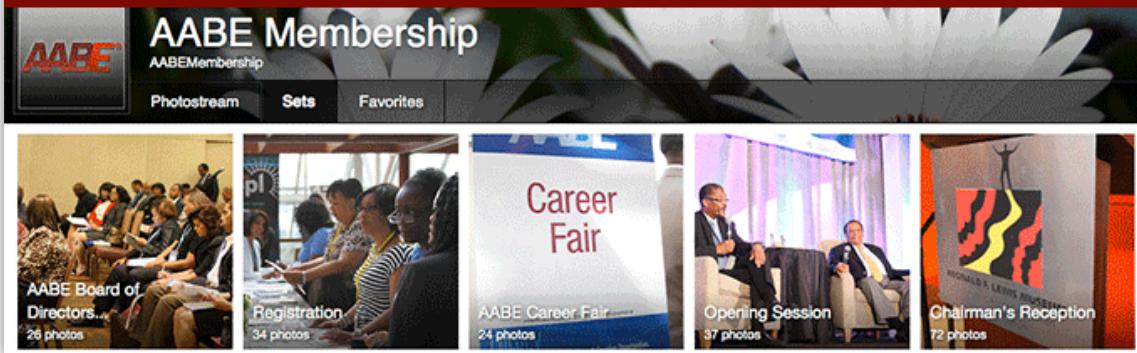


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A Message from Paula Jackson, AABE Interim President and CEO: Our Bright Pathway Forward

As we look ahead to the rest of the year, I want to take some time to thank all of you who participated and attended the AABE 36th Annual Conference last month in Baltimore. "Embracing Change and Creating Opportunities" was a terrific experience that included informative discussion, keen observations about our industry and a look ahead toward our goal of becoming an even stronger voice in the policy and practical discussions surrounding energy.



Among the many highlights from the conference, I think the keynote speech by Daniel Yergin, the frank and enlightened discussion with Ambassador Andrew Young and the panel discussions that took place all helped to inform and inspire more than 375 attendees. For those who were unable to attend, know that your dedication to our mission and your hard work are leading us to an exciting new chapter in the history of AABE.

We are at a historic crossroad in our organizations' history. The energy debate and the economic challenges that face our community require our strength and our voice to ensure future prosperity. Our Strategic Plan which we have begun to implement is the roadmap to lead our association forward. Our success is our community's success.

We need your actively participation at the local and national level. I encourage you to share your thoughts and ideas with your chapter leadership and with me. Share the AABE story with your colleagues and others. By doing so, we will infuse our association with more voices and future leaders which can only make us more effective and impactful. This is an important and exciting time in our history and I am excited to be working with you to secure our success for generations to come. Now more than ever, embracing change and creating opportunity must remain vital elements of our mission.



Paula R. Jackson
Interim President
American Association of Blacks in Energy



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A Message from Your Member Services Department

Welcome to the new AABE membership eNewsletter.

We hope that this .pdf format makes it easier to stay up to date with all of the great work being done by members like you.

Our goal is to deliver a better membership experience to you and we want to hear from you to help enrich your AABE membership with the news and the insight you need to move forward.

Thank you for your continued membership and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.



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Latest Energy Industry and Scholarship News

Early Registration Rates for Critical Infrastructure Communications Policy Summit 2013 on June 20, 2013 in Washington DC



security challenges; Superstorms Katrina and Sandy demonstrated we need a smarter, more resilient grid, not simply a stronger, hardened grid, and increasing cyber-attacks demonstrate a need for vigilance and risk management plans.

This year's Summit will examine the interdependencies of our national energy policies that support critical infrastructure (CI) industries and spectrum policies to ensure the creation of the advanced communications capabilities within a national risk management framework.

[Click Here to Register](#)

Visit <http://utc.org> for more detail about the summit.

Pepco President Honored by Minority Enterprise Advocate Magazine Thomas H. Graham Named One of 50 Powerful US/International Business Executives

Pepco Region President and AABE member, Thomas H. Graham has been named one of the Fifty Powerful US/International Business Executives for 2013 by Minority Enterprise Advocate Magazine (MEA).

MEA honors executives making headlines in their fields, and who share a commitment to business growth, professional excellence and empowering communities around the world through philanthropy. In addition, the award recognizes the executives for shaping the economic future nationally and internationally, being leaders in changing public policy, and making significant contributions to enhance trade and commerce in the U.S. and abroad.

"I thank Minority Enterprise Advocate Magazine for this honor. The economic success of our company is fundamentally grounded in our core belief in every aspect of diversity," said Thomas H. Graham, president, Pepco Region. "Everyone wins when people are presented with the opportunity to use their talents and training to enjoy a positive quality of life for their families."

