

**MINUTES
SOUTHERN SECTION A&WMA CONFERENCE CALL
MAY 18, 2016**

PRESENT

Andrea Gardiner, Kelley Spence, Justice Manning, Joan Sasine, Robyn Ashe (for Don Sodersten), Pleas McNeel, Chris Hurst, Maya Rao¹

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Maya Rao at 2:32 p.m. CDT and roll was called.

CONSENT AGENDA

See attached.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

See Consent Agenda. The April Meeting Minutes were provided to the Board prior to the May Meeting. Because a quorum was not present, the Minutes could not be voted upon. No edits were requested by the members present.

The Section is in the process of updating its website; meeting minutes will be made available on the website once the updates are complete and the Secretary is granted access to the website.

TREASURER'S REPORT

See Consent Agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Section Report:** No report.
- **Alabama Chapter:** No report.
- **West and Middle TN Chapter:** Robyn Ashe provided the report for the W/M TN Chapter.
 - A Lunch and Learn on the topic of bag house leak detection was held recently with attendance of approximately 30 people.
 - The Chapter is planning a social event at a Nashville Sounds (local minor league baseball team) game on June 14.
 - A brown bag lunch on the topic of natural gas powered cars is being scheduled. The presentation will be held in West TN.

¹ The members present do not represent a quorum.

- **Mississippi Chapter:** Maya Rao provided the report for the MS Chapter.
 - The MS Chapter continues the planning process for the Southern Section annual meeting which will be held in September in Biloxi.
 - Justice Manning noted that the exhibitor invites are being sent out later in the year than normal and expressed concern that there may not be enough exhibitors. He suggested sending the exhibitor invite to the International Membership to generate more interest. Maya agreed to follow-up on this suggestion.
 - A recent air workshop was very successful with attendance of 50 people. Revenues were \$3,000, with the Chapter profiting \$2,000 after expenses.
 - The MS Chapter is planning a “breakfast with regulators” event which will be held on June 15. This event will be a question and answer event with regulators.
- **Georgia Chapter:** Joan Sasine provided the report for the GA Chapter.
 - The Chapter has recently held and has several events planned including:
 - May 10 – joint networking event at the Red Hare Brewery with 62 attendees and resulted in 3 new members.
 - May 12 – brown bag lunch event with the former director of the Chattahoochee Riverkeeper with the discussion focused on water-related topics.
 - September 9 – the next brown bag lunch.
 - October 14 – the date for the Chapter’s annual conference.
- **East TN Chapter:** No report.
- **Education/Scholarship:** Pleas McNeel provided the report.
 - The application deadline for the Section scholarship was May 15. Two applications were submitted. Pleas plans to reach out to the schools/professors to try to generate more interest. Pleas invited other Section members to send the scholarship information to contacts they may have at colleges and universities in their areas.
 - Pleas plans to add information about the MS state science fair winners to the Section website. Both Justice Manning award winners went on to success at the national science fair. Pleas would like a short bio for Justice to help explain the background on the award.
- **Young Professional:** No report.
- **Membership:** Justice Manning provided the report
 - In April, the Section had 253 members, which is down 12 from March. There were 8 lapsed members and several renewals.
- **International A&WMA:** no report.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Environmental Challenge International (ECi) Sponsorship:** on May 23, 2016, Maya Rao provided the Board with information about the ECi completion and an opportunity for our Section to help sponsor the competition. Maya suggested pledging \$500. Dallas Baker

motioned that the Section pledge \$500 to the competition, Don Sodersten seconded the motion. The vote passed via email on May 24, 2016.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Website Update: the website design is done and JFP is in the process of transferring the domain. Maya will send a link to the draft website to the Board. The website should have the capability to handle multiple registration forms, so the Chapters could also use the website for registrations. Each Chapter will have their own page and need to provide a designated person to manage updating their page. Maya will arrange training for the Chapter designees.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for **May 18, 2016 at 2:30 pm (CDT)**.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:55 pm.

ACTION ITEMS

Item:	Responsible:
1. Provide exhibitor invite to the International Membership to generate more interest.	Maya Rao
2. Designate a Chapter representative who will have access to post items to the SS website.	Chapter Leaders
3. Arrange for website training with Chapter representatives and SS designees.	Maya Rao

ATTACHMENT 1
CONSENT AGENDA

**May 18, 2016
Consent Agenda
Southern Section AWMA**

Item #1: Secretary's Report and Meeting Minutes

Past meeting minutes from December, January, February, and March have not been posted to the website.

Item #2: Treasurer's Report

Shelley received a letter from the IRS indicating they have accepted the 990-N return.

Activities this month included:

- Alabama Chapter Associate Dues: \$1,890.
- CD interest: \$10.39.

Total Funds	\$16,111.49
Investment (CD at First Tennessee)	\$10,379.35
Available Balance	\$5,732.14

Item #3: Committee Reports

- a. [Section report by Chair]
- b. [Alabama Chapter]
- c. [GA Chapter report]
- d. [MS Chapter report]
- e. [E TN Chapter report]
- f. [W/M TN Chapter report]
- g. Education/Scholarship
- h. Young Professional
- i. Membership report
- j. A&WMA International Report

Item #4: Old Business

Item #5: New Business

Item #6: Next Meeting Date and Time

June 15, 2016 at 2:30 pm.