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Dear Fellow AABE Members:

As we begin the fourth quarter of 2012 and approach the close of another successful year at AABE Atlanta, on behalf of the Board, I would like to thank you for your engagement and support throughout the year.

With your help we've raised \$25,000 for our scholarship program, providing a helping hand to students in our community who hold the promise of building the future of energy in their hands. We've also celebrated our Chapter's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary – an important milestone in our history – and a precursor to the next 30 years of AABE Atlanta.

As we look to 2013, the next few months will be full of change. It's an election year, and regardless of the outcome, there could be significant change to our industry. The nuclear renaissance is in full swing, natural gas sources continue to grow, and alternative energy still has the potential to accelerate our energy independence. There's never been a better time to be a part of AABE Atlanta. In addition, today's business environment requires that we all have a competitive differentiator. It helps us stand out from the crowd, reinforces our skills, and highlights our value to our employers. If you don't know what yours is, the AABE organization can help.

Whether you're new to the industry, a senior executive, or somewhere in the middle, your membership is what you determine it to be. That's why I encourage you to get involved in the organization and make your membership work for you. Volunteer and serve on a committee. Attend Chapter meetings. Additionally, notices for 2013 membership dues are forthcoming and I encourage you all to renew. Remember, you can't win if you're not in the game.

Our network of corporate sponsors and member companies represent diverse segments of the energy sector – from utilities and other regulated companies to suppliers and other agencies – making AABE Atlanta the ultimate source to get connected to the network. No other organization provides access to our industry like AABE.

Please mark your calendar for our next event, our annual Black Energy Awareness Month program, on **Friday, October 12, 2012**, from 9 am – 2 pm at Georgia Power's Arkwright Auditorium. We will host 100 local high school students for a day of engaging energy education and activities. I look forward to seeing you there.

With All Good Wishes I am Sincerely Yours,

*Rodney*

Rodney J. Russell  
Vice President, AABE Atlanta Chapter