

Minutes
Southern Section A&WMA Conference Call
July 9, 2015

PRESENT: Dallas Baker, Andrea Gardiner, Desiree Howell, Walter Huff, Thomas Lotz, Pleas McNeel, Maya Rao, Joan Sasine, Thomas Wideman

The meeting was called to order by Maya Rao at 2:05 p.m. EDT.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Total Funds	\$23,215.81	
Investment CD at First Tennessee	\$10,368.96	
Available Balance	\$12,846.85	

Expenses since last report include the IRS filing fee and invoices from Justice for 2014 and ACE conference.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Section

Maya: No report.

AL Chapter

Tom Lotz: There will be a Chapter meeting on July 16, 2015. A regulatory update will be held on September 24 in Montgomery, AL at the Alabama Activities Building. It will be a full day event discussing air and waste regulatory issues. The Chapter is working on a newsletter to come out in the near future.

GA Chapter

Thomas: There were two board members and a few students from the GA Chapter who attended the ACE Meeting in Raleigh, NC. Most of the Chapter's focus lately has been on the Southern Section Conference. GA and AL have a high participation, with MS and TN further behind. There are about 70-100 individuals registered. There will be an email blast coming out soon to encourage registration. There is an extension to July 19 on the hotel and registration deadlines. All the speakers spots have been filled. There will be a request coming to the Chapters to help with the regulatory update portion of the conference.

MS Chapter

Walter: The Chapter is planning a board meeting next week and they will work on developing a speaker's calendar for the rest of the year. They are working on setting the date for next year's annual meeting.

E TN Chapter

No report.

W/M TN Chapter

No report.

Education Committee

Pleas: There are five applications that will be evaluated by the committee. The application deadline was not extended. The next step is to put together the scholarship committee, Chris H, Tom L, Andrea G, and Ryan O have agreed to review the scholarships. Pleas will send out the applications this week and there will be a call next week to discuss the applicants. The plan is to get the awards announced by the 1st of August to encourage the winners to attend the conference. Pleas also discussed having a vote by Email for expense re-imbusement if the Scholarship winners choose to attend the SS meeting and their schools will not pay for the expenses.

Membership

Justice: see Consent Agenda for the latest.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Dallas: There were increase in the attendance and the number of sponsors for the ACE meeting in Raleigh. The technical program was strong. Gina McCarthy, the US EPA Administrator, was the keynote speaker. Next year's conference will be in New Orleans. The local host committee is the Louisiana Section. There will be a number of tracks for heavy industry. They are changing the focus for industry members to propose on a panel discussion. There is a thought to allow large donors to have inexpensive registration for the exhibits and talks.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

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

The meeting was **adjourned** at approximately 2:31 p.m. EDT.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Pleas to distribute scholarship applications to Committee members and schedule conference call for the evaluations. (distribution complete)

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Consent Agenda
Southern Section AWMA

Item #1: Secretary's Report and Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the June Conference Call were sent to the Board on June 17 and were submitted to the web master on July 4 for posting.

Item #2: Treasurer's Report

Total Funds	\$23,215.81
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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:** The number of members at the end of June was 247, a decrease of 3 during the month. However, the data downloaded from the HQ web site do not support this number. For example, we had 7 new members and only 5 members let their membership lapse during June; this should yield a membership total of 252.

Item #4: Old Business

- a. The GA Chapter will provide an update on progress toward the **Annual Meeting** in Callaway Gardens August 19-21. Registration still is much lower than we need to support the speakers. Please talk it up by registering and inviting your friends.
- b. **Tax Exempt Status:** A draft of the IRS form 1023 was completed and sent to the IRS on June 15 or 16 with the \$400 fee. As of July 4 Shelley has not had any response to the submittal from the IRS. The Southern Section has successfully reincorporated in the State of GA. All chapters also should incorporate within their state if they have not already done so to be eligible for tax exempt status, which generally is not allowed if a nonprofit is not incorporated. Filing for incorporation is rather painless but a fee is associated with the incorporation. TN is the most expensive.
- c. E. TN Jul 10th “Brown-Bag” meeting and presentation. A final reminder and **invitation** to anyone who may be in the area at noon on July 10. Please let Chris know by Wednesday, July 8 if you can make it; as of July 5, 22 have signed up to attend.

Item #5: New Business

- a. See the latter part of “b.” above for the reason for **incorporation**. If any Chapter needs guidance you may talk with Chris or Justice.
- b. For the record, a note needs to be included in the minutes that an **electronic vote** to send Justice to the 108th ACE in Raleigh, NC was approved by the Board on June 19. A trip report, after a fashion, was submitted to the Board by Justice.
- c. Other?

Item #6: Next Meeting Date and Time

The next conference call is scheduled for **August 13, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. EDT** (1 p.m. CDT), unless the Board determines that a call is not needed.