

MINUTES
SOUTHERN SECTION A&WMA CONFERENCE CALL
JUNE 15, 2016

PRESENT

Andrea Gardiner, Joan Sasine, Pleas McNeel, Chris Hurst, Maya Rao, Wade Bice, Betty Ruth Fox, Laura McCarthy, Tom Lotz, Dallas Baker, Wade Bice

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Maya Rao at 2:33 p.m. CDT and roll was called.

CONSENT AGENDA

See attached.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

See Consent Agenda. The April Meeting Minutes and the May Meeting Minutes were approved by the Board. Betty Ruth made a motion to approve and Chris Hurst Seconded it. No edits were requested by the members present.

TREASURER'S REPORT

See Consent Agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Section Report:** No report.
- **Alabama Chapter:** Update Provided by Wade Bice.
 - They had a dinner Meeting in Mobile, Alabama. It was well attended.
 - June 7th after the Brownfield conference they had about 40 people to attend a dinner and then about 20 went to the local baseball game.
 - They are planning future brownbag events.
- **West and Middle TN Chapter:** Update Provided by Andrea Gardiner
 - The Chapter has planned 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.
 - The Chapter is busy thinking & preparing for the Conference Venue and date for next year. Considering Franklin, TN. They will have the date fixed before the Biloxi Meeting.

- **Mississippi Chapter:** Betty Ruth Fox 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.
 - The chapter hosted “Breakfast with the Regulators” at MDEQ this morning. Huge Success. Had over 50 people including about 20 Regulators. Breakfast was sponsored by Nucor. This event was a question and answer event with regulators.
 - We are still wanting Abstracts. Have extended the date to June 22nd.

- **Georgia Chapter:** Joan Sasine provided the report for the GA Chapter.
 - Brad Godwin is the New Membership Chair.
 - GA chapter is planning to send three students to the ACE in New Orleans
 - The Chapter has recently held and has several events planned including:
 - a. May 12 – brown bag lunch event with the former director of the Chattahoochee Riverkeeper with the discussion focused on water-related topics.
 - b. September 9 – the next brown bag lunch.
 - c. October 14 – the date for the Chapter’s annual conference.

- **Education/Scholarship:** Pleas McNeel provided the report.
 - The application deadline for the Section scholarship was extended to June 17th. Three applications have been received so far. One is a past winner, but he is only a halftime student. One is from GA tech. The other one is from MS State. The MS State applicant is lacking a recommendation letter. It was decided the Application submittal deadline date will not be extended. However, if someone requests an extension, that will be granted.

- **Young Professional:** Laura Attended a YP National Call. It was very helpful. They are planning on having a Mentoring Breakfast where they pair the students with Young Professionals.

- **International A&WMA:** Dallas gave an update on the ACE Conference. He said that the attendance was down a little, but overall it was a good conference. The conference next year is at Pittsburgh. He floated the idea to see if anyone in the Southern Section wanted to host the conference in 2018. Three Board Members – Chris Hurst, Dallas Baker and Maya Rao are attending the National Conference.

- a. **Website Update:** The website is live and Maya asked the Board to check it out and give any comments. Some of the information is dated that was transferred from 2015. If you have updates send those to Maya or Pleas and they will route it to Todd. We can also post the Chapter Information. If you have a better picture, please send it to the Board to replace the existing picture. We need a person from each chapter to get the training to post on the web, if they want to do that.

- b. **NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for July 20 at **2:30 pm (CDT)**.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:13 pm (approximately 43 minutes).

ACTION ITEMS

| Item: | Responsible: |
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| 1. Send updated Info to Maya & Pleas to post on the website. | All board Members |
| 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

**June 15, 2016
Consent Agenda
Southern Section AWMA**

Item #1: Secretary's Report and Meeting Minutes

Past meeting minutes (back to December 2015) have not been posted to the website. Because a quorum was not present at the May meeting, the April minutes and the May minutes need to be approved by a vote.

Item #2: Treasurer's Report

Activities:

- Paid ECi sponsorship of \$500.

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| Total Funds | \$16,111.49 |
| Investment (CD at First Tennessee) | \$10,379.35 |
| Available Balance | \$5,232.14 |

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

July 20, 2016 at 2:30 pm.