

Minutes of the SS A&WMA Board Lunch Meeting
Friday, September 12, 2014
Montgomery, AL

Attendees: Julie Aslinger, Arup Bandyopadhyay, Steven Burns, Chris Hurst, Tom Lotz, Shelby Stringfellow, and Justice Manning

Guests: Wade Bice, Debra Dawson, Tim Martin, Lynn Roper, Joseph Sanders, Scott Sanders, Larry Spann, and Thomas Wideman

No formal "Call to Order" was given for this informal Board lunch meeting, which began about 12:30 p.m. We began discussion while reviewing the menu, waiting for our food orders, and between other informal banter. Topics for which we need a record are presented below.

Meeting Attendance: A total between 180 - 190 persons registered for the Annual Meeting. The AL Dept. of Environmental Management was well represented with about 48 persons in attendance.

Survey of Attendees: The GA Chapter indicated that it would be surveying meeting attendees regarding where next year's meeting location is preferable. They would survey Southern Section members, also. They may ask the Chapters to send to other potential future attendees. They were curious if mailing lists would be available. Justice mentioned that he could provide the Southern Section mailing list. Scott mentioned that he had the attendee list for this year's meeting and could share it.

Ethics Session: A question was asked as to whether the Ethics session at this year's meeting was beneficial. Attendance was poor, about 2 or 3 persons. It seems that MS may be the only state with periodic ethics requirements, so holding such a session during other Chapters' hosting the Annual Meeting likely is not worth the effort.

Constant Contact: Shelby was impressed with the availability and use of the software that the AL Chapter used for this year's Annual Meeting. He will discuss its possible use in the future with the Section Board of Directors meeting on October 9, the Board's next call.

Scholarship: Steven announced that Sanders Engineering has pledged \$3,000, up front, to the AL Chapter for student scholarship awards for future years.

Everyone enjoyed their lunch with the meeting concluding about 1:45 p.m. The above attendees appreciate the Section hosting this luncheon.

Notes taken by Justice A. Manning, P.E.