

Minutes
Southern Section A&WMA Conference Call
March 11, 2015

PRESENT: Dallas Baker, Tom Busmann, Andrea Gardiner, Chris Hurst, Laura James, Pleas McNeel, Maya Rao, Joan Sasine, Don Sodersten, Thomas Wideman, & Justice Manning

The meeting was called to order by Chris Hurst at 2:06 p.m. EDT.

Consent Agenda: No changes. Approved as is (see attached).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Total Funds	\$28,795.28
Investment CD at First Tennessee	\$10,358.60
Available Balance	\$18,426.32

We received the AL Chapter check for the September 2014 conference and 159 associate members. Total check received = \$8218.08. We also received minimal interest on the CD (\$10.36).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Section

Please keep Chris up to date on chapter activities so that he can try and attend.

AL Chapter

No Update.

GA Chapter

Thomas: The annual regulatory update was held in March. Over 80 people attended. Plans are in the works for a May/Summer brown-bag, but no date has been set yet. The Chapter is planning to send a few students to the Annual A&WMA Conference in Raleigh, NC in June. There was a student and YP sushi social on March 11th. It was not as well attended as planned, but there are plans to do another social in the near future. The student chapter held a presentation/meeting with Dallas Baker as the speaker via teleconference in March. The student chapter continues to have professional representatives come in each month for their meetings to present on different topics.

MS Chapter

Maya: The regulatory conference is coming up in about two weeks, April 21; a flyer is on the Section web site. A tour to Southwire Company in Starkville, MS on March 24 was well attended, including a nice mix of A&WMA representation from business and government sectors. There was a presentation on how they have become a zero-waste facility. The event also provided a good way for North MS members to connect. Kevin Kowalewski has been appointed Young Professional Chair for the MS chapter. As a sponsor of the Annual Conference in Raleigh, the chapter received two tickets, which they are going to use as a membership outreach/drive event.

E TN Chapter

Tom Busmann: There was a good turnout for the meeting that Chris attended on March 27. There is an opportunity to help revive the chapter. An attempt is being made to schedule another meeting in May/June time period.

W/M TN Chapter

Don: A social and talk on Climate Change is planned on April 30, 2015 at the Vanderbilt University Club. An ozone meeting is planned for May (it had been canceled earlier due to weather). There are still plans to have a tour of Jack Daniels in June. As for vacant positions, the plan is for the Chapter to have elections for a vice chair and other positions in the fall. Also, the Chapter has formed a speaker's committee to help with reaching out to potential speakers.

Education Committee

Pleas: MS Chapter is working on the amount for their chapter scholarships. There will be a vote on the amount later this week. Once that is complete an announcement on the Section scholarship competition will be sent (targeting end of week April 11).

Young Professionals

Laura: MS has appointed a new YP chair (see Chapter report). Justice is to send contact information for the AL Chapter YP Chair, Tim Martin. Once Laura receives all contact information she plans to have a call with the YP Chairs, AL, GA, & MS.

Membership

Justice: See consent agenda. Analysis to be done and notices sent.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Chris encouraged as many Section members to participate in the **A&WMA ACE** meeting to be held in Raleigh, NC **June 22-25**. Early registration, with the opportunity to save on the registration fee, ends on May 20. Location is about as convenient as it will get for some members unless it is held in the Southern Section again.
- b. **Executive Director Change** (See announcement attached to meeting notice): **Dallas** presented an update on the change. Jim Powell resigned for personal and professional reasons. Stephanie Glyptis was nominated for the job and most paperwork is complete. A compensation committee was developed to negotiate a mutually acceptable package for Stephanie's new position.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Leadership Training Academy:** MS is sending Pleas McNeel and Ryan Ozment (new secretary). GA has not determined who would be going. M/W TN is not sending anyone this year.
- b. MS has not made much progress with the student chapter work at MS State, but is planning to do some outreach this summer. Laura talked with a couple of persons during the Chapter tour to Southwire. Pleas is still working on trying to find a way to develop specific interest in the Jackson State student chapter. An update on efforts to update the MS **student chapters** will be reported later this year.
- c. The GA Chapter reports that the **Section Annual Meeting in Callaway Gardens August 19-21** is coming together nicely. Jud Turner, Alan Farmer, and Beverly Bannister, all U.S. EPA, Region 4, will be speakers at the conference. Registration