Graham and his fellow honoree received their awards at an MEA Gala Wednesday evening March 27.



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AABE Members invited to the 10th Annual Renewable Energy Finance Forum

Wall Street (REFF-Wall Street)

June 25-26, 2013 | The Waldorf-Astoria, New York City



investment bankers, private equity investors, venture capitalists and other top transactional professionals in renewable energy finance.

The event draws an especially senior audience, comprising of over 600 senior decision makers, financiers and professionals in the renewable energy finance field.

REFF-Wall Street 2013 will address the rapidly changing state of renewable energy finance, and give insights about the path ahead. Even in the face of tremendous long-term growth potential, the renewable energy markets are today suffering from continued fallout of the credit crisis, withdrawal of major lenders, loss of tax equity capacity and uncertainty surrounding continued legislative support. The past is no longer prologue to the future of this market, and a new path will emerge from the presentations and discussions at REFF-Wall Street.

As a supporting organization of REFF-Wall Street, the AABE would like to offer you a **special 20% discount** to attend.

Register now with discount code: **SPT20AAB** to take advantage of this exclusive deal.

Visit <http://www.reffwallstreet.com/> for more detail about the forum.

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June 25-26, 2013

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AABE President Paula Jackson recently attended the White House Leadership Summit of Women on Climate and Energy which was sponsored by the DOE.

As part of the summit, she facilitated a discussion around community engagement.

Most of the attendees were interested in clean energy / renewables and finding ways to mitigate climate change.

Click on the image to the right to view the opening comments offered by **Secretary Ernest Moniz**.



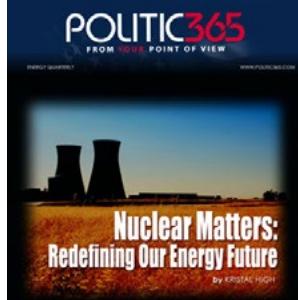
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Politic365: Conversations from the AABE Energy Summit

Politic365's online journal features an article about the AABE Energy Summit. The article discusses the need to increase minority participation in the energy industry.

[Click here](#) or on the image to the right to view the article which is on the last page of the journal.



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Entrepreneur's Corner

George A. Williams receives the 2013 AABE Chairman's Cup

George Williams received the 2013 AABE Chairman's Cup at the 36th Annual AABE National Conference in April. The AABE Chairman's Cup is given in recognition of outstanding service by an AABE member or staff person who has been selected by the Chairman as one who has distinguished him/herself with outstanding service to the organization to promote its growth and vitality and enhance its mission as a resource for energy policymaking.

George is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for PMI Energy Solutions and a Partner with PMI Systems. As the CEO of PMI Energy Solutions and a Partner with PMI Systems, he is responsible for electrical construction and maintenance services in the utility, commercial, industrial and municipal sectors. Services include storm restoration, directional boring overhead & underground electrical distribution, traffic signal, lighting, fiber optics and electric rail installations.

Mr. Williams has appeared three times on the prestigious 50/100 Most Important Blacks in Technology list (in 2005, 2006, and 2008) in U.S. Black Engineer & Information Technology magazine. He has been selected as one of Chicago's Interesting Personalities in Who's Who in Black Chicago, recognized by Diversity MBA Magazine as a 2008 Executive Leader and the Chicago United 2009 Business Leaders of Color.



He is also an active member and board member on numerous civic and professional organizations including American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE), the Executive Leadership Council (ELC), Illinois State Black Chamber of Commerce, Alliance of Business Leaders & Entrepreneurs (ABLE), Business Leadership Council, Black Creativity Advisory Board and the Quad County African American Chamber of Commerce.

Pat Watts honored as AABE Entrepreneur of the Year

Pat Watts was named the 2013 AABE Entrepreneur of the Year at the 36th Annual AABE National Conference held in Baltimore.

Pat has been a member of AABE for 25 years. She started her company, **FCI Consultants**, in 1998 to provide distribution design services Post-Enron provided turnkey energy efficiency services for California utilities, concentrating on small business audits & energy efficiency installations.



FCI now provides water efficiency services as well as complimentary services for electric and gas. She has grown her average revenue in excess of \$15 million dollars and provides over \$60 million in services for utility clients across the country.

She also has a strong dedication to community based hiring. "I hire people's children. These bright young people fresh out of college. Give team members growth opportunities that they might have to wait 5-10 years to get in corporate America."

Join us in congratulating Pat!



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Members and Chapters on the Move

Dr. Isaac J. Crumby awarded the 2013 James E. Stewart Award

Dr. Isaac J. Crumby is the recipient of the 2013 AABE James E. Stewart award. He received the honor at the 36th Annual AABE National Conference in April.

Dr. Crumby is the Associate Vice President for Careers and Collaborative Programs and is the Founder and Director of the Fort Valley State University's Cooperative Developmental Energy Program.

