

Minutes
Southern Section A&WMA Board Conference Call
August 14, 2014

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

The meeting was called to order by Shelby Stringfellow at 1:04 p.m. CDT.

Consent Agenda: No changes.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

See Consent Agenda.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Total Funds	\$22,384.85
Investment CD at First Tennessee	\$10,358.61
Available Balance	\$12,026.24

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Section

Shelby: No report (items in Consent Agenda).

AL Chapter

Steven: As reported previously, the University of Alabama is interested in organizing a student chapter. There will be more information to come in the next few months. The Southern Section Meeting is coming up next month. As of August 12, 102 individuals have registered. The agenda has been modified, but has been by and large completed. The Chapter is working with the hotel to finalize the numbers. There are a good amount of sponsors and vendors for the conference. ADEM is providing excellent support of the conference. There will be an ethics session held by a member from Mississippi. Michael Miller, A&WMA President, will be the key note speaker at the luncheon. John Christy, Alabama State Climatologist and University of Alabama, Huntsville, will be speaking also. Allen Farmer of the RCRA division from EPA Region IV will be speaking on Thursday. Steven thanked the chapters for assisting with the distribution of the meeting announcements and materials

GA Chapter

Chris: GA Tech is now an official student chapter of A&WMA. They will have a meeting in the next month and they will have funding support from the Georgia Chapter. The fall conference will be held on October 17, 2014 at GA Power Headquarters. They are starting the speaker solicitation process and the planning (Call for speakers is on the Section web site, <http://www.ssawma.org/georgia.php>). Brown bag luncheons are being planned for a few more times in the Fall of this year. The next one will be in South GA co-sponsored with the local Safety Professional group. The Chapter is trying to conduct meetings outside the Metro Atlanta area this year. For example, another one is being planned for the Macon area. Mr. Steve Leffin with UPS will be the speaker for the next immediate brown bag scheduled for October 3rd which will be held at

the traditional location of Bryan Cave in Midtown Atlanta. Joan Sasine mentioned that the chapter is considering purchasing a Table Top display booth. Justice mentioned that the Section agreed several years ago that the Section exhibit material is available for chapter use, with the Section paying shipping if necessary. Chris Hurst will receive the display at the end of this years conference for use at next year's conference to be held in Georgia.

MS Chapter

Pleas: A board meeting was held yesterday (8/13/14). No Chapter meeting is planned for August. The Chapter approved 2 scholarships. One student is from Ole Miss and the other from MS State. They will each get a \$1500 scholarship. The Chapter is planning some meetings for the Fall, which includes talks on Clean Air Act 111(d) compliance, a tour of NuCor Steel, and the new EPA rules on coal fired power plants. Gary Rikard is the new Director of the MS Department of Environmental Quality.

E TN Chapter

No Report.

W/M TN Chapter

No Report.

Scholarship Committee

Pleas: The scholarship committee met this week (8/12/14). Two GA Tech students were selected for the Section scholarships. Twelve strong applicants from various schools resulted in a great list of candidates. The scholarship amounts are \$1200 each plus \$35 for student membership in the Association. Some discussion ensued about \$300 for travel expense as well as how travel expenses could be handled by the Section. There was a discussion about giving the students direct checks instead of having the scholarship be sent to the school. The board supported direct checks for now. The meeting registration fee for the winners will be waived for the day of the meeting; the AL Chapter will determine any fee for the rest of the meeting.

Membership

See consent agenda.

Young Professionals

Laura: There was a conference call with the GA YP members and got some good feedback on activities. There was good information on creating a YP committee at the Chapter level is a great way to get events planned.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. No new business.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. The checklist from the conference meeting minutes that involved the discussion for ideas/lessons learned from the Southern Section Conference. There was a discussion that once the checklist is finalized it can be posted on the website.

The next meeting is **scheduled during the Southern Section Conference (see Consent Agenda).**

The meeting was **adjourned** at approximately 1:59 p.m. CDT.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Pleas to arrange for notification of scholarship applicants. (DONE)
2. Shelley to write checks to two Section scholarship winners. (DONE)
3. AL Chapter (host) to determine student registration fee. (Done -- \$30 per day)

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Consent Agenda
Southern Section AWMA

Item #1: Secretary's Report and Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the July meeting have been posted on the Section web site.

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:** Membership reports from HQ are still unreliable. The best that Justice can tell it is at HQ with data entry. Records show that we have 230 members at the end of July (a loss of 2 members from June). However, we had 11 lapsed members, no new members, and 6 renewed. See the discrepancy?! No priority seems to be given at HQ in addressing this issue.

Item #4: Old Business

- c. **Check List for Host Chapters for planning Annual Meeting.** Attached is a check list prepared primarily by Christ Hurst, Section Vice Chair. It appears fairly complete but each of you should take a look to see whether you have additional items. Justice received feedback from two other people to whom he sent the December 2013 minutes. Their comments have been incorporated into this list. He will provide all persons who previously expressed an interest one last chance to provide additional input. After that the Board should decide how to handle this list for its maximum benefit.

Item #5: New Business

- a. Any?

Item #6: Next Meeting Date and Time

Next Meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2014 at 12 noon in Montgomery after the Annual Meeting.