

Minutes
Southern Section A&WMA Conference Call
January 14, 2016

PRESENT: Wade Bice, Betty Ruth Fox, Andrea Gardiner, Tom Lotz, Pleas McNeel, Maya Rao, Joan Sasine, and Don Sodersten

The meeting was called to order by Maya at 2:33 p.m. CDT.

Secretaries Report: Joan made motion to approve the meeting minutes a quorum. (see attached).

Consent Agenda: No changes; Joan made motion to approve the meeting minutes a quorum (see attached).

TREASURER'S REPORT :

Total Funds	\$19,582.30
Investment CD at First Tennessee	\$10,368.96
Available Balance	\$9,213.34

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Section

No Report.

AL Chapter

Wade Bice: The Chapter is working on 501 c(3) donation applications. They are planning to have their 501 c(3) paperwork completed and submitted soon. The ballot for officers will go out officer elections soon. The January meeting was delayed due to traffic preventing members from attending and a quorum was not present. The meeting was moved to January 26, 2016.

GA Chapter

Joan: Since Joan is both director and chair, a second person from the GA Chapter was nominated to participate in Section board meetings (Cynthia Walaitis.). The GA chapter is still resolving the issues with the financials of the Southern Section Annual Meeting in September 2015. Based on exemption filing, the IRS monies should be coming back to the Chapter. On January 29, 2016, there will be a Chapter board meeting at 10:30 am and an all members meeting at noon to discuss the redevelopment of Fort Gilliam. The next brown bag is planned for March 2016. Kim Sanders, with Weston Solutions, was selected as the Chapter's brown bag chair for 2016. Plans are underway to prepare for the regulatory conference in April 2016.

MS Chapter

Betty Ruth: The first Chapter meeting for 2016 was held in January. The Southern Section Annual Meeting will be held September 20-23, 2016. The Chapter is working on establishing committees. Three days of brown bags will be held in April 2016. These will be held in partnership with the Department of Natural Resources and the MS Bar Association.

E TN Chapter
No Report.

W/M TN Chapter

Don: On December 10, 2015 A&WMA's webinar on vapor intrusion was held at AMEC's Nashville office with about 12 people. The Chapter is working on meetings/brown bags for this year. The Chapter is working with the TDEC directors for air and waste to present during brown bags this year. Andrea Gardiner was nominated to the position of Vice Chair from TN for the Southern Section board. If elected, Kelley Spence is interested in the taking the position of Southern Section Secretary.

Education Committee

Pleas: The Section needs to figure out what they would like to do for scholarships in 2016. This will be discussed next meeting.

Young Professionals

No Report. Maya has a potential YP candidate. Laura McCarthy is a new active member of the MS Chapter. Maya nominated Laura. Don approve the nomination and Wade seconded the nomination.

Membership

See **Consent Agenda for the latest.**

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discuss the scholarships for 2016.
- b. Maya: Since there is a conflict for the Thursday meeting time, , Maya proposed a meeting third Wednesday at 2:30 CST. This was approved by the board.
- c. Maya will ask Dallas for information on the 2016 National A&WMA Conference in Louisiana this summer.
- d. A new Vice Chair needs to be elected.
- e. A new Young Professionals Chair needs to be selected.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Website – Pleas talked to the webmaster. The webmaster was still interested in working with the Southern Section. Also, he could help with registration for the conferences. This would allow for standardization of the process. Also, there is interest in sprucing up the website. The plan is to set up a meeting with the webmaster. Get a proposal so update the website and also set up a means to accept registration for the conference.
- b. A new Vice Chair needs to be elected.
- c. A new Young Professionals Chair needs to be selected.
- d. Roster of 2016 Southern Section Board Members has been compiled and will be sent out to the Board.

The **next meeting** is scheduled February 17, 2016 at 2:30 pm (CST).

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

Action Items:

1. Pleas/Maya to set up a meeting with the webmaster and let the board know.