



**AIR & WASTE MANAGEMENT
ASSOCIATION**

MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER
SOUTHERN SECTION

**March Board Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2024, 12:30 PM CST**

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order by Carla Brown at 12:34 p.m.
2. **Roll Call (5 of 8 board members must be present for a quorum.)** – Carla Brown, Haley Roberts, Michelle Vinson, Abram Orlansky, and Betty Ruth Fox were present. Andrew McMeans (non-board member) was also in attendance.
3. **Approval of February 2024 Minutes** – Michelle made a motion to approve the February minutes; Haley seconded.
4. **Treasurer's Report** – Ryan Ozment was not present. Balance is \$16,481.17.
5. **Committee Chair Business**
 - a. **Membership Committee** – 43 current members. Carla touched base with three who are typically active and may have overlooked renewal.
 - b. **Program Committee** –
 - 11th Annual Air Workshop set for Wednesday, April 17. Registration is available and free for board members. Due to some miscommunication with Trinity, some or all Board members may have been registered for in-person attendance. If you were registered and need to change an option (e.g., virtual instead of in-person), let Carla know. Everyone was good with Local 463 catering and thought it best to do the blue-plate lunch with a catfish option. Betty Ruth made a motion to approval expenditures of \$25 per person on catering the lunch; Michelle seconded the motion.
 - Sonya Betker of Stantec will provide a webinar on zero landfill goals and TRUE (Total Resource Use and Efficiency) Certification on Wednesday, March 27. Haley pointed out that this falls on the same date as A&WMA's webinar on the new PM-2.5 NAAQS, but we will keep ours on the books since this webinar targets waste folks.
 - **New member benefit!** All A&WMA members in good standing will receive one free live or recorded webinar (\$99/1.5 hours or \$169/2 hours) per membership year. Your membership must be current at the time of the webinar. (<https://www.awma.org/webinars>) The Chapter will promote this new membership benefit since it is equivalent to the cost of some or all of membership dues. Haley indicated you have to complete a form a few days in advance to take advantage of this.
 - c. **Young Professionals Committee** – Andrew McMeans, with Sterling Specialty Chemicals, attended and will potentially be able to offer a tour of his facility to the MSU Student Chapter and other interested members. He will let Carla know if he is interested in serving as YP Chair.
 - d. **Publications Committee** – Carla is working with Ryan on flyers and hopes to post more to both the website and Linked In.
 - e. **Science Fair Committee** – Carla asked for names or pictures of winners. Haley indicated that many of those attending the Coast fair put away their projects or even left prior to the awards, making obtaining pictures more difficult. Her fair also ran long (i.e., awards were made at 2:00 p.m.).
 - f. **Finance Committee** – See *Treasurer's report*.

- g. **Scholarship Committee** – Betty Ruth has downloaded a lot of guidance/documentation regarding how to provide scholarships as a non-profit in Mississippi. She indicated she should have a recommendation by the next meeting. Carla offered to read through any documentation as well, if needed.

6. Other Business

- a. **Leadership Training Academy** - <https://www.awma.org/LTA> (Pittsburg, PA; April 19-21 (Fri-Sun). No interested from MS Chapter expressed at this time.
 - b. **Annual Report** – Completed 3/6/24. Directors and Officers insurance will no longer be provided by A&WMA International. Betty Ruth suggested we get a copy of our policy and see if it is something we should provide.
 - c. **Southern Section Conference** – The Southern Section meeting was postponed to Thursday, so no new information is available.
 - d. **Good and welfare**
- 7. Adjourn** – The next meeting is scheduled for noon on April 9, 2024 via Zoom. Carla adjourned the meeting at 1:03 p.m.