

**Welcome from the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area Chapter of the American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE DC)**

Headquartered in our Nation's Capital, AABE DC enjoys a diverse membership drawn from companies, law firms, non-profit organizations, federal and state government agencies, educational institutions, and other energy-related organizations in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia.

AABE DC is uniquely positioned to leverage the wealth of talent that exists in the Nation's Capital. Among our regular offerings are our "Lunch and Learn" Speaker Series, our Legislative Issues and Public Policy (LIPP) programming, as well as many community-oriented events including educational and career-focused STEM programming with local schools, our annual Black Energy Awareness Month (BEAM) programming, and our Annual Scholarship Awards Program. Minority professionals, and allies, in all energy and energy-related disciplines (oil, gas, electricity, nuclear, renewables, hydrogen, energy storage, waste-to-energy, water, government, engineering, technology and energy services) are welcome to join. The breadth and depth of your individual experiences adds significant value to our membership and positions us to continually increase our collective knowledge about the industry.

Our mission is to provide energy professionals, attorneys, executives, entrepreneurs, policy professionals, engineers, and students a pathway to learn more about the energy industry through education, mentoring, advocacy, community service and business networking. College students at locally accredited institutions studying energy-related fields, law and other graduate students with interests in the energy industry are also encouraged to participate in AABE.

Now, more than ever, we rely on each other for support and encouragement as we forge forward during the public health and social justice crises that are plaguing the world, our Nation, and our local community. AABE DC is committed to increasing and improving opportunities for input of African Americans and other minorities into the discussion and development of energy policies, regulations, R&D technologies and environment issues. As we support each other, we build stronger communities, and prepare a pathway for the next generation of diverse leaders in energy and in our local community. We appreciate the contributions of all of our Chapter members and invite others to join our efforts!

Please contact me, or any of the DC Chapter Officers, for additional information.

Sincerely,



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