



# 37th Annual Conference Agenda

April 8–11, 2014

Hilton Americas, Houston, Texas

Time	Event Name	Location
<b>Monday, April 7, 2014</b>		
3:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Conference Volunteer Orientation	343 AB Meeting Room 344 AB Meeting Room 3rd Floor

<b>Tuesday, April 8, 2014</b>		
7:30 am – 6:00 pm	Conference Media Room Open	230 Meeting Room 2nd Floor
7:30 am – 8:30 am	Community Partnership Volunteer Registration and Continental Breakfast	Ballroom of the Americas Pre-Function E 2nd Floor
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Conference Registration Open	431 Registration Desk 4th Floor

<b>Pre-Conference Concurrent Activities and Sessions</b>		
8:00 am – 6:00 pm	Science Competition Command Station	342 Meeting Room 3rd Floor
9:00 am – 6:00 pm	AABE Community Partnership—Day of Service In Partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy <i>General Session, Lunch and Science Competitions</i>	Ballroom of the Americas D–F 2nd Floor
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Power Africa Initiative – Diaspora Forum “Engaging the Diaspora to Participate in the Energy Supply Chain in Africa” <i>Complimentary Admittance</i>	343 AB Meeting Room 3rd Floor
1:00 pm – 2:45 pm	First-time Attendees Session Facilitator: <b>Gerald Freeman</b> , <i>Manager – Residential Program, Demand Side Management, South Carolina Electric &amp; Gas</i>	George R. Brown Convention Center 371BE
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Chapter Presidents’ Meeting Facilitator: <b>Tracey Woods</b> , <i>Vice President of Operations, AABE</i>	Ballroom of the Americas C 2nd Floor
9:00 pm – 1:00 am	Hospitality Suite	Skyline Ballroom 24th Floor-West Tower

<b>Wednesday, April 9, 2014</b>		
7:30 am – 6:00 pm	Conference Media Room	230 Meeting Room 2nd Floor
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Conference Registration Open	431 Registration Desk 4th Floor
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Professional Portfolio Exhibition Booths Open	Lanier Grand Ballroom Pre-Function Area 4th Floor
9:00 am – 11:00 am	Board of Directors’ Meeting	Lanier Grand Ballroom J 4th Floor

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

## Plenary Session

1:00 pm – 1:45pm	Conference Official Opening Session Opening Remarks: <b>Paula R. Jackson</b> , <i>President &amp; CEO, American Association of Blacks in Energy</i> Welcome Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Telisa N. Toliver</b>, <i>AABE 2014 Conference Coordinator &amp; Director, Southwest Region Vice President, Business Development &amp; Commercial Chevron Pipe Line Company</i></li><li>• The Honorable <b>Ronald Green</b>, <i>Controller, City of Houston</i></li><li>• <b>John Rolfe</b>, <i>Chief Operating Officer, Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau</i></li></ul> Opening Address: State of Energy in Black America <b>Ralph Cleveland</b> , <i>AABE Board Chair</i> <i>Global Head of Customer Operations &amp; Business Transformation, AIG Property Casualty</i>	Lanier Grand Ballroom D–I 4th Floor
1:45 pm – 2:15 pm	Opening Keynote: Global Energy Landscape Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>J. Robinson West</b>, <i>Senior Advisor, CSIS Energy &amp; National Security</i></li></ul>	Lanier Grand Ballroom D–I 4th Floor
2:15 pm – 2:30 pm	Afternoon Break	Lanier Grand Ballroom D–I Pre-Function Area 4th Floor
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	General Session Keynote: Minorities in Energy Leading the Way for the Nation's Energy Future <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Honorable <b>LaDoris (Dot) Harris</b>, <i>Director, Office of Economic Impact and Diversity, U.S. Department of Energy</i></li></ul>	Lanier Grand Ballroom D–I 4th Floor
3:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Game Changer Discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sustainability Presenter: <b>Andre Pettigrew</b>, <i>Executive Director, Clean Economy Solutions</i></li><li>• Air Quality &amp; Coal Presenter: <b>Colette D. Honorable</b>, <i>Chairman, Arkansas Public Service Commission; Chairman and President, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC)</i></li><li>• Shale Oil &amp; Gas Presenter: <b>Bill Frank</b>, <i>General Manager of Business Development, Chevron North America Exploration Production</i></li></ul>	Lanier Grand Ballroom D–I 4th Floor