He has served Fort Valley State University as a faculty, Director, Dean of Arts and Sciences, Associate Vice President and Vice President for Careers and Collaborative Programs. Dr. Crumby has achieved success as a developer of innovative programs, a researcher, teacher, and mentor. His educational credentials consist of a B.S. in Horticulture from Arkansas A. M. & N College (Currently, the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, or UAPB) in 1961; M.S. in Horticulture from University of Illinois in 1963; and Ph.D. in Botany from North Dakota State University in 1970.



He is a skilled grants person and has provided over a \$30 million impact for Fort Valley State University and its students through funded proposals, grants, corporate partnerships, IPAs, cooperative agreements, memoranda of understandings, internships, and co-op assignments. He has been successful at securing funds from diverse sources which include over 80 different companies, foundations, national laboratories, and governmental agencies.

AABE Indiana Chapter Presents Inclusion and Diversity in the Energy Sector

The Indiana Chapter cordially invites our valued members and partners to join us for our 2013 state-wide reception and panel discussion.

**Wednesday, July 17, 2013
5:30-8:30pm (EST)**

Doors open at 5:30 / Panel Discussion at 6:30
150 W. Market Street / 2nd Floor / Conference Center
Indianapolis, IN

Featuring our scheduled speakers:

- Commissioner Carolene Mays Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
- Vicki Bailey President, Anderson Stratton Enterprises
- Greg Taylor Indiana State Senator
- Vickie Davanzo Supplier Diversity Manager, NiSource

For more information about the panel discussion or to sponsor an AABE scholarship for Indiana high school students, please contact **Ann Abram** at 317-684-4934 or visit www.aabe.org/Indiana

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AABE Member Demetric Mercadel to be inducted into the Louisiana Center for Women in Government and Business' Hall of Fame

The Louisiana Center for Women in Government and Business recently announced that AABE Member **Demetric Mercadel** of Entergy in New Orleans will be inducted into the Louisiana Center for Women in Government and Business' Hall of Fame.

She will be officially honored at ceremonies on Saturday, June 29, 2013 at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside.

The Louisiana Center for Women in Government and Business was established in 1990 to encourage and promote the leadership of women at every level of government.

Each year, the Center recognizes women who have made significant contributions to their communities and the nation.



Upcoming AABE Events

- June 13, 2013
- June 14, 2013
- June 18, 2013
- Development
- June 27, 2013
- June 28, 2013
- July 19, 2013
- July 27, 2013
- September 19, 2013
- September 19, 2013
- September 27, 2013
- November 14, 2013

Atlanta Chapter June Meeting
The 2013 Annual AABE Scholarship Golf Tournament - June 14, 2013
Informative Discussion with Carlos Brown - Director of AES Business Development

Atlanta Chapter Networking Mixer
AABE Michigan Chapter George C. Turner 21th Annual Scholarship Golf Outing
Cincinnati Chapter Scholarship Golf Outing
Camden RiverSharks

Mississippi Chapter 1st Annual Golf Tournament
AABE Virginia Chapter General Body Meeting
Atlanta Chapter Golf Tournament
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AABE Atlanta Chapter



AABE ATLANTA CHAPTER MEET-N-GREET NETWORKING MIXER

“Each One Bring One”

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2013

5:30 P.M.

The Loft @ Castleberry Hill (*next to Paschal's Restaurant*)
170 Northside Drive SW Atlanta, GA 30313

Learn about AABE Atlanta Chapter activities and member companies

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Gifts for AABE Atlanta member bringing the most guests
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**RSVP Needed by June 21, 2013 to
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The Atlanta Chapter of the American Association of Blacks in Energy®

Presents the

11th Annual James K. Davis Scholarship Golf Tournament

Flat Creek Country Club

100 Flat Creek Road, Peachtree City, GA 30269

FRIDAY, September 27, 2013

8:00 a.m. registration; 9:00 a.m. shotgun start

Early Registration Deadline: *Friday, August 30, 2013*

\$135 early entry fee (\$500 per team of four)

\$160 after Aug. 30th (\$600 per team of four)

Includes: Cart, Green Fees, Range Balls,
Lunch, Snacks, Awards & Door Prizes

Format: Four Man Best Ball (Scramble)

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c/o Willie Palmer

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13th Annual

Golf Tournament Four-person Scramble

A fundraiser
to provide
scholarships
to local minority
students majoring
in business, science
and engineering

Shot-gun start
at 8 a.m.
Registration at
7:30 a.m.
Lunch will be
provided

Wednesday, August 28, 2013
Shoal Creek Golf Course
8905 N. Shoal Creek Pkwy.
Kansas City, Missouri

Tournament Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place

Questions?

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