



December 28, 2023

Dear AABE FL Chapter Members,

As I conclude my two consecutive terms, plus one year (2019 – 2023) on December 31, 2023, as your American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE) Chapter President, I want to thank you for giving me the privilege of serving – and I treasure the experience.

When I started my term as President, the FL Chapter was already recognized as one of the most robust chapters of the 36 chapters in the nation; however, there were a few things I had in mind to improve upon for the AABE FL Chapter to continue to meet the compliance requirements by AABE National's Bylaw terms and remain financially sound and relevant to the mission and goals established for the Chapter.

I am proud of the Chapter's goals we have achieved and exceeded together. Members, your dedication is worth celebrating – A huge THANK YOU. Here are a few goals achieved during my term as President:

1. Revised the Chapter's Bylaws to reflect the (challenges COVID caused) actual Bylaw terms;
2. Made the Chapter's presence known through an improved website;
3. Hosted a 20-year celebration to honor the founders and Chapter's accomplishments;
4. Raised sponsorship dollars to support more scholarship recipients;
5. Increased the number of Youth Energy Academies (YEA) across the State of Florida – 2023, hosted six (6) two-day YEAs;
6. Established a more substantial presence with National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) students;
7. Expanded Blacks in Energy Awareness Month (BEAM) projects beyond the one project scope – In 2023, five (5) BEAM projects were held.

The AABE FL Chapter is strong and growing, but its continued success will occur with the birth of new ideas and active members to cultivate the Chapter's mission and goals in the coming years.

I sincerely thank our dedicated Executive Committee, our energized outstanding professional membership and our amazing volunteers. But I especially thank you, our donors and members.

Finally, let me thank all of you for your leadership and the honor of working with you. I wish the incoming Executive Committee much success in their deliberations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kathy Judkins'.

Kathy Judkins

Outgoing AABE FL Chapter President