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Dear SCAA Members,

As we reflect on 2025, I am proud of the many accomplishments the Spill Control Association of America achieved this year. Guided by our three pillars: Advocacy, Education, and Engagement, we have continued to strengthen our role as the voice of spill response professionals. Together, we have advanced our mission of promoting safety, innovation, and collaboration across the industry.

First, I would like to thank you for your continued dedication and engagement to make our Association strong.

I would also like to take a moment to recognize Jane Delgado for her many years of outstanding leadership as Chair of the Technical Advancement Committee. Jane's contributions have been invaluable, and we are deeply grateful for her service. At the same time, please join me in welcoming Rick Mowrer as the new Chair of this important committee. We look forward to his vision and expertise guiding us into the future.

This past year, we successfully hosted regional meetings in Denver, CO, Chicago, IL, and Charleston, SC, held our annual meeting, and participated in an array of events, thanks to the hard work of our teams and the commitment of our members. Your involvement in these events is what drives our progress.

Looking ahead, we invite you to join us at our Annual Meeting on March 24-25th in Arlington, VA., as well as our planned regional meeting in Philadelphia on April 30th. Additionally, we are seeking hosts for our Q3 and Q4 regional meetings in the Tampa and Houston areas. If you are interested in hosting, please reach out—we would love to collaborate with you.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment. Together, we will make 2026 another year of growth and achievement for our industry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Pelna".

Stephen Pelna

2025-2027 President

2025-2027 Officers



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Steve Pelna is Senior Vice President of Lewis Environmental, a Mid-Atlantic-based full-service environmental contractor. He holds a Master of Science Degree from St. Joseph's University in Public Safety Management and is a Certified Safety Professional. In addition to Lewis, Steve is very active as a first responder in Southeastern Pennsylvania. He recently completed his term as the Fire Chief of the West Chester Fire Department. Additionally, he is a Hazardous Materials Specialist with the Chester County HAZMAT Team, a Fire Instructor through the Pennsylvania State Fire Academy, and Co-Chair of the Chester County Traffic Incident Management Task Force.

Steve has served SCAA for over 10 years on the Future Environmental Leaders, Planning, and Health & Safety Committees. He has also been a member of the Board of Directors during this time. Serving as Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice President.



2025-2027 Vice President

Timothy House is the Vice President of Operations at Moran Environmental Recovery (MER), a role he assumed in September 2022. Prior to this position, he served as the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic Regional Manager for six years, overseeing a range of environmental response and Industrial operations. Mr. House began his career with MER in the mid-2000s while still in high school, officially joining the company as a field technician in 2007 upon graduation. Timothy holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Management from the College of Charleston in Charleston, South Carolina.

Mr. House has been an active member of the Spill Control Association of America (SCAA) since 2012, where he serves on the Board of Directors and currently holds the position of Vice President.

Timothy strives to create a more efficient and sustainable future and uphold the values of both his own organization as well as SCAA's.



2025-2027 Treasurer

Josh Clifford is an experienced and proven environmental professional with 15 years of experience in emergency response, environmental compliance, and sustainable remediation. As Vice President of QT Environmental, Inc., he has led complex, high-stakes projects worldwide.

Known for his ability to rapidly mobilize teams and resources, Josh excels at integrating innovative technologies and international best practices to improve environmental outcomes. His expertise outside of emergency response spans contingency planning, regulatory compliance, sustainability, and project management.

A strong advocate for professional development and team collaboration, Josh fosters a culture of continuous learning and operational excellence. He is also actively engaged in environmental advocacy and outreach, advancing awareness and conservation efforts within his community and worldwide. His leadership and forward-thinking approach have earned him recognition as a trusted and influential figure within the industry. He currently is on the Board of Directors for SCAA as well.



2025-2027 Secretary

Mr. Malizzi has over 30 years of experience in disaster response, insurance loss control, litigation support, spill planning, drills, and response, Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA), endangered species, and habitat restoration. Recently, he was the EUL for a train derailment in CA and was involved in several confidential NRDAs. He served as the Program Manager for the Natural Resource Advisor Program, among other tasks, in support of the MC252 Deepwater Horizon Response (BP Spill) in the Gulf of Mexico.

