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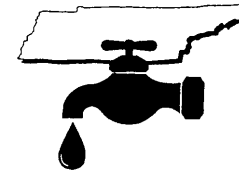
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# Tennessee Backflow News

**Fall 2010**



## NEXT BOARD MEETING

5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday  
October 13, 2010

Doubletree Hotel  
Murfreesboro, TN

## TBPA Mission Statement

The mission of the Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association is to protect drinking water quality in the State of Tennessee by providing for education, statewide training, standardized certification, technical assistance and resources to our membership and the general public.

## President's Message

Here we are again! And here's to saying farewell to the summer heat wave and Hello to cooler fall temperatures. I don't know about ya'll, but I just feel downright melted!

Summer is always a busy time in the Cross Connection field, but I hope all of you found time to attend one of the many conferences and seminars that were available. The ABPA Conference in New Orleans, the TAUD Expo in Lebanon or the TAUD Conference in Gatlinburg to name a few. However, if you missed out on all of those, GOOD NEWS, the TBPA Annual Conference is just around the corner. Join us in Murfreesboro for a great conference October 14th & 15th. If you have not registered yet there is still time but hurry; time flies!

Remember to nominate someone for the Annual awards given at the TBPA Conference. You may contact any board member to submit a nomination. I am still looking for that special story of your best/worst day at work; send your entries to me at [angel.goike@cityofclarksville.com](mailto:angel.goike@cityofclarksville.com). The winner will be announced at the Conference.

Our next board meeting is held in conjunction with the Conference on Wednesday October 13th at 5:00 pm at the Hotel. I encourage everyone to attend and participate, because in the end this is YOUR association. See you in Murfreesboro!

*"I'm not telling you it is going to be easy - I'm telling you it's going to be worth it"* - Art Williams

Angel Goike  
President TBPA

## Upcoming Events

### TBPA 14th Annual Conference

October 14 & 15, 2010

Doubletree Hotel • Murfreesboro, TN

### ABPA 17th Annual Conference

May 23 - 25, 2011

San Antonio, Texas

### 2011 TBPA Board Meetings

10:00 a.m.

Consolidated Utility • Murfreesboro, TN

January 5th • April 6th • July 6th

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# TBPA



## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

### EAST TN DIRECTOR and WEST TN DIRECTOR

If you are interested in one of these positions or have someone you want to nominate, please contact Kent Bowman at 865-966-9741 or

[kbowman@fudknox.org](mailto:kbowman@fudknox.org)

# TBPA Board Members

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The Tennessee Backflow News is published quarterly by the Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association, whose members have a common interest in protecting the drinking water from contamination through cross connections. Your ideas, experience and expertise are invited and needed by the TBPA to insure a balanced approach to backflow prevention in the State of Tennessee. Your participation and support will continue to help shape the future of this industry in Tennessee.

Opinions expressed in articles, letters or advertisements in this publication are not necessarily those endorsed or supported by the TBPA. The content of this newsletter is not to be considered as legal or professional advice. Dues are \$80 annually, and are payable to the TBPA Treasurer. Annual dues include \$20 for Tennessee and \$60 for National ABPA dues. National membership is required for Tennessee membership.

The TBPA Treasurer address is:

Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association  
Liba Ford, TBPA Treasurer  
c/o JEA, P.O. Box 68, Jackson, TN 38302

For newsletter advertisements contact:

Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association  
Attn: Kitty Banks  
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## TBPA/ABPA MEMBERSHIP FORM

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and quarterly Tennessee Backflow News  
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Membership is non-transferable. National ABPA mem-  
bership required for state TBPA membership

## TBPA West Section News

Hello from West Tennessee. This Section report is short and to the point. Register now for the TBPA Conference in Murfreesboro! You will be surprised at what you might learn and enriched by the friendships you make.

We have had some interesting discussions at our recent Board Meetings concerning State regulations and possible changes in testing procedures. Everyone needs to be aware of these changes and this is the place to get that information. Come and bring a friend!

See you in Murfreesboro.

