

Minutes
Southern Section A&WMA Board Conference Call
April 23, 2014

PRESENT: Julie Aslinger, Dallas Baker, Steven Burns, Andrea Gardiner, Chris Hurst, Laura James, Tom Lotz, Pleas McNeel, Joan Sasine, Don Sodersten, Shelby Stringfellow, & Justice Manning

The meeting was called to order by Shelby Stringfellow at 1:03 p.m. CDT.

Consent Agenda: No changes. Most recent consent agenda was sent out prior to the meeting. March minutes have not been posted yet.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

See Consent Agenda.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Section

Shelby: No report (items in Consent Agenda).

AL Chapter

Steven: The chapter plans to have a dinner meeting on Thursday, May 22 at the Hunyadi automotive facility south of Montgomery (see Section web site). Space for the tour is limited so registrations will be accepted on a first come basis. The Section Annual Conference will be in Montgomery, AL at the Marriott Renaissance Hotel, September 10-12, 2014. The Save the Date notice has been sent out. The chapter has been contacting vendors, exhibitor, and speakers. There is a meeting this week to do further planning. There is a \$675/\$775 fee for exhibitors. Sponsorship levels similar to the conference last year will be used during the conference. The ADEM members are working on the logistics with the hotel. A golf tournament will be held during the conference. The chapter is working on contacting the Regional EPA administrator to be the keynote speaker. The State Air and Waste program directors/commissioners have been contacted for Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, and Tennessee and invited to the conference. Registration forms are in the process of being completed and will be sent out soon. The plan is to have a half day program on Wednesday and Friday, and a full day on Thursday. A reception will be held on Wednesday night.

GA Chapter

Chris: On May 1, 2014 the Chapter's annual technical conference will be held with members for EPA and EPD. The new EPA Region 4 administrator will speak and the meeting will be held at EPA Region 4 offices. About 65 persons are registered for the event. Fees are \$40 for

international members. The Georgia Tech Student Chapter is in the process of becoming chartered (or rechartered). There is a coffee hour with the students today. A social meeting with the Hazardous Material Manager's Group will be held in 2 weeks.

MS Chapter

Pleas: A permitting workshop will be held May 13. It's a 2-3 hour format meeting in conjunction with Trinity Consultants and the law firm of Butler Snow. A Supplemental Environmental Projects brownbag will be held with MDEQ in the near future. A social was held at the end of March and they will be held every other month. Brown bags will be held on the alternating month. The JSU chapter is in the process of being organized. There is a plan to have a meeting next week with interested students and faculty.

E TN Chapter

No Report. Justice sent an email to Tom Busmann to discuss working with the chapter to get new interest and membership. No response yet.

W/M TN Chapter

Don: The Chapter will hold a lunch meeting on May 12 and speaker are to be determined. Arup is trying to get student groups at Vanderbilt and Belmont.

Scholarship Committee

Pleas: The application package has been sent out. Some questions and notices of intent to submit applications have been received. The board is asked to spread the word about the scholarship. The scholarship package is available on the Section website, <http://www.sswma.org/scholarships.php>.

Membership

Justice: Something happened! The best that I can tell it is at HQ with data entry. Records show that we have only 224 members at the end of March with no members' membership lapsed. For example, the number of members at the end of February was **242**; with no lapses and an increase of 14 new members (which is not accurate) we should be at 250. With that many new members we should be over 250 members. **Good job!** Justice will be in touch with HQ regarding this discrepancy. However, past experience is not too promising.

Young Professionals

Laura: There are plans for trying to set up a YP conference call with Georgia and Mississippi to explore possible YP activities.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Pleas has reviewed the HQ web site for this student competition and he may send notice to his university contacts and as a reminder that notice of our scholarship competition is getting closer. Deadline for entry at the International ACE is June 10, 2014.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. The annual reports have been posted for all but West/Middle TN.
- b. The Georgia Chapter members who went to the leadership training academy in Pittsburgh are invited to call in on the next call and provide feedback on the conference if they wish.

The next call is **scheduled for May 8, 2014 for 1 p.m. CDT (2 p.m. EDT).**

The meeting was **adjourned** at approximately 1:45 p.m. CDT.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. AL Chapter to complete preliminary agenda and registration information, including exhibit layout for vendors and distribute as soon as possible.
2. Pleas to send a notice of Environmental Challenge competition to university contacts and use it as a reminder of the Section Scholarship competition.
3. Justice still has to contact E TN Chapter representatives about reactivating that chapter.

April 10, 2014
Consent Agenda
Southern Section AWMA

Item #1: Secretary's Report and Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the February meeting have been posted on the web site. Minutes of the December 12, 2013 call have not been reviewed so have yet to be distributed to the Board and other interested parties to review prior to compiling a Check List for posting. March minutes (with the incorrect month) were sent to the Board on April 8. They will be posted this week.

Item #2: Treasurer's Report

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Item #3: Committee Reports

1. [Section report by Chair]
2. [Alabama Chapter]
3. [GA Chapter report]
4. [MS Chapter report]
5. [E TN Chapter report]
6. [W/M TN Chapter report]
7. **Education/Scholarship:**
8. **Young Professional:**
9. **Membership report:** Something happened! The best that I can tell it is at HQ with data entry. Records show that we have only 224 members at the end of March with no members' membership lapsed. For example, the number of members at the end of February was **242**; with no lapses and an increase of 14 new members (which is not accurate) we should be at 250. With that many new members we should be over 250 members. **Good job!** Justice will be in touch with HQ regarding this discrepancy. However, past experience is not too promising.

Item #4: Old Business

- b. Annual reports are past due for two chapters and the Section.
- c. The GA Chapter may have some positive reports regarding the LTA from their sponsored attendees.

Item #5: New Business

- b. If we want to involve students in our Annual Meeting one item that could be of interest the environmental challenge patterned after the ACE program, which can be found at <http://ace2014.awma.org/students-young-professionals/>. Of course the YP may wish to participate in the National event at ACE in June, but we may be too late.

Item #6: Next Meeting Date and Time

Next Call is scheduled for May 8, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. CDT (2 p.m. EDT).