Mr. Malizzi is on the Board of Directors for the Spill Control Association of America and was and is on the Planning Committees for the International Oil Spill Conference 2024 and 2027. He has spoken extensively on spill planning, NRDA, response, and other environmental topics in both the U.S., Canada, the Middle East, and the EU.

Board of Directors

Joe Bowles - MSRC

Joe Bowles, Vice President of the Offshore Operations Division, is a veteran responder who started working for the oil industry in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, in 1985, starting his spill response career in Valdez, Alaska, in 1989. Joe joined MSRC in 1993 as a Responder and was quickly promoted through various operations leadership positions in the Pacific Region. During Joe's tenure in MSRC's Pacific Region, he has developed strong cooperative relationships with state regulatory agencies in the most ecologically conscious regions of the U.S. Joe was recently elected to the Board of Directors in 2024.

Tyler Fetgatter - Phoenix Pollution Control

Tyler R. Fetgatter is the Director of Sales and Marketing at Phoenix Pollution Control & Environmental Services, Inc., a premier environmental solutions provider based in Houston, Texas. Holding a Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Marketing/Health Care Administration/Management from the University of Texas at Tyler. Tyler combines strategic business expertise with a passion for advancing sustainable practices. From key roles at Phoenix Pollution Control, he drives innovative environmental initiatives and business growth in the Greater Houston area.

Tyler is deeply committed to industry leadership, actively contributing to environmental and safety advancements. As a dedicated member of the Spill Control Association of America (SCAA) Board of Directors, he plays a pivotal role in advancing the organization's mission, championing sustainable practices and fostering leadership in environmental and safety advancements.



The Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and Outgoing President, Angie Martin.

From left to right: Tyler Fetgatter, Paul Rutherford, Rick Mowrer, Stephen Pelna, Angie Martin, Josh Clifford, Tim House, Joe Bowles, Bob May, Larry Malizzi



*The Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and incoming President, Stephen Pelna.
From left to right: Larry Malizzi, Tim House, Stephen Pelna, Josh Clifford*

Robert May - HEPACO/Clean Harbors

Robert May is the Vice President of HEPACO, LLC, where he has served since 2005. With over 30 years of experience in environmental services and emergency response, he brings a deep understanding of operational leadership, client relations, and field expertise to the industry.

Prior to joining HEPACO, he spent more than 13 years at IMS Environmental Services. During his time there, he served as Branch Manager following his early career as a Project Geologist in Chesapeake.

Robert holds a Bachelor of Science in Geology from Old Dominion University. His long-standing commitment to environmental protection and project management has made him a trusted leader in the field.

Rick Mowrer - Texas Boom Company

Rick Mowrer has a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management from Covenant College. Had an early professional career that included advancing through multiple levels of management over 21 years with ADESA. Has been the President of Texas Boom Company since 2014, and is a Katy, Texas resident with four children, including three adults and one daughter about to start high school. Joe was recently elected to the Board of Directors in 2024.

Paul Rutherford - Miller Environmental Group

Paul Rutherford is the Vice President of Operations at Miller Environmental Group, Inc., bringing over 25 years of experience in environmental response, operations, and emergency preparedness. Before joining Miller in 2023, he served as Director of National Response Readiness and Marine Operations at ACV Enviro, overseeing nationwide emergency response and marine services.

He previously held leadership roles at HEPACO, Amtrak, Moran Environmental, and National Response Corporation, with strong focus on project management, compliance, and training. Paul also served 12 years in the U.S. Coast Guard, specializing in communications and tactical operations.

SCAA's Committees and Current Chairs

Health and Safety Committee - Doug Townsend

The Health and Safety Committee is responsible for developing and promoting a healthy and safe work environment for all association members. The committee encourages the sharing of best management practices for member benefit.

Government Affairs Committee - Robert Chambers

The Government Affairs Committee is responsible for working collaboratively with the SCAA Board, Executive leadership and the membership to drive awareness, education and implementation of regulatory issues that are both meaningful and impactful to the Association's interests.

Communications/Marketing Committee - Logan Armstrong

The Communications/Marketing Committee is responsible for ensuring market awareness of the association within the response industry, promotion of member companies endeavors in the response industry, and establishing consistent brand recognition of SCAA to support other association goals.

Technical Advancement Committee - Jane-Ellen Delgado

The Technical Advancement Committee researches, identifies and recommends needed technical improvements that will benefit our members and the spill response industry.

