

EAST TENNESSEE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



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WINTER 2025

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DIRECTORS

J. Wayne Cropp (2019 – 22)
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Vacant (2021 - 2023)

New Tennessee Chapter

The Southern Section (AL, GA, MS & TN) Board voted to merge the 3 Tennessee Chapters into one Chapter. Richard Wales will be coordinating this effect and has asked for assistance from all 3 current Chapter members to locate the files on the Middle and West Chapters. Attached is a draft set of by-laws. Some of the current thinking is to have a Chair, Vice-Chair, Past-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and 3 or 4 Directors with one from each East, Middle and West Tennessee. The Chapter would have 6 meetings per year, one in-person meeting in the East, Middle and West and the others virtual.

Annual Reports

The Chapter Annual Report is due to the International Headquarters on March 31, 2026 for calendar year 2025. Richard Wales has voluntary to help in or doing the reports for the 3 Tennessee Chapters. The information needed is a list of Officers, a treasurer's report (a blank report is attached), and a list of 2024 activities.

Elections

The new Tennessee Chapter needs to elect new officers and Directors for 2026. Nominations are needed for the Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and 3 Directors.

The Board is looking for Chapter members to volunteer for these positions. If you are interested contact Richard Wales at (760) 964-0872.

The 3 current chapters should hold elections for officers of 2025 as soon as possible.

A&WMA International

A&WMA International 2025 Annual Conference & Exhibition (ACE) ,118th ACE, will be hosted by the South Atlantic State Section, from June 9-12, 2025 in Raleigh, NC. For details go to www.awma.org/ace2025 .The title for ACE2025 is "Collaborating for an Equitable Resilient Environment".

2025 CALENDAR

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SOUTHERN SECTION

<http://www.ss-awma.org/>

- May 2, 2025 The application of Southern Section College Scholarships are due
- Aug 27-29, 25 Annual Conference Hosted by the Mississippi Chapter. Location is the Beau Rivage, Biloxi, Mississippi.

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Student Chapters

It would be nice to form Student Chapters at Universities around Tennessee. Students would be involved with the student activities, Posters and the Environmental Challenge at ACE2025 in Raleigh, NC next June. See www.awma.org/students

The future members for Air and Waste Management Association are our current students.

The Tennessee Chapter also needs to establish a Scholarship Program.

The Southern Section will be awarding two \$1,500 Scholarships to college students. The applications are due by May 5, 2025. The winners will be announced at the Annual Conference in August 27-29 at the Beau Rivage.

Programs for 2024-25

For the calendar year 2024 and 2025 the Board is seeking topics, and speakers for in person and/or virtual Chapter Meetings. See the following list of suggested topics. Please submit your suggestions to any Board Member. Of course, you could always be the speaker.

The Board is asking for suggestions for when the best time is to hold a virtual meeting, such as the day of the week and time of (i.e. noon, 4 PM etc.).

Submit suggestions and comments to Richard Wales at 760-964-0872 or rtwales2014@gmail.com.

Notes

The Tennessee Chapter will be the host for the 2026 Southern Section conference. This conference is normally held in September. The last time Tennessee has the host the conference was held in Chattanooga. The Southern Section Board meeting feel this is a good location.

Richard Wales is traveling and will be home on March 28th. He will be checking his email, RTWales2014@gmail.com . His cell phone is 760-964-0872.

	Topic	Possible Speakers
1	Revised PM2.5 NAAQS and impact on Tennessee	TDEC
2	MACT for oil and gas wells & Production	TDEC, EPA Regional 4
3	Manufacturing Facilities, air pollution controls recycling of waste	Volkswagen, Cemex, paper mills, chemical plants
4	Transportation Research - low temperature convertor, energy storage, electric cars, etc	National Transportation Research Center, ORNL
5	University Research	UT-Knoxville, Vanderbilt, State Universities
6	Climate Change - Green energy, distribution systems	TVA, TDEC, EPA Region 4 GSMNP
7	Sewer plants -odor control, anaerobic digestors	Wastewater plants
8	Revised, New and future Regulation	EPA, TDEC, Hamilton & Knox County agencies
9	Future of environmental engineering & scientist training.	Dr Davis
10	MACT, air toxics, health risk	USEPA, TDEC, Local agencies, facilities, consultants & testers
11	Emission Inventory, Criteria and Toxic emissions	USEPA, TDEC, Local agencies, facilities, consultants & testers
12	Landfills and gas collection systems	USEPA, TDEC, Local agencies, facilities, consultants & testers
13	Recycling of solid waste	USEPA, TDEC, Local agencies, facilities, consultants & testers
14	Bio-Fuels, production and use	USEPA, TDEC, Local agencies, facilities, consultants & testers