

# CPANS Newsletter

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## 2025 CPANS Annual Conference

Mark your calendars for the 2025 CPANS Annual Conference, happening Wednesday, May 21st, at the Lister Conference Centre on the University of Alberta campus in Edmonton. This year's theme, "Building Resilient Communities," brings together environmental researchers, industry representatives, educators, students, environmental managers, and policy makers to foster collaboration, share innovative ideas, and discuss important issues in air quality and waste management. It's an exceptional opportunity to network with experts across diverse fields.

Registration is open with special rates for presenters and full-time students, and exhibitors are welcome to showcase their work with dedicated exhibition space. Don't miss the exciting student poster competition, highlighting cutting-edge research from talented students who are competing for cash awards. Additionally, sponsorship opportunities are still available, providing excellent visibility and the chance to support this valuable event. Visit our [website](#) to view the detailed conference program and registration information. For sponsorship inquiries and any other questions, please contact Travis Tokarek at [travis.tokarek@gov.ab.ca](mailto:travis.tokarek@gov.ab.ca).



## CPANS Call for Nominations 2025

If you are interested in getting more involved in A&WMA, multiple positions on the CPANS Board remain open! Applications for these positions remain open for consideration until the AGM. [Click here](#) for the application link, or contact the Nominating Committee if you have any questions (emails in application form).

We are currently seeking motivated individuals to fill the following roles:

1. Director, Calgary Luncheons
2. Vice Director, Calgary Luncheons
3. Director, Saskatchewan Luncheons
4. Director, Technical Programs
5. Director, Website Editorial

These Nomination Petitions will be reviewed by the Nominating Committee prior to being added to the election ballots for the Annual General Meeting Board Elections held at the 2025 Annual Conference on May 21, 2025, in Edmonton, Alberta.

## Events

A total of seven luncheons have been held so far between Edmonton and Calgary for 2025! Follow us on our [LinkedIn](#) page and sign up for emails on the CPANS [website](#) to stay up to date on the latest events. If you would like to present or help organize luncheons with CPANS, please reach out to our Luncheon Directors Tania Guha ([guha.tania@gmail.com](mailto:guha.tania@gmail.com)) and Madhan Selvaraj ([Madhan.Selvaraj@gov.ab.ca](mailto:Madhan.Selvaraj@gov.ab.ca)).

### Introductory Workshop on Air Quality Management in Alberta

**Date:** Tuesday, May 20, 2025  
**Instructors:** Matilda Ricci, Senior Source Standards Engineer, AEPA  
 Sharon Willanen, Air Policy Director, AEPA  
 Gary Redmond, Executive Director, ACA  
 Wally Qiu, Senior Air Quality Specialist, AER  
**Location:** Lister Conference Centre (1-047 Lister Centre)  
 University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB T6G 2H6  
**Agenda:** [Click here](#) for a link to the Agenda

Join us for our first CPANS Introductory Workshop on Air Quality Management in Alberta, scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, 2025, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM MDT at the Aurora Room, Lister Conference Centre, University of Alberta, Edmonton (the day before our annual conference!). This informative, one-day workshop offers attendees an essential overview of air quality management policies and practices in Alberta and across Canada. Expert presenters from Alberta Environment and Protected Areas (AEPA), Alberta Capital Airshed (ACA), and the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) will guide participants through regulatory frameworks, industry roles, and collaborative efforts to manage Alberta's air quality.

Registration is open with special discounted rates available for CPANS members and full-time students. Enjoy a comfortable learning environment with breakfast, lunch, afternoon snacks, and refreshments provided. Spots are limited, including reserved seats specifically for students, so secure your place today! Visit our website for registration links and additional information. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your understanding and engage with experts in Alberta's air quality management!

[Click Here for more Information and Registration](#)

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The 2025 CPANS annual conference will be held at the Lister Conference Center, Edmonton, Alberta. Participants at this conference will include environmental researchers, educators, students, environmental managers, other professionals, environmental industry representatives, and policy makers. The conference will be a great opportunity for attendees to develop new collaborations and share knowledge with experts from various fields in air and waste management.

[Click Here for more Information and Registration](#)

## A&WMA's 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference & Exhibition (ACE)



As the premier global event for environmental management, technology, and regulation, ACE 2025 will address critical topics such as new regulations and policy, air monitoring and measurements, clean technology, sustainable energy futures, PFAS, green transportation solutions, and ESG approaches and reporting. Hot topics include the environmental impact of electric vehicles and battery energy storage, impacts of AI and data centers, the use of satellite data for air quality and emissions assessments, and the future of hydrogen as a fuel.

