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Conference Chair Report for the
42nd Annual Stationary Source Sampling and Analysis for Air Pollutants Conference

Dear Attendees:

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as chair for this premier conference. This was to be Jon Hays' year as conference chair and something he was honored to be a part of. With his untimely passing, it was our goal to continue the vision Jon started for the conference and pay tribute to Jon as a great friend, father, husband and colleague. I believe we were successful in providing an excellent technical conference of Jon's design which embodied the goal of SSSAAP conference: To be the most comprehensive conference on the subject of air pollution measurement from stationary sources.

Of the approximately 250 attendees this year, nearly 20% were first time attendees. It is always good to connect with old acquaintances, but equally as good to connect with new people enabling each of us to broaden our knowledge and connections through this conference. Although the majority of the attendees are from testing firms, there was great representation from industry, regulatory agencies, vendors and laboratories. It was also a pleasure to have attendees traveling long distances from international countries to attend and speak at this conference to add a global perspective to our conference.

I am so thankful for all the support that was given to this year's conference from the session chairs, co-chairs, speakers and volunteers. Many put in countless hours to insure the success of "Jon's" conference. Presentations were well organized, with informative content and data. The conference had 43 oral presentations and 17 poster presentations. I would also like to acknowledge the large number of first-time presenters at this year's conference. Kelly McPartland deserves extra recognition as a first-time presenter that was not rattled even despite our projector technical difficulties during her presentation. I look forward to future presentations from her and our other first-time presenters.

Safety was always a big part of Jon's work and personal life. In past years at the conference, Jon had chaired the safety session and presented multiple times on various safety subjects. I want to specifically thank Eric Ehlers for chairing the safety session and putting on safety presentations that Jon would be very proud of.

On Wednesday evening David Elam of TRC received the well-deserved honor of being inducted into the SES Hall of Fame. Congratulations to David and to the Hall of Fame Committee for do a great job of organizing the roast. In addition to the Hall of Fame award, the Matt DeVito award, which recognizes an individual's superior ethical conduct and major contributions towards ensuring measurement data quality and representativeness and the safe implementation of source testing, was posthumously awarded to Jon Hays. It was bittersweet to have his family be able to accept the award for Jon. Thanks to Art Dean for putting together the "remembrances" video of Jon that paid tribute to our colleague and friend.

This year saw the launch of a new "mobile app" for the conference. This was one of Jon's ideas to have an easy place to view the technical program, schedule, maps and attendees on your phone. In addition, the survey feature many of you completed provided useful information for next year's conference. Finally,



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the activity feed was a fun way to see how all of you enjoyed your time at this year's conference. Thank you to Stephanie Wien for being the lead on designing and updating content to the app.

Thank you to the US Environmental Protection Agency, the Source Testing Association (our sister group in the UK), and the International Society for Automation-Analysis Division for their continued support and endorsement of the SSSAAP conference. Their continued support and recognition of the SSSAAP Conference reinforces the credibility of the conference, especially with those individuals and organizations that may not be familiar with the SES or our profession.

Thank you to all our benefactors for their sponsorship of our fun during what turned out to be a very busy and productive week of learning. The support of our sponsors insures that all of us are treated to fun events, food and drink throughout the week. Without them, the conference would not be the same and we greatly appreciate their support of the SSSAAP conference.

In closing, I am grateful that we were successful in putting together a conference that Jon would be proud of. First and foremost, I want to thank Jason DeWees for his tremendous support and help as my co-chair this year. He stepped up and provided help every step along the way and went above and beyond a normal co-chair's duties. I want to personally thank Antoinette Chartier and the staff at Hospitality Management Systems for which all the tremendous behind the scenes work is seamlessly take care of every year, the staff at the JW Marriott was once again fantastic and provided excellent service all around, Tina Sanderson for providing an excellent blueprint to follow in my role as the 2018 Conference Chair, Bob Finken and the entire Steering Committee for guidance and Angela Hansen for her invaluable assistance with the printed program. I thank you all for your participation and attendance and look forward to what Jason has in store for us for 2019.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Matt Swanson
2018 SSSAAP Conference Chair

We miss you Jon



**Jon Hays, Sr.
1965-2017**