when it is available. Past experience has indicated that normally we don't have as much space as we did in Biloxi. Therefore, early notification of intent to participate as an exhibitor will be even more important. Photos of the first 13 exhibitors are shown below, except one that I failed to photograph.



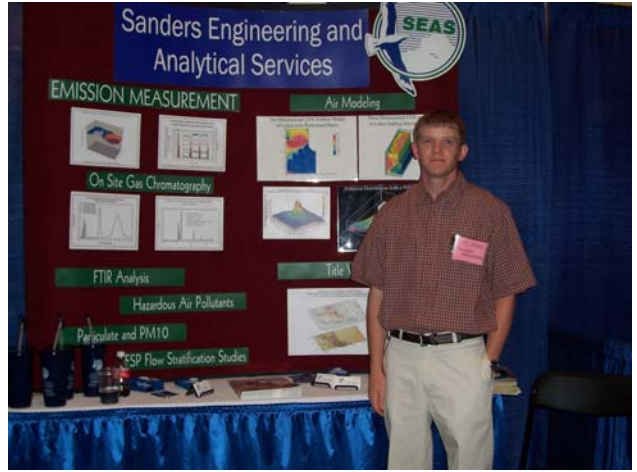
Tom Devenish talking with attendee



Eric Jones & Tina Tomek



Van Dobbs & Kyle Barrows



Gary Jones



Cindy Thompson & Zane Hood



Kent Holmes, Wade Day, & Mrs. Day



Attendee talking to Bill Emberson & Lisa Murr



Stacy Carr & Arup Bandyopadhyay





Mary Lauren Boykin talking w/ attendee



Mary Ann, Angela Koury, Hugh Moore, and Gary McDuff

## Upcoming Webinars & Conferences

Use the following link to the A&WMA web site to obtain information about webinars, other online educational opportunities, and upcoming conferences.

[http://www.awma.org/events/events\\_calendar.html?sort=1&typeid=all](http://www.awma.org/events/events_calendar.html?sort=1&typeid=all)

### Answers to the questions under “Notes from the Editor.”

**Question 1 Answer: b.** The average home creates more pollution than the average car. The average house is responsible for about 22,000 lbs. of greenhouse gas emissions per year, twice as much as the average car ([http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=kids.kids\\_index](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=kids.kids_index)). One inexpensive and energy efficient way you can cut your home-related pollution is to replace old light bulbs and fixtures with Energy Star qualified lighting. Changing just five bulbs will save an estimated \$60 per year. If every American household did this, together we'd keep more than one trillion pounds of greenhouse gases out of our air. That's a \$6 billion energy savings for Americans and an energy savings equivalent to the

annual output of more than 21 power plants. [Learn more...](#)

**Question 2 Answer: d.** The typical incandescent light bulb turns only about 10 percent of its electricity into light. A typical light bulb, when on, is hot. That's because 90 percent of the energy is wasted as heat, which means it isn't very energy-efficient. ENERGY STAR-qualified lighting, such as compact fluorescent bulbs, uses two-thirds less energy and generates 70 percent less heat than an equivalent incandescent light bulb.

## Southern Section Air and Waste Management Association EXECUTIVE BOARD BALLOT

The Nominating Committee has presented the following slate of candidates for Southern Section A&WMA offices for 2009. Please check beside the name of each candidate that you support for the office. Even though no multiple candidates were nominated, these candidates need to know

that you support their willingness to serve you. Therefore, please cast a ballot. No provision is made in the bylaws for write-in candidates. However, the opportunity to nominate other candidates was available to you since October through your Board representative. The same will

be true next year.

Justice Manning at 133 Rolling Hill Dr., Daphne, AL 36526, or via email: [jmanning1@bellsouth.net](mailto:jmanning1@bellsouth.net).

Please mark your ballot and return by **January 12, 2009** to

**VICE-CHAIR (Alabama)**

- ( ) **Ron Farley** is an attorney with Burr-Forman, LLP, Birmingham, AL. Prior to joining the firm in 1997, Ron practiced twelve years with the Office of General Counsel of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management. His practice now concentrates in the areas of Environmental and Administrative law. He counsels and represents clients on a wide variety of environmental permitting, compliance and regulatory enforcement matters and on environmental due diligence aspects of real estate and Brownfield transactions. Ron is a frequent speaker on environmental topics. He is a member of the Environment and Energy Committee of the Business Council of Alabama and of the Environmental Committee of Manufacture Alabama. He has served as an advisor to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management on various rulemaking initiatives. Ron is a member of the American Bar Association (Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Section), the Alabama State Bar, where he is the Chair of the Environmental Law Section, and the State Bar of Georgia (Section on the Environment). He holds a B.A. from Auburn University, an M.S. from Georgia State University, and he received his J.D. from Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University.

**DIRECTOR (Alabama)**

- ( ) **Martha Sims** is the Manager of Environmental Performance at the International Paper mill in Prattville, Alabama. She has worked with the mill for twenty-six years. Martha graduated with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Auburn University. She has been actively involved in A&WMA since 1994. She served as the Alabama Chapter Vice Chair (1994-1996) and Chair (1996-1998). The Alabama Chapter was awarded the Southern Section Outstanding Chapter Award both years that she served as Chair. She currently serves on the Board of the Southern Section.

**DIRECTOR (Georgia)**

- ( ) **Heather Abrams** is a New Source Review Expert for Region 4 EPA. She is an engineer for US EPA Region 4 and has over 13 years experience in air quality management. Prior to coming to EPA, Heather was the Air Director for the State of Georgia. In that position, she contributed frequently to the regulatory update session for the state of GA as A&WMA Annual Meetings. She dealt with all aspects of air quality management from permitting to state implementation plan development. In addition, for the last two years Heather has served as a Director for the Georgia Chapter for AWMA. She is a graduate of Auburn University with a Bachelor of Chemical Engineering.

**DIRECTOR (Mississippi)**

- ( ) **Andrew S. Covington, P.E.**, received his M.S. in environmental engineering from the University of Mississippi in 1992, received a B.S. in engineering from Mississippi State in 1981, and a B.A. from the University of Mississippi in 1979. He spent almost 10 years at the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, 4 years as an environmental manager of a manufacturing company with facilities in Mississippi and Alabama, and has been working as an environmental consultant since 2003 for Eco-Systems, Inc. In the last year Andrew has attended AWMA meetings in both Mississippi and Alabama, and he would like to increase his involvement in the organization.

**SECRETARY**

- ( ) **Jeffery W. Kitchens, P.E.**, is a 1993 graduate from Auburn University where he obtained a BS degree in Agricultural Engineering. Jeff has been employed with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management for over 14 years where he has worked in both the Hazardous Waste and Air Programs. Jeff is the Chief of the Industrial Hazardous Branch in the Department's Land Division, where he manages a group of engineers and scientists responsible for RCRA permitting, corrective action, compliance, and enforcement for industrial facilities throughout the state of Alabama. He is the incumbent Secretary for the Southern Section and also has served as Chair of the Alabama Chapter.