

Notes from the Editor

Justice A. Manning, P.E.

Annual Meeting: This issue of the newsletter is the traditional summary of the **Southern Section Annual Meeting**, held this year at Callaway Gardens, hosted by the GA Chapter under the able leadership of Chris Hurst and a team put together by Thomas Wideman, GA Chapter Chair for 2015. The meeting was held at a great venue and had excellent speakers, as usual. I have been attending ACE meetings since the 1980s and Section meetings since 1998 and this one had as good a four presentations by invited speakers as I can recall hearing at any meeting. You can check out Paul Murray's presentations at the link on the Section web site, <http://www.ss-awma.org/annual.php>. Don't know whether the other three will be available. This is the chance one takes by not attending the Annual Meeting, missing some informative and well-delivered presentations. See you in Biloxi next year! Next year's meeting will be hosted by the Mississippi Chapter at the Beau Rivage in Biloxi, MS on **September 20 – 23, 2016**.

Another purpose for this issue on the Annual Meeting is to inform our membership of the great support received from **SPONSORS** and **VENDORS**. Pictures of all the Vendors who were at the Callaway meeting are included; most are identified. All sponsors and vendors will be listed later in this issue. **THANK YOU!**

Scholarships: The Section awarded two scholarships of \$1500 each this year plus some expenses in assisting the recipients to attend the Annual Meeting. The winners were Jian Sun, University of TN, Knoxville, and James Hite, GA Tech, both of whom have extensive experience in air quality modeling, both development and application. They, along

with a MS Chapter recipient, Edith Martinez, presented a summary of their work to attendees at the meeting.

Donation Section/Chapter member dues: As you may be aware, as a result of decreased membership and attendance at functions sponsored by the A&WMA the Association has fallen on hard times financially. Both membership and costs have been headed in the wrong direction the past few years. 2015 seems to be an exception on costs due to action taken by HQ staff. (I'm sure that all of you have heard that a long-time staff person, Stephanie Glyptis, was hired as Executive Director in the Spring.) Because of a cash flow problem pass-through dues for the past year and a half will not be sent to the local units until late first quarter of 2016. To alleviate some of this short-fall the Association has requested that local units consider donating their portion of the dues to the Association. The Southern Section assisted the Association during a similar stressful period by loaning them \$5,875 in December 2000. The exact amount of the donation will depend on Section membership during the period for which we donate. During this period our membership has been less than 250 members so the amount donated would likely be less than \$4,000. For the previous one and a half years (January 2013 – June 2014) the pass-through funds were \$3,952 and Section membership has declined during this recent period. If you have an opinion on this issue please contact your Board representative, who is listed in the table at the end of the newsletter. Your opinion matters! Thank you.

Associate members: The Sections & Chapters Council (the Council at the HQ level of the Association that represents Sections and Chapters) has consider this issue for years. No official action to do away with this class of member at the local level has ever been taken. None is proposed so far as we know now but rhetoric is becoming more and more vociferous. This is another issue on which we need to have your opinion. Therefore, we are requesting that you express your desires regarding this issue. Do you want or think that associate members should be required to join the International Association to be considered

an active member? Of course, all persons, members or friends, are welcome at any of our meetings, so meeting attendance would not be affected regardless of which way this issue is resolved. It speaks to your ability to be a full participant insofar as voting, holding office, discount on meetings, etc. (See full member benefits at <http://www.awma.org/docs/default-source/Membership/a-wma-member-benefits-guide.pdf?sfvrsn=0>, 38 reasons to be a member.) Your opinion MAY matter!

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2015 Annual Meeting

August 19 - 21, 2015

Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, GA

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Below are a few pictures of exhibitor employees and attendees.
If I have misidentified anyone, I apologize.



Kelly Glenn & Mike Robinson, **Airgas** vendor



Maria Geonczy, Susie Bowden, & Mark Wenclawiak, at **All4** booth



Mike Taylor & Wayne Cropp at **Catalyst Engr.** booth



Anthony Ferrari & Mike Caudle at **Earthcon's** booth



Tom McGowan & Chuck Huey @ **Emerson Process Management** booth



Joan Sasine, Mike Caudle, & Michele Gay at **Faulkner Industrial** booth



Larry Milliner & Shira Glabman @ **Geosyntec** booth



Amy Addison & Shelby Stringfellow @ **Golder Associates** booth



Scott Story, Billy Gooch, Don Barron, & Tom Wurzinger at **Highland Technical Services** booth



Duncan Kimbro, Mindi Faubion, & Kevin Calhoun @ **Providence Engineering & Environmental** booth



Art Otero, Russell Kemp, & Miranda Powell at the **Ramboll-Environ** booth



Spencer Edwards & Jim Johnson at the **Sanders Engineering & Analytical Services** booth



Don Sodersten, Jim Morton & Jeff Morton at
Specialty Scientific booth



Mike Robinson & John Rhyne at
Waste Management booth

A few other photos from the meeting may be found on the Conference web site, http://www.awma-ss2015conference.com/?page_id=79. Below are a few **additional** ones taken by the editor, who is far from a photo-journalist.



