



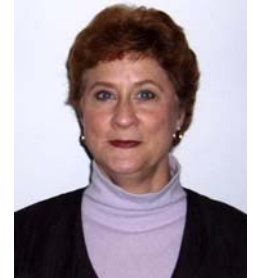
**A&WMA Sections &
Chapters Council**

December 2012

Farewell.....

a message from the Chair.

Gleness Knauer, Chair, S&C Council, Satellite Resources



It has been my privilege to chair your Council this past term. My goal for the past three years has been to engage as many of the nearly 100 chartered Sections and Chapters making up the Council as possible. The key was finding new ways of communicating with local unit leadership outside our usual face-to-face meetings three times a year. Support for travel is less available than ever and not all local leaders are able to attend those meetings. We initiated information exchange webinars, dubbed POSS for Periodic Online Sharing Sessions, to make sure that information developed during our regular meetings to enhance local member unit operation is discussed more widely. We interacted with many local leaders online who had not regularly attended face-to-face meetings and added their ideas to our toolbox. We also held some virtual meetings in order to concentrate on developing specific new tools to sustain the vitality and facilitate the growth of our Sections and Chapters. However, we can do more. We can enhance our web presence and utilize blogs and other social media to exchange new ideas and helpful information.

That's the purpose of the S& C Council – to come together and exchange best practices that will help all the local units be active, energetic, and growing. If your Section or Chapter has waning membership, it's time to pump up the energy, get more active, and show environmental professionals in your area that A&WMA is the place where it's happening. Participating in S&C Council activities will help you accomplish these goals.

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InterCouncil Meeting January 19, 2013

Join in the meeting of the Councils, and the winter Sections & chapters Council meeting at the Chicago Hyatt Regency. Details on the meeting and housing are on page 2.



Incoming Chair Harry Klodowski

In January 2013 Jim Powell was to take the Chair of Sections and Chapters Council, with Harry Klodowski as his Vice Chair. However, Jim has now taken in the position of A&WMA Executive Director, and so resigned from his position on S&CC. January 1st, Harry will take the Chair. Harry's long experience with this Council, along with his experience leading the Education Council will serve us well over the next three years.

Harry is already laying out plans for the New Year, so get ready for an exciting ride!

InterCouncil and Sections & Chapters Council Meeting

Please be reminded that the next meeting of the Council will be on Saturday January 19, 2013 in Chicago, IL at the Hyatt Regency. The meeting is open to representatives of all Association Sections and Chapters.

A draft agenda will be distributed on January 7th. Please forward suggestions for agenda items to Harry Klodowski (Chair, 2013) at harry@klodowskilaw.com. Meeting topics will include the 2013 Council goals and leadership assignments, the state of the Association; template/pattern website for Sections and Chapters; 2012 Membership Performance Recognition Awards; and a demonstration of the new easier Section & Chapter annual report forms.

Saturday, January 19:

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. – Intercouncil Breakfast

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. – Leadership Presentations/State of the Association

8:50 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Individual Council Meetings (Intercouncil Lunch from 11:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Intercouncil Social and Leadership Presentations

6:00 p.m. – Sections and Chapters Council Evening Activity – TBD

LOCATION

Hyatt Regency Chicago

151 East Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60601 US

Tel: 312.565.1234, Fax: 312.239.4412

Reservations: 1.888.421.1442

Or, click <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/AirWaste2012>

Standard rate is \$ 129.00

A&WMA Executive Director Jim Powell

The Section and Chapter Vice Chair of 2010 – 2012, Jim Powell, is now the Executive Director of the Air & Waste Management Association. He started in his new position on October 8th.

He has been a member of the A&WMA for more than 30 years. In that time Jim has held various leadership roles in the A&WMA's Chapters, Sections, and the International Association. His roles have included Founding Chair of the Iowa Chapter, Director of the Upper Midwest Section, Chair and Director of the Lake Michigan States Section, and Vice Chair of the Sections & Chapters Council.



In his new role, Jim will work to grow and service membership, provide current and timely programming, and move the Association forward into the next stage of its development. Jim's extensive experience with the Association and its membership allows him to quickly assess needs and respond accordingly to provide value to the membership and prospective members. He has already met with Sections & Chapters Council as a host of a webinar on October 24th. We congratulate Jim on his new position, and look forward to working with him in the future.

Annual Reporting Made Easy

The end of year report all Sections and Chapters must submit has been simplified and made to be filled out and submitted on-line. No hard copy need be mailed to Headquarters. The information requested in the report directly correlates to the point system developed to determine both the Minasian and Chapter Cup awards.

The IT Subcommittee of the Council has completed programming of the Annual Report form and it is currently in Beta testing by a few volunteer Sections. Mohan Balagopalan, West Coast Section, has been spearheading this programming effort and plans to demonstrate use of the new form at the January meeting. You should receive a copy of the new form within the next month.

Chapters Deadline for Annual Reports March 15, 2013
Sections Deadline for Annual Reports April 1, 2013

No change in membership dues

The Board has decided to suspend the scheduled membership dues increase for this year. The dues schedule remains the same in 2013 as in 2012. A list of the membership fees can be found on the website, www.awma.org, under Membership.

Student Members and Student Chapters

Does your Section or Chapter make any regular effort to recruit student members or support activity at local higher education environmental programs? Have you considered starting a new Student Chapter? The S&C Council has recently updated a set of model bylaws to help your students establish themselves as a Student Chapter. Each Section and Chapter should have received a copy. If you need another, please email Stephanie Glyptis at sglyptis@awma.org.

Some Sections, such as CPANS, have a very active student program. Let the Conduit know what you are doing, so we can highlight your program. Email Jayme Graham at jgraham@achd.net.



Sections & Chapters Council meeting at 2012 ACE in San Antonio, Tx.

Sections & Chapters Council meeting at Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, September 28-30, 2012

