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Dear Fellow AABE Atlanta Members:

Spring is upon us, and we bring you greetings at this time of renewal! This season promises to be an exciting one for the AABE organization. With just a few weeks away from the annual conference in Baltimore, MD, we're delighted to share with you our plans to assist the organization this year in our roles as Secretary and Assistant Secretary on the AABE Atlanta Chapter Board of Directors.

Focus on Expanding our Reach – One of our primary goals is working with you to increase our membership and connect with people we haven't reached out to before. We believe that the AABE Atlanta Chapter continues to be a hidden gem in the industry and in our city. We hope you can help change that by working together with us, fellow chapter members and the Board, to share our story and increase awareness of our organization to other companies. Additionally, we want to expand the scholarship program to the greater Atlanta metro area. We truly believe that if more people knew of the work we do and the experiences we have as members of this great organization, they too would be actively involved.

With more than 15 years of AABE membership between us, we are pleased to serve on the Board. Some things we have done to promote AABE and broaden its reach include speaking to high school students about careers in energy, actively soliciting scholarship recipients, networking with other companies, and community service and outreach events. Participating in these kind of activities helps us spread the word about AABE. You also never know how the seeds you've sown may move or impact someone – even possibly changing their life forever.

In today's business climate of doing more with less, we're all busy with job responsibilities. We understand how challenging it can be to balance work and family life, but we also believe there's value in your AABE partnership. Each of us can still be involved -- whether it's attending monthly meetings, serving on a committee, mentoring, recruiting, or participating in the golf tournament – be sure to do something. After all, it is a privilege to be part of an organization dedicated to ensuring we have a voice in what happens in the energy industry.

The greatest value of the AABE membership is the networking and relationships you build with other professionals and companies in energy. We encourage you to reach out to others at your respective companies, and in your local community and invite them to get involved with the AABE Atlanta Chapter. Your testimony could be an inspiration to someone. In closing, we look forward to seeing you at the next chapter meeting on April 18th, and remember to check the web www.aabe.org/atlanta for the latest info.

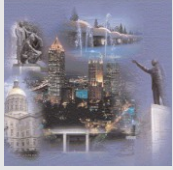
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