

**MINUTES**  
**Southern Section A&WMA Board**  
**CONFERENCE CALL**  
March 24, 2017

**Call to Order** occurred at **1:03 p.m. CST** by Section chair Andrea Gardiner. Roll call yielded the following results.

**PRESENT:** Maya Rao, Cynthia Walaitis, Pleas McNeel, Ryan Ozment, Andrea Gardiner, Amy Vickery, Rob Ashe, Joan Sasine, Spencer Edwards Dallas Baker

**Consent Agenda:** The Consent Agenda was accepted as presented.

**Secretary's Report:** Attendees were directed to the Consent Agenda also. Maya made a motion to approve the minutes and Ryan seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the Board as distributed.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasure's Report has been updated. (see Consent Agenda). Shelley received the check from MS Chapter.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. **Section:** No report.
- b. **AL:** Spencer Edwards reported that the Chapter is working on a number of initiatives and events. There will be a Regulatory update on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Tim is working on the scholarship package and the Student chapter is organizing a career fair with the University of Alabama.
- c. **GA:** Cynthia Walaitis reported that membership meeting was on March 23, but they were disappointed with the turnout. Only 8 people were there. This month's activity for the YP group is Comedy & Beer night on April 8<sup>th</sup>. They are also planning for the Regulatory Conference, which is scheduled for May 10-11 and agenda is being finalized.
- d. **MS: Ryan Ozment** reported that the Chapter's annual air workshop is scheduled for April 27. Agenda is finalized. MS Chapter awarded \$300 in science fair projects so far. Two are still remaining. The Chapter is also planning to send Amy Vickery to the leadership academy in Pittsburgh in April. She thanked the Section for sponsoring the registration fee for Amy.
- e. **W/M TN: Rob Ashe** reported that the Chapter has the Section's website set up with information for the 2017 Annual Conference. They have been busy with conference and did not have anything to report for the activities planned. .
- f. **Scholarship:** Pleas encouraged all the Chapters to look for opportunities in their state and offered to help if needed with Science fair. He said it was very rewarding. Also you can encourage the membership to help. He said that MS State was starting an A&WMA Chapter. Pleas wanted to see if GA or AL can share the bylaws for the student chapter.
- g. **Young Professional:** Andrea informed the Board we still do not have a YP Chair and asked Board members to encourage any YP candidates to come forward.

- h. **Membership: Amy Vickery** Amy reported that membership had dropped down to at 216 active members. She also said that 16 memberships were expiring in February. She thanked the Section for sponsoring her in part for the Leadership training.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **YP for Southern Section** – No Progress yet. Andrea asked the Board to continue to see if they can nominate someone.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Voted by the Board:** The Board approved \$300 Registration Fee for Amy to attend the Pittsburg Leadership training via Email. Maya made the motion and Dallas seconded it..

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 19 at 1:00 p.m. CST (2 EST)**.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 CST.

#### **Action Items:**

1. Pleas requested Information on Student Chapter bylaws from AI and GA. W/M TN needs to proceed with the Chapter election.
2. All chapters need to post election results on the Section web site and send a copy to HQ to the attention of Stephanie Glyptis, [sglyptis@awma.org](mailto:sglyptis@awma.org).
3. All chapter past chairs need to begin assembling data to prepare the Annual Report, usually due by the end of March.

