



**AIR & WASTE MANAGEMENT
ASSOCIATION**

MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER
SOUTHERN SECTION

**February Board Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2021, 12:00 PM CST**

1. Call to Order

- 2. Roll Call:** Gene Wasson, Rebekah Phyfer, Abram Orlansky, Carla Brown, John Kwoka, Robert Mills, Allison Casey, Amy Vickery, Laura James, Pleas McNeel

(Quorum Present)

3. Approval of January 2021 Minutes

John Kwoka made a motion to approve minutes for January 2021. Allison Casey seconded. All were in favor.

4. Treasurer's Report

John reported a current balance of \$9,686.17, a negligible change. John mentioned that the bank has indicated they will start assessing a \$10 monthly fee for inactivity on our account. Pleas suggested calling someone at the bank to waive this.

5. Committee Chair Assignments/Business

- a. **Membership Committee** – Amy provided an update of 40 current members. (One member did not renew in January and likely will not since he has retired.)
- b. **Program Committee** – Carla is awaiting the setup of a Zoom account to host webinars. She mentioned a brown bag with Jennifer Milner (MS Recycling Coordinator), and Montrose Env. was also interested in a possible brown bag presentation. Also, an industry-targeted brown bag on Plywood and Composite MACT standard would be timely (to follow up with Allison Casey on this).

Southern Section has started a Program Committee aimed to help share such events across the Southern Section states. One brown bag Georgia is hosting will be emailed to our members soon. (See more on AWMA Air Workshop below.)
- c. **Publications Committee** – Need to update website as soon as we are good with Southern Section dates. Send email with Georgia brown bag to members.
- d. **Finance Committee** – John Kwoka agreed to being the head of this committee.
- e. **Young Professional Committee** – An email still needs to be sent to all members to see if anyone is interested in heading up this committee.
- f. **Science Fair Committee** – Robert Mills has not heard back from the contact for the state science fair regarding whether any or all fairs will be held virtually. There are some Amazon gift cards left over from last year. If we can find contacts for the fair, we can ask them to make a decision on the award rather than us participate this year.
- g. **Scholarship Committee** – Gene indicated there may be some stringent stipulations on non-profits awarding scholarships. He will inquire about this further. In general, if we need to make a change to the bylaws or can tackle this issue now and just repeat in following years, we definitely would like to pursue awarding scholarships.

6. Other Business

- a. **A&WMA Air Workshop:** Maya has indicated Trinity Consultants is willing to co-sponsor an Air Workshop probably in April and can host it on their virtual meeting platform. We believe a two-hour session over two days would be appropriate. We typically have MDEQ representatives speak on air quality, permitting and compliance and enforcement. If there are other air topics members have an interest in, let Carla know. Also, let Carla know if there are known conflicts for dates in late April.
- b. **A&WMA Southern Section Call:** Amy indicated the call was mainly focused on coordinating program efforts across the states, such as brown bags.
- c. **MS Chapter Business Entity:** Brunini is in the process of preparing/filing the paperwork to register the MS Chapter as a non-profit, which will hopefully be complete in a week or so.
- d. **Southern Section Conference:** The Beau Rivage is holding Sept. 20-22 (Mon-Wed) for us. Carla will talk to our contact regarding whether there are stipulations or allowances for not meeting the food/beverage or room minimums due to uncertainty with COVID. Amy has a list of all the Southern Section members such that we can create a quick survey to see how likely they would be to attend the conference.

Regarding the required liability insurance stipulated in the contract with Beau, the MS Chapter can get \$1 million in general liability insurance coverage under the A&WMA Int'l per indicating such on the Annual Report.

Information concerning planning and the past conferences we've hosted are available on Dropbox. Please let Carla know if you cannot access this and also continue thinking on topics. Below is a list from last year of those who indicated interest in helping to plan the conference. Carla will touch base with those not on the Board to ensure they can still attend/help this year.

- e. **Annual Report:** Carla will check with Anna Chappell regarding the Annual Report. (Update: Anna has not seen it yet.)
- f. **PayPal Account:** Amy Vickery made a motion to approve obtaining a PayPal account. John Kwoka seconded. All were in favor. This will be done once we are registered with the SOS.

7. Adjourn (Next meeting scheduled for noon on March 9, 2021)

SS Conference Committee - Subject to Change		
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