Emerging Environmental Leaders (EEL) Committee - Chris Tracy

The Emerging Environmental Leaders Committee is responsible for developing and engaging young response professionals for networking and sustainability of the association.

Planning Committee- John Silva

The Planning Committee is a standing body that works with SCAA staff to monitor, plan, and schedule participation in industry and government events, including conferences, exhibits, meetings, and workshops. It also oversees planning for SCAA's Annual Meeting & Conference.

Membership Committee - Margo Moss

In 2025, the Membership Committee focused on delivering greater value through engagement, advocacy, and education. We expanded our regional meetings with new events in Philadelphia, Chicago, and Denver, with more planned for 2026, be sure to check the SCAA Events Calendar by visiting <https://www.scaa-spill.org>

We also launched an online new-member onboarding platform and expanded the Mentorship Program to help members connect, learn, and grow.

Your feedback matters, please take a few minutes to complete the 2025 Annual Member Satisfaction Survey to help shape our 2026 priorities.

Past Presidents/Nominating Committee - Angie Martin

The Past Presidents/Nominating Committee is a permanent committee of the Spill Control Association of America (SCAA), tasked with ensuring leadership continuity and advising the President, Executive Committee, and Board. It develops a slate of candidates for elections and promotes Board participation.

***Want to be involved with a Committee? All
Committee Chair contact information can
be found at [scaa-spill.org](https://www.scaa-spill.org)!***

New Member Spotlight

SABINE SORBENTS

Sabine Sorbents manufactures contractor-grade, oil-only absorbent products made from high-quality materials, delivering reliable spill control solutions trusted by professionals nationwide. Their booms, pads, and rolls are designed to absorb hydrocarbons while repelling water, making them effective for spill response, remediation, fueling areas, and industrial maintenance on both land and water.

Environmental Excellence Award

Awarded by The Emerging Environmental Leaders Committee

The Emerging Environmental Leaders (EEL) Committee is responsible for developing and engaging early-in-career response professionals for networking and sustainability of the association. In 2025, the EEL focused on growing the membership of the committee and introduced the updated Environmental Excellence Awards.

SCAA's investment in future spill response professionals led the EEL to retool the Environmental Excellence Awards to emphasize educational support while introducing the spill response industry to college and maritime academy students. Awards are broken into three categories which include traditional oil spills, emerging contaminants, and disaster recovery and response. In 2025, the awards were presented to two students from Purdue University and one cadet from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy.

Awards will be given by the start of the Annual Meeting on March 24th. For 2026, the EEL is focused on the second year of the updated Environmental Excellence Awards and conducting Incident Command system training for committee members. If interested in joining the EEL committee, please contact Chris Tracy at ctracy@arcwoodenviro.com.

2025 Regional Meeting Recap

In November 2025, the Spill Control Association of America (SCAA) hosted a Regional Meeting in Charleston, South Carolina, bringing together industry and government professionals to share insights, best practices, and strengthen collaboration across the region.

SCAA extends sincere thanks to our speakers and attendees for making the event a success, as well as to our supporting member companies, Moran Environmental Recovery, LLC; Clean Harbors / HEPACO; and ES Integrated; and our Friends of SCAA contributors, Cliff Berry, Inc., CTEH, and Dal Riata, LLC, for their continued support.

Attendees heard from a distinguished group of speakers, including Senator George E. “Chip” Campsen III, who discussed South Carolina’s abandoned and derelict vessel initiatives; John McCants of the South Carolina Ports Authority, who shared updates on port operations and expansion plans; and Robin Mack of the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services, who outlined the state’s approach to environmental emergency response.

Events like this underscore the value of education, collaboration, and readiness in protecting our environment and communities. We look forward to connecting again at future SCAA events.



Government Affairs Committee Updates

The Government Affairs Committee (GAC) continues to monitor several topics and items of interest to the membership. Some of those items are:

- Participation with SCAA leadership in framing the Emergency Spill Response Industry Challenges for the Government Accountability Office (GAO), Natural Resources and Environmental Team
- Cost Recovery Issues with an emphasis on OSTLF Removal Cost Claim Reimbursement
- Substance Use with an emphasis on Marijuana impairment and Federal and State law
- Subpart J List Status
- GUIE Expectations Plan Holder/Contractor
- API Emergency Response Inland Operators and the OSRO Community
- RCRA Hazardous Waste Storage from ER
- Subchapter M and Vessels of Opportunity (VOO)
- Response Resource Inventory (RRI) Program with an emphasis on database administration
- FMSCA DOT Hours of Service
- Ports & Waterways Joint National Center for Excellence

Upcoming is the SCAA 2026 Annual Meeting with the theme “Navigating A Changing Response Landscape March 24-25, 2026, at Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, VA.

