



**AIR & WASTE MANAGEMENT
ASSOCIATION**

MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER
SOUTHERN SECTION

**January Board Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2021, 12:00 PM CST**

1. Call to Order

- 2. Roll Call:** Gene Wasson, Rebekah Phyfer, Abram Orlansky, Carla Brown, Robert Mills, Allison Casey, Anna Chappell, Laura James

(Quorum Present)

3. Approval of December 2020 Minutes

Robert Mills made a motion to approve minutes for December 2020. Rebekah Phyfer seconded. All were in favor.

4. Treasurer's Report

John was not present at the meeting but reported a current balance of \$9,685.76, a negligible change.

5. Committee Chair Assignments/Business

- a. **Membership Committee** – (Promote growth by soliciting members and make regular reports of membership.) – Amy Vickery is willing to continue to serve in this role. Currently, we have 41 members.
- b. **Program Committee** – (Formerly referred to as Technical Committee. Secure speakers and arrange/present programs for technical meetings. Previously headed by Karen Shea.) Carla Brown will head up this committee. Rebekah forwarded an email regarding someone from Montrose reaching out to schedule a brownbag.
- c. **Publications Committee** – (Send emails to members/ mailing list, update website, LinkedIn, etc.) – Leah Drinnon is willing to continue heading this committee.
- d. **Finance Committee** (Maintain a record of revenues and expenses and recommended budget.) – We do not see a need for this committee except during the year we host the Southern Section Conference.
- e. **Young Professional Committee** – Evan Gay will roll off as this committee head. An email will be sent to all members to see if anyone is interested in heading up this committee.
- f. **Science Fair Committee** – Robert Mills volunteered to head this committee up if there is a need for it this year.
- g. **Scholarship Committee** – Laura James will continue to head this committee.

6. Other Business

- a. **A&WMA Chapter Board Elections:** The members voted for Abram Orlansky to serve as Vice-Chair and Allison Casey as a Director.
- b. **A&WMA Southern Section Call:** Gene and Anna were on the Southern Section call. The Southern Section wants to promote more coordination of events among the states to have more to offer members. We may want to look into purchasing a Zoom subscription to hold such events instead of relying on member's work accounts.

- c. **MS Chapter Business Entity:** Gene and Abram will follow up on registering the chapter with the SOS and if it is possible to register as a non-profit. [Notes from December meeting included for reference: We may be considered a trade organization. Gene was going to ensure we are set up as a legal entity, preferably a non-profit, with Mississippi SOS. Stepping up to a 501(c)(3) is a good bit more difficult and expensive to have done (~\$4,000+). Laura James was going to email Gene information regarding legal services available through the International A&WMA.]
- d. **Southern Section Conference:** Need to go ahead and plan on dates in September to host the Southern Section Conference, preferably at the Beau Rivage. Carla will contact the Beau Rivage regarding available dates and resend some information on where we got last year on planning.
- e. **Annual Report:** Rebekah and Anna will be on the lookout for the annual report we need to complete for 2020.
- f. **Social Media:** Carla will touch base with Leah and Ryan Ozment regarding our social media platforms to try to revive them, as well as get access to our website.

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