

AABE NATIONAL HISTORY

The idea of AABE was conceived in the mind of Clarke Watson of Denver, Colorado sometime in the spring of 1977. Mr. Watson called for a meeting of a core group of Blacks concerned about energy matters on July 25 and 26, 1977, at the Watergate Hotel in Washington, D.C. A consensus was reached fairly quickly to form a new organization, and that it would be called THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF BLACKS IN ENERGY, with the acronym, AABE. AABE was incorporated as a non-profit corporation in the State of Colorado on December 1, 1977.

Today there are six AABE regions and over 30 local chapters. Currently AABE has over 1200 members.



AABE NC CHAPTER HISTORY

The NC Chapter was chartered in 1989 at the Annual AABE Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. From its inception, the chapter has been focused on ensuring the input of African-Americans and other minorities in the development of energy policy, energy regulation, R&D technology and environmental standards for the African American community throughout North Carolina. In June of 1990, the NC Chapter developed a plan to share information with other energy-related entities and was renamed the VA/NC Chapter. Realizing the need to strengthen the programs and participation in the NC area, the chapter was renamed the NC Chapter in 2003. The Focus areas for the NC Chapter are

- Legislative and Community Relations
- Professional Development
- Scholarship, Education, and Student Relations
- Communications
- Membership

The NC Chapter is one of seven chapters in the Southeast Region and includes members from ABB, Dale R. Lewis & Co., Duke Energy, Elster Electricity, GE, Greenville Utilities, Piedmont Natural Gas, PSNC, Progress Energy, Raleigh Area Development Authority, Roanoke Energy Resources, Volt Energy, and the University of NC System.

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WHAT IS AABE?

The American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE) is a national association of energy professionals founded and dedicated to ensure the input of African Americans and other minorities into the discussions and developments of energy policies, regulations, R&D technologies and environmental issues.

AABE MISSION

- To serve as a resource for policy discussion on the economic, social and political impact of environmental and energy policies on African Americans and other minorities.
- To ensure involvement of African Americans in governmental energy policymaking by recommending capable, sensitive and informed personnel to appropriate officials
- To encourage both the public and private sectors to be responsive to the problems, goals and aspirations of African Americans in energy-related fields.
- To encourage African American students to pursue careers in energy-related fields and to provide scholarships and other financial aid for such students.

Become a Member of



MEMBERSHIP HAS BENEFITS:

- LEARN ABOUT ENERGY ISSUES
- NETWORKING WITH ENERGY PROFESSIONALS
- MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES
- COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS

WATCH THE AABE WEB SITES FOR DETAILS

<http://www.aabe.org> (National)

OR

<http://aabe.org/northcarolina> (NC Chapter)

2012 Calendar of Events (not all inclusive & dates subject to change)

- February** - Solicitation of Scholarship Recipients
- March** - Chapter Meeting (March 29th)
- April** - National Conference (April 17th - 20th) Long Beach, CA
- May** - Executive Committee Meeting (May 15th)
- June** - Scholarship Presentation
- July** - Executive Committee Meeting (July 12th)
- Professional Development Event
- August** - Golf Tournament (August 21st) Raleigh, NC
- September** - Youth Day Program (Sept 22nd)
- Community Events with Urban Ministries
- October** - Chapter Elections
- Legislative Event
- November** - Membership Drive (November 1st)
- Recognition Event
- December** - Executive Planning Meeting for 2013 (Dec. 12th)

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