

# American Association of Blacks in Energy



## *DC Chapter Update* *Fall 2017*

***Thanks to all who made our October events a great success!***

October was both Cybersecurity Awareness Month and Black Energy Awareness Month (“BEAM”). On October 23, we held a Lunch and Learn panel on Cybersecurity Preparedness: Policies, Standards and Best Practices. The panel was moderated by AABE member Sonya Baskerville with participants AABE Member Lori Murphy Lee (PJM), Devon Streit (DOE), Shamai Elstein (NERC) and Barry Lawson (NRECA). The panelists offered valuable perspectives on the current state of energy cybersecurity preparedness, standards and policies to address the threat of a cyberattack on energy infrastructure, and certain identified best practices for preparedness and resiliency. We greatly appreciate the panelists, our Program Committee, AABE staff and members who attended the event and our lunch sponsor, Thompson Coburn.





On October 27, we held a BEAM science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) event at McKinley Technical High School in Washington, DC. The event was co-sponsored with the national AABE organization and led by Project SYNCERE (Supporting Youth's Needs with Core Engineering Research Experiments). Students from several DC high schools participated in the engineering-based competition. The event provided an opportunity for our Chapter to engage with local students and provided students an opportunity to demonstrate their technical skills. It was a great way for students to spend their day off from school. A huge thanks to all of our AABE volunteers and the following sponsors who made the event possible: Alston & Bird, Edison Electric Institute, Nuclear Energy Institute and Thompson Coburn, LLP. Below are a few photos from the event.





### ***Help AABE DC Help Others***

We would appreciate suggestions for a charitable organization or project, preferably with an energy focus. Please email suggestions to DC Chapter Secretary Adrienne Clair at [aclair@thompsoncoburn.com](mailto:aclair@thompsoncoburn.com)

### ***AABE DC has swag!***

This month, we debuted the AABE DC logo and an AABE DC t-shirt. If you signed up for a t-shirt and have not yet received it, Chapter President Shaun Garrison will follow-up to make sure you receive your AABE DC swag!

### ***Don't Delay – Renew Your AABE Membership***

Please be sure to renew your AABE membership and designate the DC Chapter. Visit [www.aabe.org/renew](http://www.aabe.org/renew). For more information or questions, please contact Felicia Kelly, AABE Member Services at [fkelly@aabe.org](mailto:fkelly@aabe.org) or (202) 371-9530 ext. 102.

### ***See you in December***

Please look forward to an email later this month with plans for our Chapter's December meeting and holiday reception. In the meantime, we wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

AABE DC Chapter Officers



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