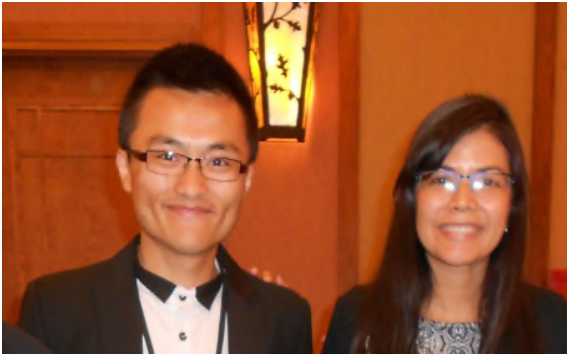
Conference Planning Team

Thomas Wideman, Tom Wurzinger, Chris Hurst, Joan Sasine, Shira Glabman, Katy Lusky, Amy Addison, Justine Harrison, & Keith Ziobron (unfortunately Michele Sosa & Maria Souder were not available when the picture was taken).

You can see the position of each member at http://www.awma-ss2015conference.com/?page_id=22.



Chris Hurst w/ Section Scholarship winner, Jian Sun



Jian Sun, So. Section & Edith Martinez, MS Chapter, Scholarship Winners



Judson Turner, Director, GA EPD



Jeff Cown, David Gattie, Amy Addison, & Randy Sullivan visiting @ **Southern Section** booth



President Dallas Baker encouraging to just be cool!



Kia Tour Group after tour arranged through courtesy of GA Power

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This headline news from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's *Today's News* for Thursday, October 15, 2015, may be of interest to some of our members.

Local water control advocates applaud WOTUS stay *Ruidoso News* reports, "A federal appeals court ruling last week delayed implementation of the Waters of the United States rules nationwide. The Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Ohio ruled that delaying implementation would not threaten 'imminent injury' to the nation's waterways and is appropriate given the "facially suspect" rulemaking process undertaken by the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, according to information from the New Mexico Environment Department. With a nationwide stay, all 50 states' regulatory agencies no longer will face the cost and uncertainty created by preparing for implementation of a new rule that 'awaits judicial determination of its legality and which may never come to pass,' State Environment Secretary Ryan Flynn said."

Meeting and Training Opportunities

International Conference on Thermal Treatment Technologies & Hazardous Waste Combustors

October 20 2015 - October 22 2015 | Houston, TX

WEBINAR: OZONE 101: Understand the sources, formation, and health and ecosystem effects

October 27 2015 1:00 PM - October 27 2015 2:30 PM || [Register online](#)

51st Annual Florida Section A&WMA Conference

October 28 2015 - October 29 2015 | Tallahassee, Florida | [Register online](#)

WEBINAR: Black Carbon Hands-On: Measurement, Health Concerns, Regulation

November 18 2015 1:00 PM - November 18 2015 3:00 PM || [Register online](#)

40th Annual A&WMA Information Exchange

December 1 2015 - December 2 2015 | Research Triangle Park, NC

Air Quality Measurement Methods and Technology

March 15 2016 - March 17 2016 | Sheraton Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC

Guideline on Air Quality Models: The New Path

April 12 2016 - April 14 2016 | Chapel Hill, NC

To access additional information on any of the above opportunities, please hold your "Ctrl" key (on PC) and left click your mouse. Thank you.

An **additional note** from the Editor: Our Section Chair, Chris Hurst has done a yeoman's job in trying to get the **E TN Chapter reactivated** this year. Two interesting meetings have been held. However, in recent attempts to obtain local leadership little success has occurred. This is a plea from the Section Membership Chair (viz., your Editor) for someone to take the initiative to provide local leadership. In particular, officers are needed (must be members of International A&WMA). So far as I know, we have an incumbent Treasurer. Therefore, the Chapter needs someone who is willing to serve as Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. A Membership Chair would be another good officer to have in place. Potential in the E TN area is tremendous. Is someone up to the challenge? Please contact Chris or me (see contact info in the above officer table). JAM