## Reception

7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Chairman's Reception Awards Presentation to The Honorable <b>Sheila Jackson Lee</b> <i>U.S. House of Representatives, Congressional District 18</i> Welcome and Sponsor Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Redia Anderson</b>, <i>Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer, BP Americas</i></li></ul> Sponsored by BP and the Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau <i>Buses leave from Hilton Hotel Lobby–East Tower at 6:00 P.M.</i>	The Bell Tower on 34th Houston, Texas
10:00 pm – 1:00 am	Hospitality Suite — Sponsored by NextEra	Skyline Ballroom 24th Floor–West Tower

## Thursday, April 10, 2014

7:30 am – 6:00 pm	Conference Media Room	230 Meeting Room 2nd Floor
7:30 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast	Ballroom of the Americas Pre-Function Area 2nd Floor
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Conference Registration Open	431 Registration Desk 4th Floor
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Professional Portfolio Exhibition Booths Open	Lanier Grand Ballroom 4th Floor Pre-Function

### Plenary Session

9:00 am – 10:15 am	<p>CEO Addresses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction of Chevron CEO: <b>Warner M. Williams</b>, Vice President Gulf of Mexico Business, Chevron North America Exploration and Production</li><li>• CEO Address: <b>John S. Watson</b>, Chairman of the Board and CEO, Chevron Corporation</li><li>• Introduction of American Electric Power CEO: <b>Sabrina Campbell</b>, Director of Federal Affairs, American Electric Power</li><li>• CEO Address: <b>Bob Powers</b>, Executive Vice President &amp; Chief Operating Officer, American Electric Power (AEP)</li></ul>	Lanier Grand Ballroom D–I 4th Floor
10:15 am – 10:30 am	Morning Break	Lanier Grand Ballroom D–I Pre-Function Area 4th Floor
10:30 am – 11:45 am	<p>A “C-Suite” Conversation Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Janice Bryant Howroyd</b>, Founder and CEO, Act-1 Group</li><li>• <b>Joe W. Laymon</b>, Vice President of Human Resources and Corporate Services, Chevron Corporation</li><li>• <b>Melvin D. Williams</b>, Senior Vice President of Planning and Business Services, AGL Resources</li></ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Stephanie J. Hickman</b>, President and CEO, Trice Construction</p>	Lanier Grand Ballroom D–I 4th Floor

### Luncheon

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	<p>Rufus D. Gladney Scholarship Luncheon</p> <p>Mistress of Ceremonies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Gina Gaston</b>, Anchor, KRTK-TV ABC 13</li></ul> <p>Welcome and Sponsor Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Francis Resheske</b>, Senior Vice President of Public Affairs, Consolidated Edison</li></ul> <p>Keynote: Leadership–How Much Does It Cost?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Patricia Russell-McCloud, J.D.</b>, Russell-McCloud &amp; Associates</li></ul>	Lanier Grand Ballroom J–L 4th Floor
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**Thursday, April 10, 2014**

**Concurrent Workshop Session I**

1:45 pm – 3:15 pm	Game Changer Concurrent Workshop Session I – Section A: Air Quality & Coal <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Kelly R. Carmichael</b>, <i>Director of Environmental Policy and Permitting, NiSource, Inc.</i></li><li>• <b>Leslie G. Fields</b>, <i>Director, National Environmental Justice and Community Partnerships, Sierra Club</i></li><li>• <b>Dr. S. Julio Friedmann</b>, <i>Deputy Assistant Secretary for Clean Coal, Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy</i></li><li>• <b>Ashlie Keener Kuehn</b>, <i>General Counsel and Vice President of Government Relations, Prairie State Generating Company (PSGC)</i></li></ul> Moderator: <b>Jade Davis</b> , <i>Senior Director of State Affairs and Outreach, American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity (ACCCE)</i>	Lanier Grand Ballroom A 4th Floor
1:45 pm – 3:15 pm	Game Changer Concurrent Workshop Session I – Section B: Sustainability <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>R. Darryl Banks</b>, <i>Vice President of Energy Policy, Center for American Progress</i></li><li>• <b>Gwendolyn Keyes Fleming</b>, <i>Chief of Staff to the Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)</i></li><li>• <b>Rudolph (Rudy) Wynter</b>, <i>President, FERC Regulated Businesses, National Grid</i></li></ul> Moderator: <b>Rose McKinney-James</b> , <i>Managing Principal, Energy Works LLC</i>	Lanier Grand Ballroom B 4th Floor
3:15 pm – 3:30 pm	Afternoon Break	Lanier Grand Ballroom A–B Pre-Function Area 4th Floor

