

Minutes
Southern Section A&WMA Conference Call
June 13, 2013

PRESENT: Julie Aslinger, Arup Bandyopadhyay, Andrea Gardiner, Richard Holland, Chris Hurst, Laura James, Tom Lotz, Pleas McNeel, Joan Sasine, Larry Spann, and Justice Manning

The meeting was called to order by Julie Aslinger at approximately 1:02 p.m. CDT.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT

See Consent Agenda

TREASURER'S REPORT

Total Funds	\$18,310.48
Investment CD at First Tennessee	\$10,348.25
Available Balance	\$7,962.23

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Section

The Section is working on finalizing arrangements for the conference next month. More vendors and sponsors have signed up. The last day to register for the hotel is today. Also, early bird registration ends Friday. Justice will forward the conference information to the new members.

AL Chapter

Larry: The annual joint chapter meeting with the Coastal Plains Chapter is scheduled for June 14. The next event is the air regulatory update with ADEM which will be held on October 3, 2013 in Montgomery, AL. The details will be sent out later this summer. The Chapter is already planning for next year's SS meeting. It will be occurring the middle of 2013. The chapter is working on securing a meeting place. With a good response to Associate memberships, the chapter expects to go forward with scholarships and classroom awards for elementary school science teachers. The last dinner meeting at the Baron's Baseball Park was successful and there was a presentation about the ball field. About 20-25 members attended the meeting held on the 28th of May.

GA Chapter

Chris: On June 6th in Sandy Springs, there was a social event at an indoor gun range. The event went really well with 15 attendees. There was a gun safety talk as well as time with shooting on the range. There is a brownbag in September, but the topic has not been determined. The Chapter is working on the fall conference scheduled for October 24, 2013.

MS Chapter

There was an air permitting workshop in April. The financial report for the workshop is forthcoming. The Chapter had a brownbag on May 29, 2013 on Air Compliance Audits. It was

also successful. Mississippi is working on a tour with the Kemper Power Plant construction site. They are working with SWANA to do a joint meeting in the fall. The chapter did have to pay a small amount of taxes on the Annual Meeting at Beau Rivage last year. Mississippi's tax exemption requirements are different than most states and the Chapter is looking into the issue. As Chair of the S&CC Membership Committee, Dallas is developing means to achieve greater outreach efforts at universities to get more activate more student chapters.

E TN Chapter

No Report.

W/M TN Chapter

The Chapter is working towards the Southern Section Conference. The Chapter is holding a membership drive meeting at ETSU. They are planning to recruit members and discuss A&WMA, as well as have a technical discussion. These meetings have been successful at recruiting new members.

Education Committee

The deadline for the scholarships was extended until June 15, 2013. So far there have been 5 applicants. Laura Burt and Justice Manning will aid in the review of the scholarship applications.

Membership

(see Consent agenda) In addition, some slight inconsistencies remain between "Renewing" and "New" members.

Young Professionals

The National Drive is ongoing to recruit Young Professionals. Also, there was discussion with Arup about incorporating young professional events into the Section conferences.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. For the conference, Justice inquired about plaques for the past chair and the outstanding chapter. Pleas said that the chapter chair should receive a plaque, but a plaque for the chapter doesn't make sense. However, acknowledging the outstanding chapter would be good. There was agreement from the board. Justice will contact Julie for details. Julie stated that a certificate, a blurb on the website, and a presentation at the conference would be good.

OLD BUSINESS

- α. Leadership Academy: Laura attended the event and found it very helpful in meeting more members of A&WMA and learning more about the organizations. Chris also attended and got a better understanding of the resources and tools with which the international staff can help. Got some ideas of things to try at the Chapter level. About 40-50 people attended.
- β. Revision to Southern Section bylaws: (see Consent Agenda below) Having non-elected board members allowed to vote on the board may conflict with Headquarters bylaws. Headquarters had not provided any information prior to the meeting. Chris made the point that this issue and the financial split needs to be determined. There was a

discussion on what the recommendation should be. Chris made a motion that a 60/40 split of funds with the Chapters getting more of the pass-through funds from international and from all members. Tom seconded the motion. Pleas asked how this will affect the payment of Justice's salary as well as sending board members to conference. The motion was approved.

The next meeting is **scheduled for July 12, 2013 for 1 p.m. CDT (2 p.m. EDT)** after the Southern Section Meeting in Nashville. The meeting was **adjourned** at approximately 2 p.m. CDT.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Justice to forward information on the Annual Meeting to new members. (Done)
2. Justice to forward a copy of the 2012 financial report to the Board so that the Board will be better able to pay closer attention to funds approved for various requests in light of the cash flow problem. (report forwarded)
3. Justice to send Christopher contact information for Dallas Baker so he can follow up the status of activities for student chapters. This resulted from a professor at GA Tech suggesting that he should become more active with the A&WMA, especially with respect to a student chapter. Chris will make contact with him. (Done)
4. Justice to forward a "clean" copy of the proposed bylaw revisions along with information from HQ on any conflict if the Board appoints committee chairs as Board members related to non-elected vs. elected members. (Done)
5. Pleas' scholarship committee to review applications and decide on winners for the two \$1,000 scholarships from the Section. (Done)

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Item #1: Secretary's Report and Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the May meeting were distributed on June 10 for comment, with a request to provide any corrections/comments/suggestions by the conference call on June 13, or as soon as possible. Minutes will be sent to the web master after June 16 for posting.

Item #2: Treasurer's Report

Total Funds	\$18,274.69
Investment CD at First Tennessee	\$10,348.25
Available Balance	\$7,926.44

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. **Young Professional**
9. **Membership report:** The number of members at the end of May was 237, a decrease of 2 over last month. Headquarters has made strides in correcting member reporting inconsistencies over the past few months. Regardless, membership continues to need more attention from all Section members, but especially from the Board and chapter officers.

Item #4: Old Business

- χ. If attendees are available, which they weren't for the last call, they will have opportunity to highlight any key observations of the LTA in Pittsburgh in April.
- δ. Preliminary work has been done by a committee formed to consider revisions to the Section bylaws. Christopher Hurst has spear-headed that effort. He is trying to have a rough draft of changes prepared for distribution to the Board by this call. Board members will have input during this call with additional input before the next call. Possibly, bylaws of other sections may need to be examined to glean any helpful guidance for Associate dues. Justice has tried to obtain input from HQ regarding whether appointed Committee Chairs can become voting members of the Southern Section Board. Since the Board passed an amendment at the last meeting to allow the Education/Scholarship and Young Professional chairs to vote, reconsideration of that motion may be needed.

Item #5: New Business

- a. No known new business prior to the call.

Item #6: Next Meeting Date and Time

Next MEETING is scheduled for July 12 after the Annual Meeting in Nashville.