Lloyd Rainey  
West Section Director

## TBPA Middle Section News

Greetings from Middle Tennessee! By now you are aware that the 2010 TBPA Annual Conference will be in Murfreesboro, TN. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to attend. The Doubletree Hotel always goes out of their way to provide A-one service to TBPA and our guests.

Remember, when you register you will receive a wonderful breakfast both days, food and drinks at breaks and a complete buffet luncheon. Add to that the outstanding speakers, presentations and vendor displays. Wait there's more....great door prizes, vendor give-aways, and a free T-shirt. You can't afford to miss this event!

If you have never attended, now is the time. Join us!

Randy Harrell  
Middle Section Director



Attendees from a past TBPA Conference ... Come join the group!

## Training Information

- **Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local 572, Nashville, Tennessee:** Backflow Classes for Apprentices and Journeyman, contact Mike Rucker, 225 Ben Allen Rd., Nashville, TN 37207, (615) 227-5542
- **Plumbers & Steamfitters, Local #43 JACT:** Contact Woody Evans, 3013 Riverside Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37406, (423) 365-9972
- **Knoxville Plumbers & Steamfitters, LU #102 JATC:** Knoxville, TN Contact Wayne Summers, 1218 N. Broadway, Knoxville, TN 37917 - (865) 525-6305 or lu102jate@bellsouth.net
- **Plumbers Local Union #17:** For information on classes contact Howard Burgess at (901) 368-9099 - 4229 Prescott Road, Memphis, TN 38118
- **Backflow Control:** Backflow Training Classes and Certification Classes for the State of Mississippi. For more information contact Roger Crane at (662) 333-9007 - 262 Boatner Road, Potts Camp, MS 38659
- To list or update your training classes contact Liba Ford at lford@jaxenergy.com.

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## TBPA East Section News

I hope everyone has had a great and safe summer. If you're like me, you're looking forward to Fall since its been such a hot summer.

On August 4th - 6th TAUD held its Annual "The Business of Running a Utility" Conference at the Gatlinburg Convention Center. It was well attended and they had a record number of vendors. For the 3rd straight year the TBPA had a vendor booth. It's always good to see old friends and each year people stop by the booth with some very good questions.

**Febco Repair Class**  
**November 17, 2010 – 8:30 – 4:00**  
**Lunch Provided**  
**KUB Operations Building**  
**4505 Middlebrook Pike**

Michael Ray with Febco from Fresno, CA and Richard Goodman with Mid-America Marketing from Knoxville will be the Instructors. Also, Donna Morrell with Knoxville Utilities Board will talk about how she manages the Cross Connection Program at KUB.

Continuing Education Credits (up to 6 hours) will be issued for either Distribution or Collections licenses. This class is free to TBPA Members but there will be a \$20 Non-TBPA Member fee. (non-refundable).

Registration forms can be faxed to: Kent Bowman at First Utility District of Knox Co. (865) 675-4955. Non-members payments should be made to TBPA and mailed to Liba Ford at P.O. Box 68, Jackson TN, 38302.

The class size is limited to 50 people so make sure you sign up soon. If anyone has any questions give me a call at (865) 966-9741 or email me at jbowman@fudknox.org

I hope to see everyone at the TBPA conference in October.

Kent Bowman  
 East Tennessee Director



**Larry Stinnett was the recipient of the Golden Eagle Award at this year's ABPA Annual Conference. Larry was unable to attend the Conference and accepted the Award at the July TBPA Board meeting. This award is to recognize specific individuals for their contributions to ABPA, individuals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in representing the membership for the association.**

**Congratulations Larry!!**

# Tennessee Training Calendar

• **The Fleming Training Center:** FTC offers Basic and Renewal and Cross Connection Classes to water systems and personnel throughout Tennessee. FTC is located at 2022 Blanton Drive, Murfreesboro, TN 37129, phone: (615) 898-8090, fax: (615) 898-8064. Hours of operation: Weekdays 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Central Time. For more information and a registration form visit: [www.state.tn.us/environment/fleming/](http://www.state.tn.us/environment/fleming/). Written registration and 30 days notice is required for the following classes:

**2103 Cross Connection Control Basic Workshop**  
 Duration: 3 1/2 days • Class Fee: \$275  
 (full time employees of public water systems are exempt)  
 Testing Fee: \$60 (no exemptions)

**Jackson:** October 26 - 29  
**Alcoa:** October 5 - 8

**3102 Cross Connection Control Renewal Workshop**  
 Duration: 1 1/2 days • Class Fee: \$110  
 (full time employees of public water systems are exempt)  
 Testing Fee: \$60 (no exemptions)

**Murfreesboro:** November 15 - 16  
**Alcoa:** October 4 - 5

**Jackson:**  
 October 25 - 26

• **The Tennessee Association of Utility Districts (TAUD):** Cross Connection Renewal Classes for Municipalities and Basic Cross Connection Training Classes for contractors are available. Other classes may be available. For information on Classes and Cost you can visit the training section on their web site at [www.taud.org](http://www.taud.org) or contact either Brent Ogles at [brentogles@taud.org](mailto:brentogles@taud.org) - (615) 896-9022 or Greg Baker at [gregbaker@taud.org](mailto:gregbaker@taud.org) - (731) 225-5240 - 840 Commercial Court, Murfreesboro, TN 37129.

• **BASIC CROSS CONNECTION CLASS •**  
**MLGW - Memphis** November 17-19  
**JEA - Jackson** October 13-15

• **RENEWAL CROSS CONNECTION CLASS •**  
**MLGW - Memphis** November 16  
**JEA - Jackson** October 12

• **Memphis Light, Gas and Water:** Cross Connection Renewal Classes and Repair classes are offered. For reservation and fee information contact Barbara Taylor, Cross Connection Coordinator at (901) 528-4449 or (901) 528-7757.

• **CROSS CONNECTION RENEWAL CLASSES •**  
 Time: 8:00-4:00  
 Location: Mallory Pumping Station  
 488 North Dunlap  
 Memphis, TN 38105  
 Dates: Nov. 18

• **BASIC CROSS CONNECTION CLASSES •**  
 Southwest TN Community College - Macon Campus  
 5983 Macon Cove  
 Memphis, TN 38134  
 Instructor: Barbara Taylor  
 Contact the Continuing Education Dept. at (901) 333-4207 for class information  
 \*\*NOTE: These classes are not associated with the basic and renewal classes offered by TAUD at MLGW-Memphis.

• **BACKFLOW ASSEMBLY REPAIR CLASSES •**  
 Location: Mallory Pumping Station  
 488 North Dunlap  
 Memphis, TN 38105  
 Watts (Limit 12 per class)  
 October 1: 12:00-4:00  
 Wilkins (Limit 8 per class)  
 November 5: 12:00-1:45  
 November 5: 2:00-4:00  
 Conbraco (Limit 8 per class)  
 December 3: 12:00-1:45  
 December 3: 2:00-4:00

## MOBILE CALIBRATION LAB

Bring your test kit and get it calibrated for a special price of \$75.00 for attending the TBPA Conference. Test Gauge and Backflow Supply will be a vendor at this year's conference and will have a mobile calibration lab on site. Visit their booth to learn more about their products and this special offer.

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# Backflow Prevention Assembly Repair Class & Administration and Survey Classes

Who: Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association - East Section  
 What: Febco Repair Class  
 When: November 17, 2010 8:30-4:00  
 Where: KUB - Knoxville, TN  
 Contact: Kent Bowman at (865) 966-9741



Some of the information presented:

- Double Check Valve Assemblies, Reduced Pressure Principle Assemblies, Vacuum Breakers
- Repair of varying device sizes from 3/4" to 4".
- Drawings and handouts available.
- Explanation of assemblies and parts used in repair
- Complete repair of devices and tools needed
- When to repair and when and what to replace
- Starting a Cross Connection Control Program
- Forms and documents for program administration
- Survey instructions and advice
- CD with all covered information
- Continuing Education Credits will be given

Don't miss the opportunity to expand your knowledge on these valuable topics regarding CCC Programs and Assembly Repair.

