

**Minutes**  
**Southern Section A&WMA Conference Call**  
**September 12, 2013**

PRESENT: Julie Aslinger, Kelly Blackwood, Allison Casey, Kyle Flowers, Andrea Gardiner, Chris Hurst, Tom Lotz, Joan Sasine, and Justice Manning

The meeting was called to order by Julie Aslinger at 1:03 p.m. CDT.

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

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

See Consent Agenda

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$17,386.40</b>
<b>Investment</b> CD at First Tennessee	\$10,348.25
<b>Available Balance</b>	<b>\$7,038.15</b>

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Section**

No major updates. The presentations from the conference have been prepared for uploading to the Section web site by the webmaster. The members will be notified once they are posted. The final numbers have not been calculated yet, due to a processing issue with one payment. Once resolved, the final numbers will be provided to the Section Board and a check written to the Section.

**AL Chapter**

Kyle Flowers: 10/3/13 will be the next air regulatory update. The committee has been formed to plan the Annual conference next year. The location has not been selected yet. The Chapter had a dinner meeting at the AL Power Barry Coal-fired Power Plant in Mobile County, AL where they discussed carbon sequestration and toured the Plant's CO<sub>2</sub> capture project. There was a good attendance.

**GA Chapter**

Chris: The lunch time brown bag will be Oct 4<sup>th</sup> at the Bryan Cave law firm. A speaker from the Federal Reserve Board will provide an update on economic forecast in the region. The fall conference is being planned for Oct 24. Conference will be held at Georgia Power Company McGill Auditorium in Atlanta. Keynote speaker will be Pedro Cherry from Georgia Power. Still looking for speakers and registration is open at this time. The chapter is looking forward to planning a Holiday Party.

**MS Chapter**

Kelly: The Chapter is planning a brownbag for Sept 26, 2013. The topic will be the Vision 2022 Plans for flood control improvements to Jackson, MS presented by a representative of the

Jackson Chamber of Commerce. The Chapter is planning on having a member luncheon with a speaker in Downtown Jackson in December. It will be the final event for the year.

### **E TN Chapter**

No Report.

### **W/M TN Chapter**

Julie: Planning a lunch meeting at Barge Waggoner this fall. The Chapter leaders are considering having a speaker from TDEC to talk on an air topic.

### **Education Committee**

No Report

### **Membership**

(see Consent agenda) In addition, some slight inconsistencies remain between "Renewing" and "New" members. There is a continuing decrease in the number of members.

### **Young Professionals**

No report.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. There was a request from a vendor about getting contact information for those who attended. Joan stated that they had been asked the same thing in the past and declined. Justice was going to check with Headquarters to see what the policy was.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- α. Revision to Southern Section bylaws: (see Consent Agenda below). The bylaws will be sent to Chris, Julie and Joan and then upon approval, Justice will send out the revised bylaws once approved.
- β. There were issues with viewing the ballots for International officer candidates on the website. Justice was going to contact headquarters concerning the issue.

The next call is **scheduled for October 10, 2013 for 1 p.m. CDT (2 p.m. EDT).**

The meeting was **adjourned** at approximately 1:44 p.m. CDT.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Justice to reword the fund split portions of the approved bylaw changes prior to distributing to the Committee and then the membership for voting.
2. Justice to confirm whether Headquarters has a privacy policy with respect to releasing attendee contact information after an annual meeting. (Done: no written policy)
3. W/M TN to finalize the reports from the Annual Meeting.
4. Justice to confirm whether the Section Policy provides for the Past Chair to serve as a consultant to subsequent host chapter for the succeeding Annual Meeting.
5. Justice to notify members of the posted proceedings from the Annual Meeting. (Done)
6. With respect to members being able to view Board of Director ballots on the A&WMA web site, this was an oversight and as a result of Justice's email to the balloting vendor (copy to HQ) that was corrected before the close of balloting.

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## Consent Agenda Southern Section AWMA

### Item #1: Secretary's Report and Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the August meeting (no meeting in July) were distributed on August 28 for comment; minor changes made and the minutes were sent to the web master for posting on the web site on September 9.

### Item #2: Treasurer's Report

### 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 August was 229, a decrease of 6 from July. Justice has written headquarters again regarding correcting a number of member reporting inconsistencies that have been existent for several months. The Board needs to give some attention to means to stem the continuing decline in membership in the Section. From past experience personal contact appears to be the most effective means.

### Item #4: Old Business

- χ. Sufficient email ballots have been received to approve the three remaining portions of the bylaws that were proposed to be changed. A report will be provided during this call. No questions regarding the proposed changes were received. Upon approval by the Board a copy of the revised bylaws will be sent to HQ in Pittsburgh.

### Item #5: New Business

- a. The Section and Chapters Council (S&CC) Fall meeting will be held in Memphis, TN on September 28 & 29. The ACE for 2014 will be held in Raleigh, NC. In fact, some members of the Section have already been solicited to sign up to help. The 2015 ACE is in New Orleans. All Section and Chapter officers are invited and welcome at these meetings. If you are interested, please contact Dallas Baker for details and submit your intention to attend to Stephanie Glyptis so that sufficient handout material can be available. Unfortunately, unless you have already made your reservation the meeting discount rate has expired.

### Item #6: Next Meeting Date and Time

**Next Call is scheduled October 10 at 1:00 p.m. CDT (2 p.m. EDT).**