should open soon (April 15). GA Chapter asked if the W/M TN Chapter could reach out to the TDEC for the air regulatory update. Justice also said he could help make contact with Barry Stephens. Maya said that if necessary that she could contact Robert Martineau, Commissioner, TN Department of Environment and Conservation. Justice recommended that a draft agenda be sent out soon to help with registration, especially for the vendors. Chris stated that a draft agenda was sent with the Vendor and Sponsor package sent last month. The GA Chapter is looking for students for a poster presentation with a potential award. Students from chapters other than GA Tech are invited also. Justice to send Thomas AL Chapter contact, Tim Martin. Pleas offered to send out this information with the scholarship letter/contact out to universities. **Chris urges all Board members to continually support attendance at the Annual Meeting by mentioning it to vendors and corporations, anyone!**

- d. Tax Exempt Status: No activity since the last conference call.
- e. E TN chapter meeting went well. Chris is trying to get another meeting coordinated for May with a TDEC speaker. The people that attended would like to continue meetings.
- f. Science Fair participation and interest within the Section will be determined. Pleas attended the MS science fair as a judge. Pleas is concerned about the science fair projects reviewed were not very good and the students appear to not be getting help early on. Pleas thought that chapters could do outreach to schools to help them with their experimental design. Pleas wants to get a committee together to discuss this further and develop a strategy for awards next year. Pleas is going to reach out during the Leadership Conference to see if anyone has insight to this. Pleas will send out an interest email in the near future.
- g. Annual Reports were due by March 31. A report on the status from each Chapter and the Section will be given. All chapters have submitted their reports except for MS (which will be done today). Justice to determine status of Section report with Shelby.

The **next call** is scheduled for May 13, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. EDT.

The meeting was **adjourned** at approximately 3:08 p.m. EST.

Action Items:

1. Justice to get contact info for AL Chapter YP Chair and Student Chapter liaison to Laura and Thomas. (**DONE.**)
2. GA Chapter to continue finalizing registration and the agenda for the Annual Meeting. Registration information should be available by mid-April. Send to Justice for posting.
3. E TN Chapter to try to schedule another meeting in May. Several E TN members were tasked with trying to identify a speaker. Chris Hurst will reach out to Jimmy Johnston who has recently started with the state agency air group to speak to this chapter (**Done-**Awaiting travel authorization from Richard)
4. MS Chapter to continue efforts to revive student chapters at Jackson State and MS State.
5. Laura to schedule call with YP Chairs
6. Pleas to finalize package for Section scholarship applications and distribute at his earliest convenience as this is running a little late.

7. Justice to check with Shelby regarding Section 2014 Annual Report, including asking Shelley to mail check for insurance.

April 8, 2015
Consent Agenda
Southern Section AWMA

Item #1: Secretary's Report and Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the March Conference Call were submitted to the web master for posting on April 6.

Item #2: Treasurer's Report

Total Funds	\$28,795.28
Investment CD at First Tennessee	\$10,368.96
Available Balance	\$18,426.32

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:** Membership decreased by one member during February; membership is now at 241. As soon as he completes the application for tax exempt status Justice will evaluate membership data from HQ to determine if numbers are consistent. In addition, he will follow-up with lapsed members, which was reported as eleven during March.

Item #4: Old Business

- a. Chris will attempt to obtain a good count of how many new officers are planning to attend the LTA in Pittsburgh later this month.
- b. An update on efforts to update the MS student chapters will be reported.
- c. The GA Chapter will provide an update on progress toward the Annual Meeting in Callaway Gardens August 19-21.
- d. Tax Exempt Status: No activity since the last conference call.
- e. Chris will provide an update on his meeting with the E TN Chapter on March 27.
- f. Science Fair participation interest will be determined.
- g. Annual Reports were due by March 31. A report on the status from each Chapter and the Section will be given.

Item #5: New Business

- a. Participation by the Southern Section in the International A&WMA Conference (ACE) to be held in Raleigh, NC will be discussed.
- b. See attached announcement for change in leadership of A&WMA.
- c. Other?

Item #6: Next Meeting Date and Time

The next conference call is scheduled for **May 13, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. EDT** (1 p.m. CDT).