Beyond internal activities, the GAC maintains active engagement with several key external partners, including:

- The Partnership Action Team (PAT)
- The Association of Petroleum Industry Co-Op Managers (APICOM)
- The American Petroleum Institute (API) – Spills Advisory Group (SAG)
- And participates in advocacy visits to Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

The GAC remains committed to supporting the mission of the SCAA and ensuring its voice is represented in critical policy and industry discussions.



Government Affairs Committee Updates

To support greater transparency and continuity, the committee is also in the process of launching a comprehensive tracking system that will log and monitor all inquiries. Once operational, this system will be accessible to the full membership and provide real-time insight into the progress of specific issues and GAC activity. This will empower members to stay informed, get involved, and better understand how key decisions are being made within the association.

The GAC engages in strategic external partnerships to support its mission and enhance SCAA's voice nationally and regionally. Collaborating with organizations like the Partnership Action Team, API-COM, and the American Petroleum Institute's Spills Advisory Group helps the GAC align with industry efforts, avoid duplication, and stay involved in key conversations about preparedness, environmental response, and risk mitigation.

The GAC engages in advocacy through annual visits to Capitol Hill, representing SCAA's interests to lawmakers and regulatory agencies. These discussions are crucial for shaping policies on spill response, emergency planning, and environmental protection. Incorporating industry expertise ensures that the resulting regulations are more practical and effective.

As the Government Affairs Committee continues to grow in scope and capability, it remains deeply aligned with the overall mission of the SCAA, to educate, advocate, and engage. Through its structured operations, collaborative outreach, and data-driven policy engagement, the GAC is ensuring that the association stays ahead of industry challenges and remains responsive to the evolving landscape of environmental protection.

Behind every inquiry resolved, every policy shaped, and every collaboration formed, the GAC is actively strengthening the association. Its work may not always be visible, but its impact is felt industry-wide. The GAC is not simply responding to change, it is helping to lead it.



What's in Store For 2026?

Upcoming Events

SCAA Annual Meeting 2026

This event brings together industry experts, emergency responders, manufacturers, and environmental firms for advocacy, education, and connection. Join us March 24 - 25, 2026, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, VA. Register at the following link: <https://www.scaa-spill.org/annual-meeting>



SCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting 2026

Join us for the SCAA Regional Meeting on Thursday, April 30, at the Philadelphia Cricket Club in Philadelphia, PA. The event runs from 1:30–6:00 p.m. and includes a cocktail hour. Free to attend with RSVP required. Learn more at the following link: <https://www.scaa-spill.org/regional-meetings>



New Member Orientation

Stay tuned, our upcoming New Member Orientation is the perfect opportunity to jumpstart your involvement! These sessions are designed to help you get fully informed about our mission, resources, and opportunities, while connecting you with fellow members and leaders in the organization. It's a great time to ask questions, build relationships, and discover how you can make the most of your membership from the very beginning. Don't miss this chance to get engaged, stay informed, and start strong!

Member Companies

The Spill Control Association of America (SCAA) thanks our member companies for their continued commitment and support. Your leadership drives our mission to educate, advocate, and lead in spill response and environmental protection. With your expertise, we strengthen standards, training, and emergency readiness, building a safer, more resilient future together.

Annual Sponsors

The Spill Control Association of America (SCAA) sincerely thanks our annual sponsors for their vital support. Their contributions enable our programs, events, and initiatives that advance spill response and environmental protection.

By investing in innovation, education, and collaboration, our sponsors help safeguard communities and natural resources. We appreciate their commitment and leadership in strengthening the industry and supporting SCAA's mission. Thank you for being key partners in this effort.





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Over
50 years!***

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Who We Are

Since 1973, SCAA has represented a broad coalition of emergency responders, manufacturers, and environmental firms who collectively work to strengthen and sustain the nation's overall response community.

**Advocate
Educate
Engage**



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