



# AABE® Legislative Issues and Public Policy (LIPP) Committee

## Rollout Strategy with Other AABE National Committees and Chapters

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### Action Items (to be accomplished with support of other AABE National Committees and Chapters):

1. **Promote AABE Principles:**
  - a. General
  - b. Climate Change
  - c. Energy Efficiency
  - d. Renewables Principles
2. **Update the “State of Energy in Black America”** before the Annual Convention and use it as a platform for promoting the Principles and other AABE initiatives.
  - a. Review the Clean Air Act and U.S. Energy Policy.
  - b. Among other items, the update should review U.S. National policies on climate change, energy efficiency, and renewables.
  - c. Discuss the implications of evolving energy and environmental policies on African Americans and other minorities.
  - d. Recognize our support of ANWAR development, nuclear, renewable, and clean coal technologies.
  - e. Discuss and support the development of new technologies with emphasis on evolving business opportunities.

3. **Target members of the House and Senate Committees on Energy and the Environment.**
4. **Identify AABE specialists and spokespersons on various aspects of energy and environmental issues** to collect data on economic trends, weather, national policy, nuclear, coal, oil, water, etc.
5. **Maintain current information on the status of these issues**, including emerging policy developments.
6. **Identify collaborative opportunities and possible partnerships** with public policy leaders and key organizations representing the African American community on energy and environmental issues (e.g. Black State Commissioners in NARUC, National Council of Black Mayors, National Black Caucus of State Legislators, National Black Chamber of Commerce, National Society of Black Engineers, etc.)
7. **Find new sources of income for AABE**, including grants and other vehicles.

### AABE National Committees to support the LIPP Committee – The Rollout:

#### *AABE Technical Development Committee (TDC):*

- Update the AABE National Website with LIPP Committee information (LIPP webpage is <http://aabe.org/about/committees/LIPP>)
  - All attachments must be less than 2MB each to upload.
  - The new website in 2008 will have greater capacity.
  - Information is public and doesn't require members or guests to log in.
- Announce Principles and white papers to other media sources.
- AABE Executive Assistant will inform all members and guests to view AABE LIPP information when it is posted online.
- Send comments or submissions to TDC Vice-Chair, Wayne Young, at [wayne.young2@honeywell.com](mailto:wayne.young2@honeywell.com).

#### *AABE Communications Committee:*

- Develop the AABE National Newsletter on a quarterly basis.
- The newsletter will have a LIPP section to update members and guests on progress within the LIPP Committee and topics related to the above Principles.
- Submit articles of interest to the Communications Committee (Wayne Young).
- Track US Energy Outlook, GHG, commodities prices and demand.

#### *Other Committees:*

- Find opportunities for other National Committees to support the LIPP, e.g. Assessment and Energy Entrepreneurs.
- Obtain support from the President, Chairman, and Board of Directors.

*AABE Conference Planning Committee:*

Chair - Polly Rosemond

2008 Conference Chair - Gilda Joseph

2009 Conference Chair - Corlene Williams

- The agenda of the annual AABE National Conference will include “Legislative Crossfire” session for the LIPP Committee to promote its Principles.
- Other sessions will be tailored to include certain Principles that are directly associated with the topic.

**AABE Chapters to support the LIPP Committee:***Within Each Chapter:*

- Chapter Presidents should designate at least one member to join the LIPP Committee.
  - All Chapters should have a local legislative committee. The chairperson of such committee should be the member of the National LIPP Committee.
  - Each chapter should have at least 1 general chapter meeting about legislative issues affecting African Americans, minorities and the elderly (State of Energy) per year and report these findings to the LIPP Committee.
- Each chapter should familiarize itself with its State’s Energy and Environmental Policies and identify congressmen involved with developing such policies.
  - Each chapter should have contacts with the State’s public service or utility commissions.
  - Identify local environmental and energy organizations for possible partnerships.
- Report on new technologies and legislation on a local level. See how it affects the local economy. Include water in the economic analysis.

*Collaboration among Chapters:*

- In the case of multiple chapters in a state, chapters should work together.
- AABE Regional Coordinators should also develop a regional profile devoted to LIPP Principles.
  - Identify all utilities and ESCOs within states and regions.
  - Determine the fuel mix and storage capacities.

**International Issues:**

1. Stay abreast of global developments on climate change with a focus on approaches for instigating its economic impact on consumers and stimulating the development of technologies.
2. Identify Global Economic Factors and Environmental Impacts.
3. Track International Energy Outlook, prices and consumption of oil and natural gas.
4. Track growth in developing countries such as India, Africa and China.
5. Monitor political climate in oil producing countries such as Angola and Nigeria.

6. Continue to support initiatives to develop an energy infrastructure in Africa.
7. Stay abreast of nuclear advancements and energy security issues in countries such as Iran and North Korea.