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Dear Fellow AABE Atlanta Members:



It's amazing how time has flown by... not too long ago our 2012-2013 officers were installed, and now we're nearly halfway through 2012! I bring you greetings during the first half of Atlanta Chapter's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. Because of your support and commitment to our Chapter, we are celebrating 30 years of networking, industry discussions, professional development and cultivating our next generation of energy leaders. This letter kicks off a new communication program where our goal is to communicate, engage, and reconnect with you -- our valued members.

I'd like to thank those of you who took time to share your feedback with us and respond to the member survey sent in February. The Board and I are listening, and we are committed to serve your needs and strive to ensure your AABE membership is beneficial and worthwhile. An overwhelming 90% of respondents said they most value networking as part of their AABE membership, followed by access to industry information and monthly programs. Think of this first president's letter as our commitment to strengthening our network.

I'd also like to update you on some other achievements by our Chapter in the past few months:

- We have made great strides to increase external awareness of AABE Atlanta. To date, we have obtained media coverage in The Atlanta Voice, CrossRoads News, The Atlanta Business Chronicle, and the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. By sharing our news and events in these local publications, we not only build our brand locally, we amplify our voice in the industry and continue building an organization of which you can be proud.
- Working together with our Board of Directors, our monthly programs continue to be relevant, impactful and well-attended. Here's a brief recap of the year so far...
  - **January** – annual Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday program – “Celebrating the Legacy, Reigniting the Dream,” with Dr. Michael Lomax, President & CEO of UNCF as keynote speaker
  - **February** – “Celebrating Living Legends who Paved the Way for Today” – a panel discussion featuring Freedom Riders Mrs. Glenda Davis, Mrs. Julia Humbles, and Dr. C. T. Vivian
  - **March** – “Women In Energy, Overcoming Obstacles” featuring Tiffany Callaway-Ferrell (AGL Resources), Helga Ouzts (SCANA Energy), and Ruth Todd (Institute of Nuclear Power Operations)

- **April** – “Hydraulic Fracturing” featuring Larry Cole from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- **May** – Annual James K. Davis Scholarship program, with Dr. Alvetta Peterman Thomas, President of Atlanta Technical College as speaker. I am very pleased to report that we awarded **\$32,000** in scholarships to 23 high school graduating seniors, and 16 continuing education students majoring in energy related fields! We also presented the first ever Richard L. Holmes Community Service Award. To date, Atlanta Chapter has now awarded **\$410,000 in scholarships to 375+ Atlanta area students!** This is an incredible achievement we can all be proud of!

We will continue bringing you some of the most exciting programming and events available in the industry, and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming June events:

- ❖ **June 14<sup>th</sup>** - monthly chapter meeting at Georgia Power. Our featured speaker will be Ronnie Noble, AMI Field Service Manager, Georgia Power, who will discuss an overview of automated metering technology.
- ❖ **June 23<sup>rd</sup>** – James K. Davis Scholarship Gala & AABE Atlanta’s 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Please join us for this fabulous, black-tie affair and fundraising event at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Atlanta, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Atlanta Chapter is a strong, successful, team-oriented chapter that’s highly regarded throughout AABE. We request your continued engagement, commitment and partnership to ensure we grow, meet your needs, and remain successful. There are always opportunities for you to volunteer, share ideas, get involved and participate on any of our standing committees. Working together, I know we can do it. For the latest information, please regularly check out the chapter’s website at [www.aabe.org/atlanta](http://www.aabe.org/atlanta) .

Please know that we are always open to your feedback and ideas to grow the chapter. The chapter’s board meets monthly, so feel free to contact any of us with your comments, suggestions or concerns. Our email and contact information is also available on the chapter’s website. Thank you for your continued support, and I hope this letter inspires you to continue growing with us. Look for future letters authored by our board members with you in mind. In the meantime, I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Warm regards,

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