

## Notes from the Editor

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A list of Section **officers** and Board members for 2012 is listed in the attached roster. Contact information is provided so that if you have a question regarding activities of the Association at any level (Chapter, Section, or International) you will know how to get in touch with your representative. **Julie Aslinger**, M/W TN Chapter, served only one year of her elected two year term as Secretary. Lest you get the wrong impression, she is still a dedicated and active member of the Section and Association, serving you as Vice Chair for this year. That means that she will be **Chair for 2013** when her Chapter is host for the Annual technical meeting. Not only is she active, she recruited her replacement for Secretary, **Andrea Gardiner**.

Speaking of the Annual Meeting, we had a very good meeting in Callaway Gardens, GA in August 2011. The Chair of the GA Chapter, **Benjamin Sessions**, and his committee completed the meeting and Benjamin moved out of state. He now resides in Florida but is still working on sustainability. Benjamin also was selected as one of two A&WMA Young Engineers of the Year last year. Of course, no Annual Meeting is successful without the enthusiastic participation of many of our members as **vendors** or **sponsors**, some of whom are not even in our Section. Further down in this newsletter you will find those vendors, with pictures, who honored us with their presence last year. When you need some type service, please check with representatives of these companies to see how they can help you.

We look forward to the Annual Meeting this year to be held in **Biloxi, MS at the Beau Rivage Resort and Casino on September 11 – 14, 2012**, hosted by the MS Chapter. Their chair, **Maya Rao**, and her leadership team have been working diligently with much information, such as Invitation to Exhibit, motel registration (an excellent rate of \$99 per night, double or single), and registration for the meeting, posted on the Section web site, [www.ss-awma.org/annual.php](http://www.ss-awma.org/annual.php). Additional information regarding the Annual Meeting, e.g., the agenda, will be posted on the Section web site so check in occasionally to determine the status of the meeting. In the meantime, please **mark you calendar for September 11 – 14, 2012**.

Our section membership seems to have stabilized to some extent, but below the 300 member level; it seems to fluctuate between about 250 to 280 members. However, that level of stability is barely enough to sustain a viable Section. **Your** assistance is needed as you meet with your clients, colleagues, and friends of the environment to invite and encourage them to become active members. Your experience provides some of the best testimonials for outlining the benefits of membership. I found this year that personal contact is the best way to encourage persons to join or to renew a lapsed membership. The reason for mentioning “friends of the environment” is to remind you that a person does NOT have to be a professional environmental worker or a technical person to be eligible for membership in the A&WMA. In addition to personal testimonials, a list of benefits of membership may be found at <http://www.awma.org/Public/MemberServices/Public/MemberServices.aspx>. We need enthusiastic members of all persuasions to keep our perspectives balanced.

Many opportunities to become involved at the international or local level exist. These can be found on the A&WMA web site, <http://www.awma.org/Public/MemberServices/Participate in A WMA/Public/member participate.aspx?hkey=48acd931-17ce-4f14-a2d4-9818c968d73e>. Or, as mentioned earlier, to become active at the local level contact your Chapter officers or Board representative, or contact me, [jmanning1@bellsouth.net](mailto:jmanning1@bellsouth.net). At the international level these opportunities are housed in one of four councils of the Association, viz., Technical Council, Sections & Chapters Council, Education Council, and Young Professionals Advisory Council, the newest Council.

I save the best two items for last. The **first** has to do with one of our members and her family becoming involved in extremely worthwhile activities outside the A&WMA. I have included an article about **Joan Sasine** and her **daughter, Hailey**, who initiated a “one of a kind” camp for people with special needs, **Camp Twitch and Shout**. The **next** has to do with the Southern Section providing excellent leadership at the international level. I just mentioned **Joan Sasine’s** work with people with special

needs. She has served on the Board of Directors of A&WMA in the past, is a Section Board member, is still active as Program Chair for her Chapter, and her company hosts many of the chapter meetings. We have another member of the International Board serving from the Southern Section right now, **Dallas Baker**. Dallas has provided excellent leadership to the Association as well as to his chapter where he serves as Secretary. You will see him quite a bit in Biloxi in September if you attend.

These two items lead me to the opportunity to announce that we have another member, **Ron Farley**, who was the Section Chair in 2010, who has been selected by the Nominating Committee as a **candidate** for the **A&WMA Board of Directors** beginning in 2013 for a 3 year term if he is elected. Association bylaws preclude any of us campaigning for Ron but we can draw his **candidacy** to your attention.

## Section Member Part of Humanitarian Camp

(Note: Information in this article was gleaned from a community newspaper, *Fulton County Daily Report*, in the Atlanta metropolitan area earlier this year. Joan Sasine provided the photograph.)



