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### Greetings from the Alabama Chapter Chair

Steven Burns

I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve as the 2018 Chair of the Alabama Chapter of the Air & Waste Management Association. Your chapter's board of directors is busy planning events where you can network and learn in the company of your peers. Coming up quickly are the **CCR Training** led by Joyce Engineering (**March 26**) and **RCRA Training** led by McCoy (**March 27-29**). Both of these training sessions are terrific opportunities at a great price. We'll also have a social hour for participants to visit (more information to come). There are very few slots left for these events, so if you're interested, please register immediately.

Later in the year, it will be the Alabama Chapter's turn to host the **A&WMA Southern Section** meeting. The Southern Section includes Georgia, Mississippi, and Tennessee as well, so we will look forward to visitors from around the region and, as always, a high-quality roster of speakers on current air and waste issues. Please keep your calendar clear for **September 26-28** and plan on joining us at the **Westin Huntsville**.

In between these headliner events, we'll 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. If you have ideas or would like to pitch in, please get in touch with me or any of your board members.

For me, A&WMA is a great forum for a more substantive and less politicized discussion of the technical and regulatory issues associated with maintaining environmental quality and compliance. I always enjoy visiting with our many friendly, knowledgeable members. I hope you do too, and I look forward to seeing you at an A&WMA event soon.



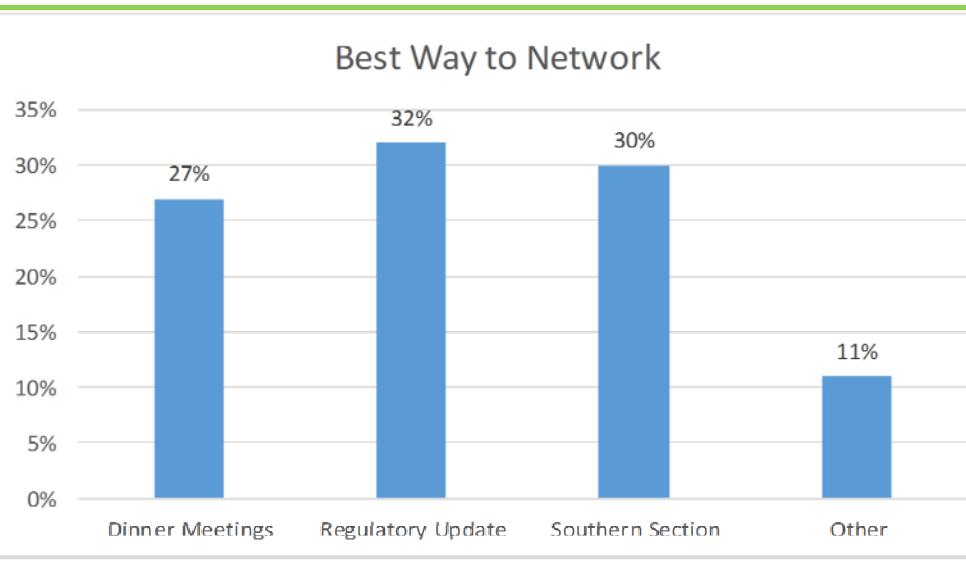
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# *And the survey says...*



Recently, a survey was sent out to the A&WMA Alabama Chapter membership to try to get an idea on how we can better improve our efforts. Some of what we learned is presented here...

## **What would you like to see in the Newsletter?**

- ◆ Regulatory initiatives/updates
- ◆ Groundbreaking information/innovations
- ◆ Technical articles

## **Other Opportunities:**

### CASE STUDIES

### SHORT TRAINING COURSES/ SEMINARS

YEARLY FOCUS (FOR NEWSLETTER AND  
DINNER MEETINGS)

REGULATORY UPDATES

QUARTERLY TECHNICAL MEETINGS WITH A&WMA AGENDA ITEMS

## **Activities ranked based on helpfulness:**

- 1 TRAINING COURSES**
- 2 NETWORKING EVENTS**
- 3 DINNER MEETINGS**
- 4 FACILITY TOURS**

Based on this information, expect to see a greater focus on informative dinner meetings coupled with networking events and more training opportunities. Thanks for your input!



# Meet THE BOARD

## **Steven Burns, 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.

## **Heather Jones, Vice 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 two years, she has served as an A&WMA Alabama Chapter board member.



## **Tim Martin, Past Chair**



Tim graduated from UNC-Asheville with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Atmospheric Science. He has been employed by ADEM for 20 years in the Meteorological Section as an Air Pollution Meteorologist. As an Air Pollution Meteorologist he reviews modeling associated with permits, issues air quality forecasts for multiple cities in Alabama, as well as assisting with State Implementation Plans. He has been involved with AWMA for many years and served as a board member for the past 10 years.

## **Bob Gunn, Director**

Bob graduated from the University of Alabama with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Geology and Marine Science. He has 22 years of experience in the environmental field working first in emissions testing, and for the past 16 years as the Manager of Environmental Affairs at National Cement Company in Ragland, Alabama.



## **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.

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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.

## **Lynn Roper, Secretary**

Lynn received a Bachelor's of Science degree in Environmental Science from Troy State University and later she received a Bachelor's of Science degree in Computer Science from Troy University. She began her career with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management in 1991. She has spent most of her time in the Land Division working in the Waste Approvals Program. Recently, she assumed new responsibilities working directly for the Chief of the Land Division.



## **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 25 years of experience working in the environmental field and has been with ADEM for over 15 years. Recently, Scott took a new position as an Environmental Engineer with Evonik Industries in Mobile.

## *A&WMA 2018 Southern Section Conference*

### **CALL FOR SPEAKERS**

The A&WMA 2018 Southern Section Conference will be hosted by the Alabama Chapter in Huntsville, AL in September. We are currently looking for speakers to fill our agenda. If you indicated on the survey that you would be willing to speak or if you have a topic that would be interesting or helpful to those in attendance...we want you! There are also sponsorship opportunities available. Please contact Lynn Roper (334-271-7728 or [ltr@adem.alabama.gov](mailto:ltr@adem.alabama.gov)) or Heather Jones (334-271-7849 or [hjones@adem.alabama.gov](mailto:hjones@adem.alabama.gov)) for more information.

# Upcoming Events

## Mark Your Calendars Now

- ◆ March 26      Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Training  
Montgomery, AL  
(see the AWMA website to register)
- ◆ March 27-29    McCoy RCRA Training  
Montgomery, AL  
(see the AWMA website to register)
- ◆ May 15-16      ADEM UST Assessment and Remediation  
Conference  
Montgomery, AL
- ◆ June 13          ADEM Groundwater Conference  
Montgomery, AL
- ◆ Sept 26-28      Southern Section Technical Conference  
Huntsville, AL



Be sure to visit our new website for the latest chapter news and upcoming events.

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