

**MINUTES**  
**A&WMA Southern Section – Board Meeting**  
**January 12, 2021 10:00 am CST**  
**Zoom**

Attendees: Anna Chappell, Chris Hurst, Annie McIlwain, April Holmes, Kim Sanders, Adam George, Roger Akel, Gene Wasson, Richard Holland, Phil Davis

1. Call to Order Anna Chappell
  
2. Secretary's Report Annie McIlwain
  - No updates to report
  
3. Treasurer's Report Pleas McNeel
  - No updates to report
  
4. Committee Reports
  - a. *Chapters*
    - Alabama Adam George
      - Looking at webinar options for AL Chapter ADEM update meeting
      - Anna sent a webinar link on Virtual Event Best Practices that AWMA National is providing on January 13, 2021 ([https://www.awma.org/calendar\\_list.asp](https://www.awma.org/calendar_list.asp))
    - Georgia Kim Sanders
      - Had meeting/webinar on air quality
      - Awarded two scholarships at December 2020 meeting
      - Had a membership contest. Winner got 4-5 new members.
      - Wrapping up revisions to GA Chapter bylaws and plan to finish those by February 2021.
    - Mississippi Gene Wasson
      - Had monthly committee calls, but no activities because of COVID
      - First call of the new year is on January 12, 2021 at 12PM CST
      - Primary focus this year will be figuring out the logistics to hosting the annual conference
    - Middle Tennessee Roger Akel
      - No updates to report
    - West Tennessee April Holmes
      - Had a webinar about special industrial waste in December 2020, and nine people attended.
      - Treasurer for the chapter resigned. Working to fill that position by the end of January 2021.

- Not in attendance

b. *Education/Scholarship*

Laura James

- Not in attendance

c. *Young Professional*

Ryan Ozment

- Not in attendance

d. *Membership*

Amy Vickery

- 172 Southern Section Members as of January 12, 2021
- 7 memberships past due in December 2020
- 9 membership are due to expire in January 2021
- 7 memberships renewed in December 2020
- 4 memberships renewed in January 2021

e. *Programs*

April Holmes

- Vision is to have members from each Chapter on this committee to communicate Chapter meetings, events, webinars, etc. across the board to all SS AWMA members.
- Events will be announced in a 1-2 page monthly newsletter sent out to all members.
- Members of the committee are as follows:
  - M TN – Michael V.
  - MS – Maya Rao & Carla Brown
  - GA – Shana Alexander
  - AL – Adam Georgie
  - E TN – Richard Wales
  - W TN – April Holmes

5. Old Business

- None

6. New Business

- 2021 goals and 2020 reflection
  - Communicate more across the Chapters
  - Do more outreach and activities for SS AWMA members rather than just the Chapters organizing activities
  - Virtual tours of plants, etc. as potential webinar/activity opportunity
  - Webinar about changes expected for the EPA during Biden administration – possibly have a lawyer speak at first and then eventually someone from EPA Region 4
  - Georgia has had success with brown bags: purchased a Zoom subscription for the Georgia chapter (anyone with the login can use it), using it for YP events,

Chapter meetings, and brown bags. Getting an account adds continuity to emails that are sent out, so people can expect to see them. They have also used AWMA webinars as their brown bag offering if they do not have a speaker available.

- Need to increase social media presence – start SS AWMA page and promote activities and Chapter activities. Might be good to get the Program Committee to update the Section's LinkedIn page (April will discuss with the committee).

7. Next Meeting: February 9, 2021, 10AM CST, Zoom

8. Adjourn