

Message from the Chair

Phil Davis

Q: What do the Rolling Stones, Frank Lloyd Wright, B.A.S.S. fishing, Aretha Franklin, TVA, Helen Keller, Robert Trent Jones golf and the A&WMA Southern Section have in common?

A: All have made the Shoals of Alabama their "home" at one time or another.

The **Southern Section of the Air & Waste Management Association** is pleased to announce that the 2006 Annual Meeting and Technical Conference will be held at the Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa in Florence, Alabama, August 21 – 23. Located in the heart of the Southern Section in northwest corner of Alabama on the banks of the Tennessee River, the Shoals is less than a two hour drive from Birmingham, Nashville, Memphis and Tupelo, and less than four hours from Montgomery, Jackson, Atlanta and Chattanooga.

Located along the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail, the Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa has more than 200 guest rooms and suites, each with a private balcony and riverfront view, high-speed Internet access, separate shower and garden tub, large workspace, and refrigerator. The Marriott Shoals features three restaurants, including the rotating 360 atop the 22-story Renaissance Tower, a large, outdoor feature pool with water slide, a heated indoor pool and whirlpool, a fitness center and a 6000 square foot European-style spa and salon featuring professional massage therapists.

The Florence Convention Center, adjacent to the Marriott Shoals, will be the site of the Southern Section's technical presentations and exhibit hall. We anticipate approximately 200 environmental professionals and approximately 15 exhibitors at this year's conference.

A block of rooms is being held by the Marriott at the special conference rate of \$123 per night. A limited number of rooms are available at the government per diem rate of \$75 per night. For reservations, please contact the hotel at 866/746-2560 or online at www.marriottshoals.com. When making reservations by phone, please be sure to mention 'A&WMA' to receive the special rate or use group code 'awmawma' when making reservations via the internet.

If you would like more information on the 2006 Annual Meeting, please contact Phil Davis at 334/271-7755 or pdd@adem.state.al.us. If you are interested in making a presentation during the Technical Conference, please contact Corey Masuca at 205/930-1595 or Corey.Masuca@jcdh.org. For information on exhibit space or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Robbie Gray at 334/271-1445 ext.316 or John.Gray@CH2M.com.

See you in the Shoals area in August.

Phil

Notes from the Editor

Justice Manning

Results of the Officer ballot from December : We had only one "race," the director's position for Mississippi. First of all we thank Warren Page for his

many years of service as a director, and also his active participation in the Chapter. For that matter, we thank all the outgoing directors, Richard Lafond, Marlin

Gottschalk, and Ken Barrett. Ken is another one who has served long and well as a director from Alabama. Of course, he has been Section Chair and fulfilled other offices in the past, I understand. Rumor has it that he will be retiring before another term on the Board as a director would have expired.

Now, I've kept you in suspense long enough. Of the two candidates that we had vying for director from Mississippi, Pleas McNeel received the majority vote. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the **MS Chapter** for their reactivation to the point of having two well qualified candidates interested in serving their chapter as a director. I understand that Mike Collins, the other candidate, will serve his chapter as Treasurer. Thank you Mike. The **Section** needs more of that kind of *esprit de corps*.

Director Change: Since our last newsletter, September 2005, **Richard Lafond**, whom some of you met at the Annual Meeting in Nashville, has moved from Tennessee to New York. Thus, the Board had to fill the position of director for Tennessee, as provided in the bylaws. Upon recommendation and a motion from Luther Gibson, Chair, East TN Chapter, **Doug Warden** was suggested as a

replacement. The Board approved Doug unanimously. Doug is an employee of the State of Tennessee Dept. of Environment and Conservation, Division of Air Pollution Control. He was also Technical Chair for last year's Annual Meeting in Nashville, which was a huge success for those of you who were unable to make it. You can view the proceedings on our web site, www.ssawma.org, by clicking on the first link on the home page.

S&C CHAIRS: DID YOU KNOW...

...that materials to assist S&C's in managing administration and operations are available from the [A&WMA web page](#)? These "Quick Tutors" are located at the bottom of the S&C Resources area:
< <http://www.awma.org/members/sc/Default.asp?>>.

Remember you must be a member and login to have access to these tutorials. They should prove useful to new officers.

Board of Directors: The Board of Directors and contact information for the Southern Section is provided on the next page. One director is elected from each state by the members, the Chapter Chair of each Chapter, and the four officers elected by the membership compose your Board.

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For further information on the conference and exhibition, visit the [Web site](#) or contact Amy Klaus at (412) 232-3444, ext. 3119, or aklaus@awma.org.

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I'm still looking for persons willing to contribute news items/articles to the newsletter—your newsletter. What would you like to see in here. Are you satisfied? If not, your editor is willing to accept an article or news item from you! Yes, you saw it correctly—**YOU!!**

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