

MINUTES
Southern Section A&WMA Board
CONFERENCE CALL
January 18, 2017

Call to Order occurred at **1:05 p.m. CST** by incoming Section chair Andrea Gardiner. Andrea welcomed all Board members, especially acknowledging new members joining today for the first time. She then gave opportunity for attendees to introduce themselves. Roll call yielded the following results.

PRESENT: Robin Ashe, Kyle Flowers, Andrea Gardiner, Tim Martin, Maya Rao (late), Joan Sasine, Kelley Spence, Cynthia Walaitis, Amy Vickery, and Justice Manning

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda was accepted with the slight modifications by Justice (see attached; change **highlighted**).

Secretary's Report: Attendees were directed to the Consent Agenda with a reminder that the December Minutes were distributed before this call; any comments should be sent to Chris.

Treasurer's Report: No update to the Treasurer's report has been requested since the December 14, 2016 conference call (see Consent Agenda). Andrea said that she had not heard the status of forwarding a check to the Section Treasurer from the MS Chapter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. **Section:** No report, other than **Andrea** expressing welcome and optimism for a good year in 2017
- b. **AL: Tim Martin** indicated that their 401(c)3 status was finalized and that they now can receive tax exempt donations. Their board has not held its first meeting but Tim's plans are to keep the chapter members updated with more regular meetings.
- c. **GA: Cynthia Walaitis** stated that their first Board meeting will be January 27 to plan the year's activities. After the Board meeting a "Brown Bag" meeting is planned with representatives of the GA EPD speaking on "Agility for Revitalization." Details at www.gaawma.org. Environmental meetings are planned for May 10 and November 17, 2017.
- d. **MS: Ryan Ozment** submitted the following to Andrea via email as she could not be present. All I have to report is that we are currently hosting the "NSR Unraveled" Webinar and it has been well attended thus far. Things we have in the works include: **1)** sponsoring special awards in the Mississippi Science and Engineering Regional and State Fairs **2)** setting up a mentor-mentee program sponsored by the YPs **3)** our annual air workshop in April **4)** a 'breakfast-with-the-regulators' in June **5)** socials at a Mississippi Braves game and before a Mississippi State football game **6)** tours of Plant Ratliff and Roxul **7)** Lucky Town Brewery tour in the fall **8)** sending a board member to the Leadership Training Academy **9)** putting together a conference operations manual/planning guide.
- e. **W/M TN: Robin Ashe** reported that Chapter elections have not been undertaken. The Chapter board will meet soon via conference call to plan a schedule for the year. A meeting regarding natural gas-powered cars is in the works. A logo for the Annual Conference is being finalized.

- f. **Scholarship:** Andrea notified the Board that the Section generally awards scholarships each year, along with the chapters. Pleas will be working on this in the near future.
- g. **Young Professional:** Andrea informed the Board that the incumbent YP Chair had to resign because her husband took a job outside the Section area.
- h. **Membership: Amy Vickery** was acknowledged as the new Membership Chair but that she is not a voting member of the Board. **Justice** reported that membership increased to 236 members in December compared to 228 in November. He hoped that increase was a result of notification in December to members whose dues had lapsed since July 2016. Justice also reminded all members that to become an emeritus member one must sustain **continuous** membership for a period of at least 15 years. If a break in membership occurs one is NOT eligible for emeritus status (at reduced dues).

OLD BUSINESS

- a. HQ plans to have a new membership data base online by February 1, 2017. No details on the changes.
- b. No specific update given on the 2017 Annual Conference.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Officers** were reminded that they must be **members of International A&WMA** to serve on the Section board. In addition, officers were reminded that they need to check their contact information on a draft roster that Chris will probably send.
- b. Chapter representatives were reminded that **new officers** need to be submitted to HQ within 90 days of election. In addition, Chris needs a copy or the chapter representative needs to post it on their page on the Section web site.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 15 at 1:00 p.m. CST (2 EST)**. Andrea reminded the board that the meeting day and time was based on the results of a Doodle Poll. She needs the consistency for monthly planning.

Action Items:

1. Chris to request a financial report update from Shelley.
2. W/M TN needs to proceed with the Chapter election.
3. 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.
4. All chapter past chairs need to begin assembling data to prepare the Annual Report, usually due by the end of March.
5. Justice and Amy Vickery to discuss membership chair transfer.
6. Pleas to begin assembling information and proposal for Section scholarships.
7. Board members need to approve December meeting minutes, or submit comments.

Attachment 1

January 18, 2017 Consent Agenda Southern Section A&WMA

Item #1: Secretary's Report and Meeting Minutes

Past meeting minutes that have been approved by the Board have been posted to the website (<http://www.ss-awma.org/minutes.html>).

Item #2: Treasurer's Report

Total Funds	\$13,539.49
Investment (CD at First Tennessee)	\$10,379.35
Available Balance	\$3,160.14

- As of Dec 14, 2016

Item #3: Committee Reports

- a. [Section report by Chair]
- b. [Alabama Chapter]
- c. [GA Chapter report]
- d. [MS Chapter report]
- e. [E TN Chapter report]
- f. [W/M TN Chapter report]
- g. Education/Scholarship
- h. Young Professional
- i. Membership report

Item #4: Old Business

- International office appears to be updating membership database in some form based on small news items in recently issued newsletter
- Update on Southern Section annual conference

Item #5: New Business

- New officers must be international AWMA members
- Make sure to send in updated chapter rosters to international office, as well as to Chris plus posting on the Section web site.

Item #6: Next Meeting Date and Time

- February 15th, 2017 at 1pm CST