Joan Sasine, left front, and Hailey Sasine, front 2<sup>nd</sup> right, with other Sasines

**Joan Sasine**, a long time Section/Association member, including formerly an International Board member, continues her concern for humanitarian activity as well as the environment. An article that appeared in the *Fulton County Daily Report* earlier this year outlines some of these efforts. When Mr. & Mrs. Sasine's daughter, Hailey, was 11 years old she had great difficulty recovering from a cough that caused her parents great concern. In sticking with the need for a diagnosis they were eventually told that Hailey had Tourette's syndrome (TS). Because of unpredictable tics associated with this illness had trouble being accepted in regular groups of her peers whether at home or in school. However, with appropriate treatment parental concern, nurturing, and allowing the appropriate freedom, Hailey finished the University of Georgia with a degree in special education, which is where her efforts are spent now.

The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke defines Tourette syndrome as a neurological disorder characterized by repetitive, stereotyped, involuntary movements and vocalizations called tics. The symptoms can improve in young adulthood but often last a lifetime.

However, the interesting part of this story is the concern the Sasines had for other children with this illness. Having experienced all the ramifications of this illness first hand during Hailey's maturing years the Sasines wondered if they couldn't "make a difference" in **other** young people's lives. They continued parental efforts with Hailey through middle and high school, summer camps and college while exploring opportunities and ways to assist others with this illness. That takes us to **Camp Twitch and Shout!** Hailey had worked at a camp in north Georgia for children with muscular dystrophy and finally asked the camp administration about the possibility of having a camp for TS. They obliged and in 2009 the first camp was held. They had between 40 to 50 campers at this first camp. It now has between 115 and 120; camp capacity is 150. Possibly the most interesting aspect of this camp is that it is the **ONLY** week long camp for TS in the United States. Campers come from 29 states with 2 full time nurses, a doctor, and 65 volunteers, 12 of whom are Sasines, with **Hailey serving as the Director**. Joan, our member, is the chief gopher and Mom!!

# 2011 Annual Meeting

Callaway Gardens, GA August 2-5, 2011

## Exhibitors at our Annual Meeting were:

Accutest, Hickory, TN  
Allied Energy, Birmingham, AL  
Baseline-MOCON, Inc., Lyons, CO  
ENTEC Services, Inc., Birmingham, AL  
ERM – Southeast, Kennesaw, GA  
Golder Associates, Atlanta, GA  
Highland Technical Services, Inc., B'ham,

AL  
M&C Tech Group, Springhill, TN  
MKC Enterprises, Doraville GA  
Spectrum Systems, Inc., Pensacola, Florida  
STI Cems Services, Waldron, AR  
Trinity Consultants, Atlanta, GA

Following are some candid shots of our exhibitors at last year's meeting. Would you like to be in a future issue of the newsletter?



Todd Beasley, ACCUTEST & Gary Blackmon



Herb Jernigan, AEC & Dallas Baker



Rick Martinson, Baseline-MOCON, David Schilson, & Barry Stephens



Maria Zufall & Lynn Beane, ENTEC Services



Jim Scott, Scott Kirby, **ERM**, Hunter Sartain, **ERM** & Drew Mathias, **ERM**



Roy Vincik, **M&C Tech Group**, Eric Flowers, & Greg Braswell, **M&C**



Jeffrey Muffat, **A&WMA** President, Amy Addison, Mike Smalley, & Stephen Descher, **GOLDER**



Barry Stephens & Steve Lindsay, **MKC**



Ron Farley, Jessica Waldrop, **HTS**, and Billy Cooch, **Highland Technical Services**



Richard Blanchard, **Spectrum Systems**



Jim McNamara, Wade Day, **STI President**, & Tracy Williams, **STI**



Justin Fickas, **Trinity Consultants**, & Colin McCall

The Southern Section, A&WMA, takes this opportunity to once again express our sincere appreciation to the **Exhibitors** who contributed so effectively to the success of the 2011 Annual Technical Conference and Meeting at Callaway Gardens, GA. **THANK YOU!!**

Here is another reminder that the **2012 Annual Meeting** will be held at the **Beau Rivage Resort and Casino in Biloxi, MS**. The dates will be **September 11-14, 2012**. You may see more details on the SS web site, [www.ss-awma.org/annual.php](http://www.ss-awma.org/annual.php). If you have questions, want to exhibit, present a paper, or to help in other ways, you may contact Dallas Baker or Maya Rao or one of the committee with the MS Chapter. Appropriate contact information for various opportunities is within the respective posting on the web site link referenced above, or in the Board roster below (p.6).

## Continuing Education Opportunities

<a href="#">select</a>	5/1/2012	Shale Development: Air Quality Permitting Challenges And Com	Webinar
<a href="#">select</a>	5/10/2012	Understanding Today's Clean Air Act Permit Programs Workshop	Atlanta GA
<a href="#">select</a>	6/19/2012	2012 Annual Conference & Exhibition	San Antonio TX



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