

Minutes
Southern Section A&WMA Conference Call
March 20, 2014

PRESENT: Dallas Baker, Arup Bandyopadhyay, Steven Burns, Andrea Gardiner, Justine Harrison, Pleas McNeel, Maya Rao, Joan Sasine, Don Sodersten, Shelby Stringfellow, & Justice Manning

The meeting was called to order by Shelby Stringfellow at 1:06 p.m. CDT.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT

See Consent Agenda

TREASURER'S REPORT

Total Funds	\$19,933.20
Investment CD at First Tennessee	\$10,348.25
Available Balance	\$9,584.95

Note: This includes another payment of \$1410 from the AL Chapter for Associate members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Section

Shelby: No report (items in Consent Agenda).

AL Chapter

Steven: Conference will be in Montgomery, AL at the Marriott Renaissance Hotel, September 10-12, 2014. The Save the Date flyer for the Southern Section conference was sent out and is posted on the Section web site. The Chapter is in the process of putting out a solicitation for speakers as well as finding the key note speaker including Dallas Baker. The chapter is looking for suggestions for a key note speaker to provide a good draw to the conference. They are working on reaching out to vendors from last year. Dallas and Justice suggested that the President of A&WMA, Mike Miller, UARG, be invited to come and speak to the conference. Justice suggested getting information out to the Vendors ASAP to ensure they are included in the planning process. Arup and Justice offered to help with procuring vendors for the conference. Steven mentioned that the chapter had sent another payment for Associates to the Section Treasurer.

GA Chapter

Justine: May 1, 2014 the Chapter's annual technical conference will be held. The new EPA Region 4 administrator will speak and the meeting will be held at EPA Region 4 offices. The Chapter is working with the Alliance of Hazardous Materials to combine events. Next week a Board meeting and brown bag will be held. The topic for the brown bag is the belt-way project being implemented in Atlanta. Two members, the Vice Chair and a student, will be going to the April Leadership Training Academy conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in April.

MS Chapter

Pleas: Brown bag was held in February on a flood plain process in Jackson, MS. They provided information on the NEPA process. The plan is to do a brown bag every other month. Then on the other months, have a networking get together with members. The Chapter is working on a permitting workshop this year. May be held in May, but planning is in the works. The chapter is also looking at the next brown bag to be on Supplemental Environmental Projects with a presentation from MDEQ.

E TN Chapter

No Report. Justice needs to contact Tom Busmann to discuss working with the chapter to get new interest and membership.

W/M TN Chapter

Arup: The goal is to have a lunch and learn every other month. But, there have been no meetings yet. The first meeting will be held around April 9/10 at Stites & Harbison Law Offices. There are also plans to have a site visit/dinner meeting. Justice requested a copy of the meeting flyer so it can be posted on the Section website. Election was held and completed by the Chapter. The positions are posted on the Southern Section website.

Education Committee

Pleas: The application package has been updated and the due date was extended to June 1, 2014. The Alabama Chapter typically approaches undergrads as well as grad students, so the chapter may use its own form. Laura and Pleas are working on getting the JSU chapter up and running. Also, Pleas wanted to see if the Section wanted to sponsor to an environmental award for the state science competition. Justice suggested that maybe we could sponsor to each Chapter state. Pleas said it was easy to help, since A&WMA does not have to be present to award. Also it's a good way to reach out to high school program to inform them of another environmental area.

Membership

Justice: See Consent Agenda.

Young Professionals

Laura: No Report.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. The leadership training academy is coming up in the near future and GA will be sending 2 people.

OLD BUSINESS

- α. There was a discussion on having the vice chair from two Chapters to serve as a back up to the chair (see Consent Agenda). In the case of W/M TN, the vice chair will serve on the board as the Chapter representative while Arup, Chapter Chair, is a Director for TN. Also, there was a question if MS wanted to have the VC serve on the board also. Pleas was going to look into it. Justice suggested that it is a good way to train future officers.
- β. Chapter and Section reports are due to be completed by April 1, 2014. The reports will be filed electronically again this year. An announcement that was posted on LinkedIn will be sent to the appropriate Section & Chapter people. There was a question that MS

and GA Chapters had submitted. The Chapters and Justice need to get in touch with each other to confirm.

- χ. There was a discussion on if there was a need to obtain additional insurance for the board members. At this time, chapters can discuss this issue and make a decision.

The next call is **scheduled for April 10, 2014 for 1 p.m. CDT (2 p.m. EDT)**.

The meeting was **adjourned** at approximately 2:02 p.m. CDT.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. AL Chapter needs to finalize information as to space and availability for exhibitors/vendors and get information to them as soon as possible. Also, other aspects of the Annual Meeting (speakers, registration info, motel reservation info, etc.) needs to be finalized and distributed as soon as possible.
2. Justice to follow up on the Annual Reports. Two chapters have completed and submitted to HQ.
3. Pleas to distribute scholarship information (done).
4. Pleas to check with Vice Chair of MS Chapter to determine whether he would like to join the monthly conference calls representing the chapter since Pleas is Education/Scholarship Chair.
5. Justice to submit flyers and scholarship information to web master for posting (done).
6. Justice to contact Tom Bussman and other E TN members about reactivating the chapter.

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Consent Agenda
Southern Section AWMA

Item #1: Secretary's Report and Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the February meeting have been posted on the web site. Minutes of the December 12, 2013 call have not been reviewed so have yet to be distributed to the Board and other interested parties to review prior to compiling a Check List for posting.

Item #2: Treasurer's Report

Total Funds	\$18,523.20
Investment CD at First Tennessee	\$10,348.25
Available Balance	\$8,174.95

Note: Received an associate member dues check from GA Chapter for \$504.

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:** Good NEWS!! Another positive number for this month rather than a decrease since January. The number of members at the end of February was **242**, an **increase** of **2** from January. The **Board** needs to continue its attention on means to **maintain** the Section membership so that we can see additional increased enrollment. From past experience personal contact and invitation appears to be the most effective means for gaining new members. **Good job!**

Item #4: Old Business

- c. Since the incoming Chapter Chair for MS has another position on the Board, the MS Chapter Vice Chair is eligible to serve on the Section board representing the MS Chapter (Bylaws Article VI, Section 3, last sentence). The same is true for the M/W TN. The Chapter officers do need to act on this option if they desire.

Item #5: New Business

- b. If we want to involve students in our Annual Meeting one item that could be of interest the environmental challenge patterned after the ACE program, which can be found at <http://ace2014.awma.org/students-young-professionals/>. Of course the YP may wish to participate in the National event at ACE in June, but we may be too late.

Item #6: Next Meeting Date and Time

Next Call is scheduled for April 10, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. CDT (2 p.m. EDT).