



Newsletter of the Delaware Valley Chapter of the Air & Waste Management Association

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Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner Wrap-Up

On April 20, 2010, the Delaware Valley Chapter and the Mid-Atlantic Station Section hosted our annual scholarship awards dinner at the University of Delaware. The Delaware Valley Chapter awarded \$4000 in scholarships to three recipients. Ms. Valentina Beneski of Wilkes University received a \$2,000 award. She is finishing her junior year and is working towards a B.S. degree in Environmental Engineering with a minor in Physics and plans to graduate in May 2011. Ms. Yasemin Dilsad Yilmazel is enrolled in a PhD program at Villanova University's College of Engineering and received a \$1,000 award. She anticipates completing the program in June 2013. Lastly, Ms. Taylor Hendricks received a \$1,000 scholarship. Taylor is enrolled in a B.S. program in Environmental Studies with a concentration in environmental science at Wesley College. She anticipates completing her degree in May 2013.



Chapter Chair Michele Gehring presents the Scholarship Awards to Recipients Yasemin Dilsad Yilmazel (left) and Taylor Hendricks (right).

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Announcing Upcoming Elections of the Delaware Valley Chapter's Officers

The Chapter Nominating Committee will send an email ballot in the coming days for election of officers of the Delaware Valley Chapter for the 2010-2011 term. Please keep an eye on your inbox for this email. Voting will be open for about 2 weeks in late June 2010. For more information, please contact Michele Gehring, outgoing Chapter Chairperson at (610) 945-1777 or michele.gehring@coterie-env.com.

Mark Your Calendar! Upcoming Delaware Valley Chapter Events

The Delaware Valley Chapter of the Mid-Atlantic States Section of the A&WMA is planning a number of upcoming events on a variety of topics including recent developments on the NO₂ and SO_x National Ambient Air Quality Standards being planned for July 2010. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about how these issues will impact you and participate!

The Chapter Board is actively planning meetings and events for fall 2010 and winter/spring 2011. Please contact Scott Heath at 215-523-5607 or sheath@environcorp.com to submit programming ideas or if you would like to become involved with presenting at or hosting an upcoming event. The Chapter and Association and its members receive immense value from your involvement in the organization. **For more information on these events e-mail:** michele.gehring@coterie-env.com.

Inaugural Environmental Challenge Problem Statement

At our April 2010 Scholarship Dinner, the Delaware Valley Chapter conducted our inaugural Environmental Challenge (EC) competition. EC is a student team competition to prepare and present an optimal solution to a complex "true-to-life" environmental problem. The problem presented is of current value, representative of the location of the event, and require multi-disciplinary approaches for success. The EC seeks not only requires technical and scientific analyses, but also solutions that are presented in conjunction with the development of appropriate regulatory approaches and resolution of political and community issues.

Chapter Secretary Elizabeth Fernandez (center) presents participation certificates and a \$1000 award to the EC team (from left to right Jesse Harper, Paloma Vila, Josef Argenio) from Temple University for their presentation on behalf of a fictitious Dead End Power Company. The Problem Statement addressed future operation recommendations taking into account air quality and water quality controls for this coal fired power plant. During the team's presentation as consultants to a mock environmental hearing board, the students demonstrated an advanced level of presentation skills, knowledge and ability to respond to difficult questions and issues raised during hearing board exercise. Dr. Sandip Shah (right) served as team's faculty advisor.



How You Can Get Involved in the A&WMA

Becoming a more active participant in local Chapter or Section hosted events and management is an excellent opportunity to obtain more value from your membership in the A&WMA. The Delaware Valley Chapter welcomes all who wish to participate in planning for the upcoming year. We are specifically looking for persons who might be interested in serving or assisting us in the areas of program development, educational outreach, newsletter/member communication, and membership development. Please contact a Board Member for more information or to volunteer.

Calling All Colleges and Universities...

The Delaware Valley Chapter is seeking educators and student groups that are interested in having us host a Webinar entitled Environmental Careers: A Path to Your Future. We will supply food and drinks and a lively discussion that will provide some insight into what students can do before and after graduation. You'll supply the meeting location and students. If interested in arranging such an event, please contact Michele Gehring at michele.gehring@coterie-env.com.

Upcoming A&WMA Events (www.awma.org/events)

June 22-25, 2010—A&WMA's 103rd Annual Conference and Exposition in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. See www.awma.org/ACE

August 30-September 2, 2010—Power Plant Air Pollutant Control "MEGA" Symposium. Baltimore, MD.

September 29-30, 2010—Vapor Intrusion. Chicago, IL

June 21-24, 2011—A&WMA's 103rd Annual Conference and Exposition in Orlando, FL

A&WMA Membership—What are the Options?

Interested in Joining A&WMA? No matter where you are in your career, A&WMA has a membership category that suits your needs. Brief descriptions of each membership category are provided below. For more information or to sign-up, please visit the A&WMA website and follow the “Join A&WMA” link in the side bar.

Individual Membership - \$180/year

This full membership includes the following:

A print subscription to either *EM*, A&WMA's monthly magazine for environmental professionals, or the *Journal*, A&WMA's technical environmental journal;

Access to both EM and the Journal online;

Access to the online A&WMA membership directory;

Reduced pricing on A&WMA events and technical publications; and

Access to local networking events.

Access to online Career Center

Affiliate/Young Professional Membership - \$93/year

For our younger professionals (under 27 years old), this membership includes all the benefits of full membership at a reduced price.

Student Membership - \$35/year

This membership is designed for full-time undergraduate or graduate students and includes a print subscription to *EM*.

Organizational Membership - \$435/company + \$65/employee

This membership is designed for companies and organizations with more than three environmental professionals. These members experience all the benefits of a full membership at reduced membership costs.

Save Money – Become an Organizational A&WMA Member!

Looking to save money for your company? Do you have four or more people in your office? Then you should consider becoming an A&WMA Organizational Member!

Organizational membership is open to all organizations, profit and non-profit, and costs only \$435.00 per year per company address for the Primary Representative and \$65.00 per person for any Additional Representatives. That constitutes a savings of \$90 with an Organizational Membership of four people, over the cost of four individual memberships. Each Additional Representative that joins (after the initial four) saves an additional \$115 as compared to the price of an individual membership.



What are other benefits to becoming an Organizational member? In addition to all the benefits of being an A&WMA member (networking opportunities, discounts of 20-30% on registration fees for A&WMA events, access to local Section and Chapter events, discounts on A&WMA publications, etc.), organizational members also receive the following:

Literature

– Organization members receive a copy of both the *Journal* and *EM* (one copy for the organization)

Free Advertising

– Organization members are listed in each issue of *EM* and in the programs for the Annual Conference & Exhibition

Additional Discounts

- Organizational members receive discounts on certain exhibits and advertising with A&WMA

So log on to: <http://www.awma.org/join/join.html> and sign up today. Be sure to send one Primary Representative application and an Additional Representatives application for all other members.
