

Tennessee Backflow News

Fall 2014



NEXT BOARD MEETING

5:00 PM

Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2014

Wilderness at the Smokies
Sevierville, TN

Upcoming Events

TBPA 18th Annual Conference
October 16th & 17th, 2014
Wilderness at the Smokies -
Sevierville, TN
Deadline for hotel reservations is Oct. 1

2015

TBPA Board Meeting
10:00 a.m.
Jan. 7 - April 1 - June 24
Murfreesboro Water Plant

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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

Hello TBPA members! I hope everyone is enjoying the unusually mild weather we are having this summer.

July and August is always a busy time for the Cross Connection team here in Murfreesboro. We tested over 1200 backflow devices in two months. My inspectors and I have worked extremely hard this summer and are ready to enjoy our conference next month.

The Annual TBPA Conference is the perfect time to get away from the everyday routine and get together with fellow members to share ideas and catch up on the latest Cross Connection activities in their cities. In addition to great accommodations we have some great speakers scheduled. This year's conference is October 16th & 17th at Wilderness of the Smokies in Sevierville TN. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Please keep in mind that registration after October 8th will require an additional \$25, and you may miss out on receiving a great T-shirt. So the sooner you register the better.

Annual awards are given at the conference so contact any board member to submit your nominations.

Our next board meeting will be held at the Conference Hotel on Wednesday October 15th at 5:00 pm. All TBPA members are encouraged to attend. I'm looking forward to a great turnout and another successful conference. See you next month.

Frank Maccagnano
TBPA President

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION & CANCELLATION POLICY

The Board approved the following policy for Conference Fees January 2013:

- Registration Deadline is the Wednesday before the Thursday date (or first day of the conference). Registrations must be received by mail or email before this date.
- After the cut-off date and Walk-up registrations will have a \$25 late fee. Late registrations will not receive a T-shirt.
- Cancellations: *30 days in advance* – Full refund (less any Paypal charges). *29-15 days in advance* - Refund less \$50 cancellation fee. *Less than 15 days* - No Refund. Attendee substitution can be made (Member \$0 / Nonmember \$80)
- Extenuating circumstances (i.e. death of an immediate family member) will be reviewed by the Board of Directors. A credit may be issued for the next years Conference.

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 \$85 annually. Annual dues include \$20 for Tennessee and \$65 for National ABPA dues. National membership is required for Tennessee membership.

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Jackson Energy Authority
Attn: Liba Ford
250 North Highland
Jackson, TN 38301

For newsletter advertisements contact:
Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association
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 ANNUAL DUES TOTAL: \$85.00

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*Includes bi-monthly ABPA News Magazine
 and quarterly Tennessee Backflow News
 Pre-payment of dues required to process application.
 Membership is non-transferable. National ABPA membership
 required for state TBPA membership*

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/. Written registration and 30 days notice is required for the following classes:

2103 Cross Connection Control Basic Workshop

Duration: 3 days • Class Fee: \$275

(full time employees of

public water systems are exempt)

Testing Fee: \$60 (no exemptions)

Murfreesboro

Nov. 19-21

Jackson

Oct. 15-17

3102 Cross Connection

Control Renewal Workshop

Duration: 1 day • Class Fee: \$110

(full time employees of

public water systems are exempt)

Testing Fee: \$60 (no exemptions)

Murfreesboro

Nov. 18

Jackson

Oct. 14

NOTICE

All registrations forms for classes and seminars must be accompanied by the required fee payment.

- **The Tennessee Association of Utility Districts (TAUD):** Offering classes for utilities, municipalities and other industry related businesses and contractors. Classes include Cross Connection Renewal and Basic, Confined Space Entry, CPR/ First Aid, Flagger Safety, Trench Excavation and many others. Customized classes are also available. For more information please visit the Training Page at www.taud.org or contact Tonia Pass at (615) 900-1000 or ToniaPass@taud.org.

Basic Cross Connection Class

Jackson

October 1-3

Murfreesboro

November 12 - 14

Renewal Cross Connection Class

MLGW - Memphis

October 29

TAUD - Murfreesboro

November 10

- **Memphis Light, Gas and Water:** Cross Connection Renewal classes are scheduled from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. Fee is \$100 and must be received prior to class date. (Checks payable to MLGW). Test fee is \$60 (Checks payable to Fleming Training Center) Class size is limited to twelve (12). Students must bring a Test kit and flathead screwdriver.

Backflow Repair Class fee is \$50.

For more information and to register contact: MLGW Cross Connection at 901-528-7757

Cross Connection Renewal Class

Location: MLGW Cross Connection Training Lab

488 North Dunlap, Memphis, TN

Class Date

Registration Deadline

Nov. 13

Nov. 6

Backflow Repair Class

Location: MLGW Cross Connection Training Lab
488 North Dunlap - Memphis, TN 38105

Wilkins (Limit 8 per class)

October 10: 12:00 – 1:45 & 2:00 – 4:00

Conbraco (Limit 8 per class)

December 5: 12:00 – 1:45 & 2:00 – 4:00

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Training Information

- **Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local 572, Nashville, Tennessee:** Backflow Classes for Apprentices and Journeyman: (615) 227-5542
225 Ben Allen Rd., Nashville, TN 37207
- **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 lu102jatc@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 Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee. 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 Board Meeting Update - July 9, 2014

Treasurer's report

Account Balance \$8,978.07. This total includes an investment CD of \$5,500.00 and a checking account balance of \$3,478.07. The IRS filing for 2013 has been accepted.

Membership

We finally received 3rd and 4th Quarter 2013 membership dues from ABPA.