[Click Here for more Information and Registration](#)

## Thank You Sponsors!

CPANS would like to thank our Sponsors for making the CPANS Annual Conference and our CPANS Luncheons possible. If interested in sponsoring, [click here](#) to view our sponsorship packages or contact Travis Tokarek at [travis.tokarek@gov.ab.ca](mailto:travis.tokarek@gov.ab.ca) to discuss alternative options.

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## Young Professionals News

### Congratulations!

A special congratulations to Chenxing (Ann) Teng for winning the Outstanding Young Professionals Award! Ann is a Regulatory Design Specialist at AER and is the current CPANS Director of Promotions & Marketing. Last year Ann was part of the 2024 Annual Conference and Exhibition (ACE) Local Host Committee here in Calgary, helping organize and coordinate the most successful ACE conference since COVID. She also currently leads the CPANS Social Media Committee, coordinating regular LinkedIn content, graphics, and other related tasks. The CPANS Board is grateful to have such a dedicated YP and looks forward to her future with A&WMA! Ann will officially be recognized for her achievements at the 2025 ACE to be held in Raleigh, North Carolina in June.

### A&WMA Leadership Academy & the New YP Director Position

Every year, A&WMA Headquarters organizes the [A&WMA Leadership Academy](#) for new and seasoned members looking to strengthen their leadership skills and knowledge. As stated on the webpage, this program was created exclusively for our volunteers to strengthen leadership skills, and give ideas that can be implemented within committees, councils, and boards, and provide outstanding networking opportunities. But of course, not without some fun! This year Chenxing (Ann) Teng and Nadine de Bruyn attended Leadership academy in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, representing CPANS.

Although not required for all members, this course is required for select leadership positions within A&WMA. This includes the newly dedicated Young Professional (YP) Director position on the A&WMA Board of Directors (BOD)!



The YP Director position differs from the Young Professional Advisory Council (YPAC) Chair position. The YPAC Chair represents YPAC on the BOD, whereas the YP Director is elected separately from YPAC. This position was specifically created to guarantee more YP representation on the BOD. Previously, when running for a Director position during elections, YPs would be up against seasoned professionals with rich experience in their resumes. To ensure a YP seat on the BOD, only YPs are eligible to run for this Director position.

If you are interested in getting involved more with A&WMA as a student or YP, please reach out to the YPAC Chair Nadine de Bruyn or the current YP Director Stephanie Taylor. See the [YPAC webpage](#) and [Young Professionals webpage](#) for more information on committees and contacts.

## CPANS Board Members

The CPANS Board Members are comprised of volunteers dedicating time to serving all CPANS members. The Board meets on a monthly basis to coordinate goals, assign tasks, and reflect on results. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, feel free to contact us through the website email portal at

<http://cpans.org/#contact>.

| Position                              | Name                  | Affiliation                             |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Past-Chair                            | Rashmi Pathak         | Suez                                    |
| Chair                                 | Wade Gieni            | Stantec Consulting Ltd.                 |
| Vice-Chair                            | Cecilia Quintana Baez | Barr Engineering Co.                    |
| Treasurer                             | Emily Darragh         | GASL                                    |
| Secretary                             | Trevor Newton         | Environment and Climate Change Canada   |
| Director Membership                   | Wade Gieni            | Stantec Consulting Ltd.                 |
| Vice-Director Membership              | Mina Ghorbani         | SLR Consulting                          |
| Director Edmonton Luncheons           | Madhan Selvaraj       | Alberta Environment and Protected Areas |
| Vice-Director Edmonton Luncheons      | Fatemeh Keramet       | University of Alberta                   |
| Director Calgary Luncheons            | Tania Guha            | SLR Consulting                          |
| Vice-Director Calgary Luncheons       | <i>vacant</i>         |   |
| Director Saskatchewan Luncheons       | <i>vacant</i>         |   |
| Vice-Director Saskatchewan Luncheons  | Sina Esfandiar Pour   | AECOM                                   |
| Director Promotions & Marketing       | Ann Teng              | Alberta Energy Regulator                |
| Director Website Editorial Newsletter | Nadine de Bruyn       | SLR Consulting                          |
| Vice-Director of Website/Editorial    | <i>vacant</i>         |   |
| Director Communications               | Marc Polivka          | Integrated Modelling Inc.               |
| Director Student Affairs              | Sina Esfandiar Pour   | AECOM                                   |
| Vice-Director of Student Affairs      | <i>vacant</i>         |   |
| Director Technical Programs           | Travis Tokarek        | Alberta Environment and Protected Areas |
| Director Awards & Education           | Yoojin Choi           | Wood Buffalo Environmental Association  |