

## Notes from the Editor

*Justice Manning*

**A&WMA Election:** Each of you has recently received a ballot via email. I hope that each of you is alert to the need to complete your ballot and return it by the **deadline, September 27, 2013**. With the information provided in the email, the voting process is quite easy. This is more than a responsibility; it is a **privilege** to vote for the persons that you would like to have lead you in your professional association. Please note that one of the candidates for **President-Elect** is our own **Dallas Baker**. We can not campaign for him but I would like to alert you that he is on the ballot. If you have discarded your ballot already without having voted, you may access it by using the following link: <https://www.directvote.net/awma>. Also, you may see the biographical information for each candidate for each position at this site once you login. You do not have to vote for all positions for your ballot to be counted.



**2013 Annual Meeting:** For those of you unable to attend the Annual Meeting in Nashville, you missed a good meeting, as usual. The West/Middle TN Chapter did an excellent job as hosts for this Annual Meeting. We should have the proceedings posted on the web site soon for those of you wondering what may have been covered in the various presentations. In the meantime, if you have a question you may contact Julie Aslinger, Andrea Gardiner, or Arup Bandyopadhyay, whose contact information is

on the Section web site, <http://www.ss-awma.org/board.php>.

I am including information on our exhibitors and sponsors again this year (see below). Without such wonderful support from them the meeting would possibly be a financial disaster. As a result of such fine support again this year the host chapter did not have any financial worries. Several people were intimately involved in preparing for the meeting this year, as is always the case. However, I feel that I would be remiss if I did not inform you of all the effort expended by the W/M TN Chapter Chair, Arup Bandyopadhyay, obviously with the approval of his company, ENVIRON. Beginning in January and prior to the Annual Meeting Arup planned membership drive meetings for various parts of the state of Tennessee. He held these meetings in Jackson, Chattanooga, Johnson City, Nashville, and Knoxville. He planned the meetings, obtained speakers on various technical topics, provided a "free" lunch to attendees, and promoted the Annual Meeting, as well encouraging non-A&WMA attendees to consider joining the Association. My understanding is that with the exception of one locale the Association gained at least one new member. Thank you Arup! Then an amazing offer from Arup: [If any member is curious to know how such meetings were organized by Arup, or if anyone wants to pick Arup's brain, or if anyone wants any help from Arup in hosting such events anywhere within the Southern Section, please contact Arup directly at 615-277-7502 or \[abandyopadhyay@environcorp.com\]\(mailto:abandyopadhyay@environcorp.com\).](#)

One bit of news that is not too widely publicized, especially if one is unable to attend the Annual Meeting each year, is the recognition of an **Outstanding Chapter** for the Southern Section. This recognition was acknowledged this year for the first time in 3 years because of circumstances in previous years. Criteria for determining the chapter selected are available on the Section web site, under Policies: <http://www.ss-awma.org/documents/policies.doc>. The Chapter selected this year using these criteria was the Mississippi chapter

**Section Bylaw changes:** Your Board has been active this year, as you would expect. One item of general interest of which you should be aware prior to receiving a request to approve some proposed changes to the bylaws is the **redistribution of funds** coming into the Section. Presently, individual dues coming into the Section are divided on a 66.7/33.3% ratio, with the Section retaining the larger portion. Any surplus from the Annual Meeting has been divided on a 50/50% split. The Board has approved a 60/40% split with the chapters retaining the larger portion for all incoming funds. That is the same percentage split applied to Associate Member dues collected by the chapters. Another item that the Board has

approved is the **increase in the size of the Board** by two members. Two Standing Committee chairs, **Young Professional and Education**, are expected to be present for all Board meetings (primarily conference calls). Thus, the Board proposes that they be given the privilege of voting on Board business, thus making these two chairs official members of the Board. Three other minor items are before the Board right now for consideration. After it completes its recommendation you will have opportunity to express your desires. **You**, as members, will determine the final status of these proposed changes. You may see the current wording of the bylaws by going to the Section web site, <http://www.ss-awma.org/documents/AmendByLawsJan02.pdf>. Note that the bylaws have not been amended since January 2002.

**Newsletter:** I am still amenable to accepting technical articles, or articles of general or human interest from you as members of this Association, Southern Section. If you have a topic of interest but in which you don't think that you have the expertise, please let me know and I will explore the possibility of getting the topic covered in this newsletter.

## 2013 Annual Meeting

July 10-12, 2013  
Nashville, TN

**Sponsors** at our Annual Meeting were:





**Exhibitors** at our Annual Meeting were:



Alliance Source Testing



AMEC Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc.



Barge Waggoner Sumner & Cannon, Inc.



Bridgestone



Catalyst Air Management, Inc.



CRA -- Cultural Resource Analysts, Inc.



ENSAFE



Entec Services, Inc.



ENVIRON International, Inc.



Highland Technical Services, Inc.



Jim Robbins & Associates, Inc.



M&C TechGroup



Microbac Laboratory Services



PPM Consultants, Inc.



Resolution, Inc.



Sanders Engineering and Analytical Services, Inc.



Trinity Consultants



Some Pictures of the Vendors' Booths







Lynn Beane with Door Prize from Entec



## A couple of pictures of the leaders at the Nashville Meeting



Sara Head, A&WMA President, at Southern Section booth in Nashville



Julie Aslinger, Southern Section Chair, Sara Head, A&WMA President, & Arup Bandyopadhyay, W/M TN Chair



Julie presenting Section Scholarship to Oluseye Adeyemi (Andrea Gardiner at right)



Julie presenting Section Scholarship to Andrea Gardiner



Zane Hood, PPM and Mark Bricka, MS State



Corey Masuca with final Door Prize presented by Julie Aslinger (A color Nook eReader)



**Other Conferences** of Potential Interest to Members  
(within a reasonable distance)

Boiler MACT Workshop: The Road To Compliance - HOUSTON	Houston TX	Sep 17, 2013
49th Annual Florida Section AWMA Conference	Tallahassee FL	Sep 23, 2013
Insider's Guide To Streamlining The Air Permitting Process	Pittsburgh PA	Oct 17, 2013
Intl Conf On Thermal Treatment Technologies & Combustors	San Antonio TX	Oct 21, 2013

Additional events/conferences may be viewed, as well as registering for any, at the following link: <http://www.awma.org/store/calendarschedule.aspx>