Classes are FREE to TBPA Members. Non-member cost is \$20 (non refundable).

Class size may be limited therefore registration is required. Lunch will be provided for all Repair classes only. You may call or use the registration form below, indicating the class, section location and date you wish to attend.



## Administration & Survey Class and Repair Class REGISTRATION REQUIRED Only One Person and One Class per Registration Form

Written registration is required for all classes. Complete the form below (printed or type written) and mail or fax to:  
 Kitty Banks - TN American Water - 1101 Broad Street - Chattanooga, TN 37401  
 Fax: (423) 267-9384 For Questions Call: (423) 755-7605

Administration & Survey Class  Repair Class  Section: West  Middle  East  Date \_\_\_\_\_

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# TBPA Board Meeting Update - July 7, 2010

## Treasurer's report

Balance \$ 8,533.96. This total includes an investment CD of \$5,300.00.

## Membership

Membership payments for the 3rd and 4th quarter of 2009 and the 1st and 2nd quarters of 2010 have still not been received from National. Angel will contact Bruce about the reimbursement.

## Newsletter

September 10th is deadline for next Newsletter.

## TBPA Annual Conference 2010

Everyone is encouraged to book rooms now. Deadline is September 13th for discount. Kitty will put this on the web site. Kitty will mail the registration forms ASAP. Speakers were discussed and finalized.

Board voted to buy long sleeve T-shirts with a pocket in heather gray with dark blue writing.

Board voted to pay \$300 travel for a National representative to attend the Conference only after they attend. Money was sent for Curtiss to travel last year and she did not attend.

## Annual Awards

Kent needs nominations for the Annual Awards and Angel needs the winner's names by October 4th to get the plaques made.

## Nominations

Kent needs nominations for East and Middle Tennessee Directors by October 1st.

## Residential Inspections

This issue was discussed at the last Board Meeting. Robert Foster wrote a letter saying 5% of residential homes have to be "physically" surveyed – thus making this a mandate because it was written by a director.

TAUD was informed that the State is looking for the following on a Sanitary Survey: 5% residential surveys, enforcement of testing and repair, public education, and annual testing of devices.

This was discussed at length. The Board wants a speaker at the Conference to address the issue.

## TAUD Expo

Kent reported on the Expo. TBPA furnished a fishing reel for the silent auction and a Leatherman

tool as a give-away. Michael Robeson helped Kent and was active in giving out copies of the newsletter. There were a record number of vendors at the Expo. Michael was presented with a TBPA portfolio as a thank you gift for all his hard work.

## TAUD Business Conference

Kent will be attending on August 4th – 6th. TBPA will pay for his hotel stay. We have not received information. Liba checked after the Board Meeting and got TBPA registered.

## ABPA National Conference

Angel updated the Board on the conference activities. Total ABPA Membership 3,826. 150 members attended the Conference.

The ABPA Board voted to remove two director at large positions from the Board. Other conference issues were discussed at length; including: Discovery Channel Backflow Video, Grants to off-set Education Materials, Removal of tester's certificate if abused, Resource Manual, and Communication. 190 Scholarship applications were received.

TBPA won the PACE Award and Larry Stinnett won the Golden Eagle Award. The presentation TBPA made to Mr. Lashlee is supposed to be in an upcoming issue of the ABPA Magazine.

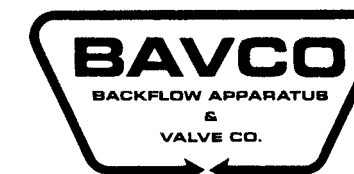
Deadline for Awards for National is March 1st. Curtiss is supposed to send Angel an Awards Manual.

2011 Conference will be held in San Antonio, Texas.

Next meeting – Annual Conference - October 13th at 5:00 PM - The Doubletree Hotel.

Not official minutes.

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