**Concurrent Workshop Session II**

3:30 pm – 5:15 pm	Workshop Session II – Section A: Doing Business Abroad—Opportunities in Africa <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Lisa A. Phillip</b>, <i>President and CEO, Hybas International LLC</i></li><li>• <b>Tanya E. Spencer</b>, <i>Commercial Excellence &amp; Marketing Leader—SSA, GE Oil &amp; Gas</i></li><li>• <b>Lennard M. Tenende</b>, PhD, P.E., <i>Founder and CEO, Cilicorp LLC</i></li></ul> Moderator: <b>Uwa Airhiavbere</b> , <i>Head of Angola Business Unit, GE Oil &amp; Gas Pressure Control</i>	Lanier Grand Ballroom A 4th Floor
3:30 pm – 5:15 pm	Game Changer Concurrent Workshop Session II – Section B: Shale Oil & Gas <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Frank C. Adamek</b>, P.E., <i>Executive Chief Engineer Drilling &amp; Production Systems, GE Oil and Gas</i></li><li>• Commissioner <b>David J. Porter</b>, <i>Texas Railroad Commission</i></li><li>• <b>Milton Scott</b>, <i>Chairman and CEO, The Tagos Group</i></li></ul> Moderator: <b>Sean Jamieson</b> , <i>Associate, Morgan Lewis Bockius, LLP</i>	Lanier Grand Ballroom B 4th Floor

**Reception**

6:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Reception — Sponsored by PPL Corporation and American Petroleum Institute (API)	Skyline Ballroom 24th Floor—West Tower
10:00 pm – 1:00 am	Hospitality Suite	Skyline Ballroom 24th Floor—West Tower

## Friday, April 11, 2014

7:30 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast	Lanier Grand Ballroom D–I 4th Floor
8:30 am – 10:00 am	Legislative Crossfire Mistress of Ceremonies • <b>Melinda Spaulding</b> , <i>Anchor, FOX 26 TV</i> Panelists • <b>Donna Brazile</b> , <i>Brazile &amp; Associates, LLC</i> • <b>Michael Steele</b> , <i>CEO, The Steele Group, Inc.</i> Moderator: <b>David K. Owens</b> , <i>Executive Vice President Business Operations, Edison Electric Institute</i>	
8:00 am – 2:00 pm	Conference Registration Open	431 Registration Desk 4th Floor
9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Professional Portfolio Exhibition Booths Open	Lanier Grand Ballroom Pre-Function Area 4th Floor
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Morning Break	Lanier Grand Ballroom J–L Pre-Function Area 4th Floor
<b>Concurrent Workshop Session III</b>		
10:15 am – 12:15 pm	Entrepreneurial Success in the Energy Industry: Taking It to the Next Level Panelists • <b>Kevin Brookins</b> , <i>SVP Strategy &amp; Administration, ComEd</i> • The Honorable <b>Ronald (Ron) Kirk</b> , <i>Former United States Trade Representative</i> • <b>Stephen L. Hightower</b> , <i>Founder, President and CEO, Hightowers Petroleum Company</i> Moderator: <b>Carolyn L. Green</b> , <i>President &amp; CEO, Professional Environmental Engineers, Inc.</i>	Lanier Grand Ballroom A 4th Floor
10:15 am – 12:15 pm	AABE Leadership Development Series I: • Individual Resume Review Sessions	Lanier Grand Ballroom B 4th Floor
10:15 am – 12:15 pm	AABE Leadership Development Series II: • Individual Career Coaching Sessions	Lanier Grand Ballroom C 4th Floor
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	AABE General Membership Meeting Presiding: <b>Ralph Cleveland</b> , <i>Chairman, American Association of Blacks in Energy</i>	Lanier Grand Ballroom J–L 4th Floor
<b>Awards Gala</b>		
7:00 pm – 11:00 pm	James E. Stewart Awards Gala	Lanier Grand Ballroom D–I 4th Floor
10:00 pm – 1:00 am	Hospitality Suite	Skyline Ballroom 24th Floor–West Tower

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