

**Minutes**  
**Southern Section A&WMA Conference Call**  
**August 13, 2015**

**PRESENT:** Andrea Gardiner, Chris Hurst, Thomas Lotz, Maya Rao (late), Joan Sasine (late), Thomas Wideman, and Justice Manning

The meeting was called to order by Chris Hurst at 2:09 p.m. EDT.

**Consent Agenda:** No changes. Not approved. There was no quorum..

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$23,122.81</b>	
<b>Investment</b> CD at First Tennessee	\$10,368.96	
<b>Available Balance</b>	<b>\$12,753.85</b>	

There was a question about depositing checks from the AL Chapter. Chris H. will follow up with Shelley to determine what the status of the check depositing was.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Section**

The annual Southern Section Conference will be held next week. Additional topics in old and new business. Chris hopes to attend the Sections and Chapters Council (S&CC) meeting in AZ in September where he will follow up on several issues, including membership reporting.

**AL Chapter**

**Tom Lotz:** A regulatory update with A&WMA and ADEM will be held Sept 24, 2015. Also, a Barons Baseball dinner meeting will be held on August 26, 2015. (Both announcements are posted on the Section web site, [www.ss-awma.org](http://www.ss-awma.org).) The Chapter is working on the Articles of Incorporation in the State of AL. Chris stated that the Chapter Articles should state that they are part of the Southern Section of A&WMA. This will preclude the Chapter from having to file its own 501(c)(3) application.

**GA Chapter**

**Thomas:** Scholarship winners were selected. Winners were from UGA and Emory and at least one student will be at the conference. The focus has been on the conference at this time. A brown bag will be planned for later this year.

**MS Chapter**

No report.

**E TN Chapter**

No report.

**W/M TN Chapter**

**Andrea:** The Chapter is working on filing for tax exempt status with the State. There are plans to hold a waste regulatory update in the future. Also, the Chapter is working on Bridgestone and Jack Daniels Tours. A student scholarship was given out to Jian Sun.

### Education Committee

**Chris:** Chris provided the update for Pleas. Section Scholarships were given to Jian Sun of the University of TN, Knoxville, and James Hite of GA Tech.

### Membership

**Justice:** see Consent Agenda for the latest. Chris stated that there are issues with membership reporting from the National A&WMA staff.

### NEW BUSINESS

- a. Pleas moved, via email, that the Southern Section provide reimbursement for the lodging and registration fees for the scholarship winners without the funds to attend. There are two individuals who are interested in attending the conference but do not have the funds to do so. Also, there is another more affordable hotel to stay at for \$112 per night. Chris will send out an email with the motion to vote reimbursing lodging for the two students (three nights total), registration fees for three students, and the annual membership fee for the annual student membership for the two Section winners. The estimated costs would be approximately \$715. Thomas W. seconded the motion.

### OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Tours:** Kia auto manufacturing and a Browns Field site in the Columbus, GA area, are set up. 135-150 people are expected at the conference this year. All the final preparations are underway.
- b. **Tax Exempt Status:** Shelley Forbes notified the IRS about their requested modification of the Articles of Incorporation which Chris has submitted to the State of GA. The Section has not heard from the IRS. The hope is the information will satisfy the IRS and the status will be approved before the conference.
- c. **E. TN Jul 10<sup>th</sup> “Brown-Bag”** meeting and presentation was successful and well attended with about 25 people. Jimmy Johnston of TDEC will confirm an organizational membership to allow TDEC employees to be members at a reduced fee.

The **next meeting** is scheduled for Friday at noon **at the conclusion of the Southern Section Conference at Callaway Gardens.**

The meeting was **adjourned** at approximately 2:55 p.m. EDT.

### **Action Items:**

1. Chris will follow-up with Shelley about the checks from the AL Chapter.
2. Justice to send Chris the Section roster so he can check whether any of the E TN attendees have followed-up with joining A&WMA. (done)
3. Chris to forward an email ballot on the motion for scholarship winners' expenses. (done)

# August 13, 2015

## Consent Agenda Southern Section AWMA

### Item #1: Secretary's Report and Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the July Conference Call were sent to the Board on July 22 and were submitted to the web master on August 11 for posting.

### Item #2: Treasurer's Report (no updates since April)

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### 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:** The number of members at the end of July was 250, an increase of 3 during July. However, the data downloaded from the HQ web site continue to contain anomalies and no logical explanation seems to be available as to why member data seems so difficult to track. For example, we had 6 new members and only 4 of those members were assigned to a chapter. Another example is that all 4 members shown as letting their membership lapse were still on the rolls as of August 10.

### Item #4: Old Business

- a. The GA Chapter will provide an update on progress toward the **Annual Meeting** in Callaway Gardens August 19-21. Registration still is much lower than we need to support the speakers and vendors. Please talk it up by registering and inviting your friends to register also.
- b. **Tax Exempt Status:** The IRS contacted Shelley Forbes about the need to modify one clause in our Articles of Incorporation. Chris has made that change. Shelley must contact the IRS by August 14 confirming that the necessary changes have been made. All chapters also should incorporate within their state if they have not already done so to be eligible for tax exempt status, which generally is not allowed if a nonprofit is not incorporated. Filing for incorporation is rather painless but a fee is associated with the incorporation. TN is the most expensive.
- c. **E. TN Jul 10<sup>th</sup>** "Brown-Bag" meeting and presentation. Chris will give a summary of this meeting.

### Item #5: New Business

- a. See the latter part of "b." above for the reason for **incorporation**. If any Chapter needs guidance you may talk with Chris or Justice.

- b. Chris will provide a brief report on the continuing problems related to HQ reporting of members to the Chapters.
- c. Chris will provide input on the need for a Board meeting at the Annual Meeting as required in Article IX, Section 4.
- d. Other?

Item #6: Next Meeting Date and Time

The next Board meeting will be at the Annual Conference in Callaway. Details will be discussed during this call (see 5.c above).