

Minutes
Southern Section A&WMA Conference Call
January 23, 2013

PRESENT: Julie Aslinger, Arup Bandyopadhyay, Dallas Baker, Laura Burt, Shelley Forbes, Andrea Gardiner, Richard Holland, Elizabeth Keen, Mary Ann Keon, Tom Lotz, Pleas McNeel, Maya Rao, Joan Sasine, Larry Spann, Shelby Stringfellow, & Justice Manning

The meeting was called to order by Julie Aslinger at approximately 1:07 p.m. CDT.

Consent Agenda: A minor change was made to the Treasurer's report to omit a duplicate Associate membership fee. Then it was approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Total Funds	\$14,497.10
Investment CD at First Tennessee	\$10,332.79
Available Balance	\$4,164.31

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Section

All section board members were introduced.

AL Chapter

2012 was a busy year for the chapter. Constitution and bylaws were amended, which still must be approved by the Section Board; awarded two undergraduate scholarships; awarded cash prizes to 2 elementary school science teachers; and held a few dinner meetings. 2013 is the year for the ADEM/A&WMA regulatory update meeting. The Chapter has begun planning for the 2014 Southern Section Annual meeting. Also, the first issue of a chapter newsletter was published for the first time in a few years. Next quarterly newsletter should be out the end of January.

GA Chapter

The Chapter's carbon capture brownbag lunch of January 11 was a success. Next brownbag will be on March 15 on the Atlanta 1917 fire and the contamination from it. The Chapter regulatory update conference is planned for April 16.

MS Chapter

The Mississippi Chapter is planning lunch brownbag meetings every other month. The next one is January 30. The Southern Section Annual Conference for last year was successful. The Chapter will be holding an Air 101 permitting conference in Jackson in April.

E TN Chapter

No report.

W/M TN Chapter

The Section had a membership meeting in December where they discussed the upcoming conference. The Section is working on recruiting members to help with the conference.

Education Committee

Pleas is getting scholarship forms together for submittal to the Southern Section Colleges. He will send them out to the Board for review once complete and once it has been established how much money can be given out for scholarships.

Membership

We need to work on recruiting members. The numbers are down and thus, the Section membership fees are also down. See Consent Agenda.

Young Professionals

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Pleas will send out the expense spreadsheet for the Mississippi Chapter's meeting to help with planning.

The Mississippi Chapter was given the 2012 Unit Award from the International AWMA. A ribbon commemorating their achievement is posted on the Section web site, www.ss-awma.org.

OLD BUSINESS

Justice spoke with the IRS about tax issues. There are no tax issues with collecting fees for job postings if the Board decides to do so. As long as no profit is realized the tax-exempt status of the Southern Section would not be affected.

Next Call: The next call is **scheduled for February 14, 2012 for 1 p.m. CST (2 p.m. EST).**

The meeting was **adjourned** at approximately 2:00 p.m. CST.

ACTION Items:

1. W/M TN Chapter to finalize forms for the 2013 Annual meeting to be hosted by them. Exhibitors are the group that needs such information sooner than the average member.
2. Justice to provide a list of Southern Section Young Professional members to Laura. (Done)
3. Pleas to provide a copy of the revenue/expense spreadsheet from the 2012 Annual Meeting to the W/M TN Chapter for use in next year's planning. (Done: He sent it to whole Board on January 23, 2013.)
4. A Review Committee for Job Postings needs to be established/appointed.

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Consent Agenda Southern Section AWMA

Item #1: Secretary's Report and Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the November meeting were distributed on December 1 for comment, with a request to return any corrections/comments/suggestions no later than December 10. The December minutes have been posted as distributed.

Item #2: End of CY 2012 Treasurer's report:

Total Funds	\$14,507.10
Investment CD at First Tennessee	\$10,332.79
Available Balance	\$4,174.31

Item #3: Committee Reports

1. [Section report by Chair]
2. [Alabama Chapter]
3. [GA Chapter report]
4. [MS Chapter report]
5. [E TN Chapter report]
6. [W/M TN Chapter report]
7. **Education/Scholarship:**
8. **Membership report:** Membership numbers continue to fluctuate. As of January 7, 2013, we had **236 members**, down by 5 since October 31, 2012. Lapsed and renewed member records at HQ are very inconsistent with current membership lists. The new Executive Director states that the membership situation and upgrading the User Friendliness of the web site are his two top priorities. Nevertheless, membership continues to need more attention from all Section members, but especially from the Board and chapter officers.

Item #4: Old Business

2. The Section Annual Report was filed on December 19, 2012. The Section has not had an extra million \$ liability insurance coverage for the last two (possibly 3) years because the annual report has not been filed by the time the insurance is due, which is July of the year following the reporting period. For example, we would have had to submit our 2011 report along with the insurance premium by July 1 to be covered.
3. MS Chapter will have opportunity to make any final statements; debriefing completed and books closed.
 - c. Inquiry regarding the identification of persons accessing job postings and whether charging for job postings will affect (compromise) our tax exempt status.

Item #5: New Business

- a. Knol has posted the MS Chapter officer update but the chapter award logo did not go through; I have made a second attempt to get it to him for posting.

Item #6: Next Meeting Date and Time

Next CALL to be decided by Board during this call.