ABPA Conference

Wayne reported on the conference and his meeting with Mr. Moss. It was brief but Wayne expressed our concerns. ABPA is aware of most of our problems and he took note of them. Mr. Moss did not indicate he would respond. Wayne will send an email and ask for follow-up information.

We received the PACE Award – Wayne and Dave accepted on our behalf.

TBPA 2014 Conference

Sevierville, TN - Wilderness at the Smokies. October 16th -17th - Board meeting Wednesday the 15th at 5:00 PM. Room rate is \$109. Stay-over for Friday and Saturday night will have a room rate of \$139. Reservations should be made before October 1st. (Problems with additional night stay should be fixed.)

Speakers

Confirmed and Unconfirmed Speakers were discussed and assignments made for contact.

Entertainment

Donna will continue to look into entertainment for the lunch award presentation & possible tickets to an evening show. She is also working with the hotel about food.

Door Prizes

Liba will handle door prizes and speaker gifts from TBPA. The Vendor letter will ask for prizes from them.

Shirts

Shirts this year will be Orange – Long Sleeve (with pocket) – White print. Liba will contact Dave.

Awards & Nomination Committee

Michael will send out an email asking for nominations for both awards and Middle and East Directors.

ABPA Conference 2015

The Conference will be in Nashville in April 2015. They will be contacting us about working when the date and location are set.

Board meeting

Next meeting – Annual Conference in Sevierville, TN – October 15, 2014 at 5:00 PM

Meeting Adjourned at 11:25 am

Not official minutes

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MIDDLE TN DIRECTOR & EAST TN DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS

It is election time for the Middle and East Tennessee Directors of TBPA. Please submit all Nominations by email to one of the Committee Members:

David Risner (Chairman): drisner@murfreesborotn.gov

Bradley Tomlin: btomlin@jaxenergy.com

Chase Layne: chase.layne@amwater.com

Please submit before **November 1, 2014**

TBPA West Section News

If you have not registered for the TBPA Annual Conference please notice the deadlines: Hotel 10-1-14 and Conference 10-8-14. Remember you may pay on the web site by using PayPal.

The Conference Committee has worked hard to have a wide range of topics, speakers and vendors for this year. As in the past, the conference registration includes breakfast both days, snacks, the Thursday luncheon and CEU's.

Remember, the hotel registration includes access to the water park and an extra night's stay is available for a discount. You are welcome to come early and join us at the Board meeting on Wednesday night! Hope to see you there.

Bradley Tomlin
West Section Director

TBPA Middle Section News

I hope everyone had a great and safe summer. Please make plans to join us at the annual conference this year in Sevierville. We have a great group of speakers presenting a wide range of topics. I always seem to learn something I didn't know every year. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

We need your nominations for Awards before October 1st. Winners will be announced at the Conference. We want to recognize those in our association who have worked

hard to promote our cause. Send nominations to: drisner@murfreesborotn.gov.

Also, please submit nominations for the Board positions of Middle and East Tennessee Directors. Send nominations before November 1st to: drisner@murfreesborotn.gov.

David Risner
Middle Tennessee Director

TBPA East Section News

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer. It's hard to believe it's almost over. Chattanooga has experienced another mild and wet summer but who's complaining?

October is coming and you know what that means its "Conference Time in Tennessee", I couldn't resist. Hopefully, by now you have received your registration form for the TBPA Annual Conference. If you have not registered, please do so ASAP by mail or visit our web site tbackflow.com and pay using PayPal. The deadline for the discounted registration rate is October 8th.

This year the Conference will be held October 16th – 17th at the

Wilderness at the Smokies Lodge in Sevierville, TN. Deadline for the discounted room rate is October 1st. Come early and attend the board meeting Wednesday afternoon the 15th.

This will be a great time to bring the family and stay the weekend and enjoy all the Wilderness Lodge with its indoor Water Park has to offer.

Be Safe,
Steve Betty
East Tennessee Director

NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS

Each year at the Annual Conference the Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association gives awards to a deserving company and persons who have contributed to the field of cross connection.

Nominations should include a brief explanation stating the qualifications of the person / company being nominated.

1. **Individual Award (Robert Lashlee Award):** Must have excelled over a number of years in the field of cross connection or the backflow industry. Recipient will be given a lifetime membership to TBPA. **
2. **Individual Award:** Must have contributed outstanding work within the TBPA organization in the last 12 months. All nominees must be a member in good standing of TBPA.

3. **Company or Water Purveyor Award:** Must have excelled within the field of cross connection and promoted TBPA within the last 12 months. All nominees must be a member in good standing of TBPA.

If you know of someone who meets these requirements please nominate them for an award. We are proud of our state and the contributions our members have made to the field of backflow and want to recognize their hard work.

Nominations committee members: David Risner, Bradley Tomlin, and Chase Layne.

Send nominations to David Risner at drisner@murfreesborotn.gov or phone for mailing instructions: 615-848-3222. Please submit nominations before **October 1, 2014.**

Early Registration Form

TBPA CONFERENCE 2014

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

T-Shirt size (circle) S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL

TBPA Members \$125

Non-Members \$210

(includes TBPA & ABPA membership)

Breakfast and Luncheon Thursday & Breakfast Friday are included

Guest for Luncheon \$10 per person

Thursday, Oct. 16th - 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Friday, Oct. 17th - 8:30 am to Noon

Wilderness at the Smokies

190 Gists Creek Road

Sevierville, TN 37876

Phone: (865) 868-2177 (Mention TBPA)

Deadline for Room Reservations is October 1st

Return Forms to:

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