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10:00 a.m.
 Wednesday
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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 everyone! I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a blessed Happy New Year. It's hard to believe my term as your President will expire as of January 1, 2010. I will still be on the Board as the Immediate Past President for two years. Where has time gone? I believe the best is yet to come for Tennessee Backflow. I want to thank Angel Goike, as incoming President, all the officers, and Board of Directors for the support and confidence shown to me during the past two

years. As Angel accepts the office of President, we need to support her in her future efforts. The TBPA Annual Conference was very good. I want to thank Lloyd Rainey, Liba Ford and Kitty Banks for their dedicated work to insure the Conference was a success. The slate of speakers, the meeting place and the food were all excellent. The 2010 Conference is scheduled to be held in Murfreesboro. Mark your calendars now! I encourage everyone to vote in the upcoming election. Once again it looks like we have some qualified candidates. I urge you to support your Association and vote. Again, thanks to everyone for your support and friendship during my tenure as your President. As the holidays are fast approaching, don't forget the true meaning of Christmas. I know it's not politically correct but, tell everyone you meet today the following: **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

GOD BLESS YOU ALL
 Larry Stinnett
 President TBPA

Upcoming Events

ABPA Annual Conference & Tradeshow

May 17 - 19, 2010
 InterContinental Hotel
 New Orleans, Louisiana

2010 TBPA Board Meetings

10:00 a.m.
 Consolidated Utility - Murfreesboro
 January 6th - April 7th - July 7th

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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:

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c/o JEA, P.O. Box 68, Jackson, TN 38302

For newsletter advertisements contact:

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Conference Awards

Congratulations to the recipients of this year's TBPA Awards.

The TBPA Board of Directors presented a special Lifetime Achievement Award to Robert Lashlee for his many years of support and dedication to the field of Backflow Prevention. Mr. Lashlee is in failing health and was unable to attend the Conference this year. In the future, the Award presented to an individual for their work within the backflow industry will be renamed in Mr. Lashlee's honor.

The other recipients were:

City of Kingsport - for their work in the field of backflow and promotion of TBPA.

Steve Beene - for his work within the TBPA organization.

Denny Lowe - for his work within the backflow industry.

We are honored to have individuals such as these who are willing to give of their time and talents to work in the field of cross-connection and to further the goals of this association.

Conference Vendors

The Conference Committee and the TBPA Board of Directors would like to say **THANK YOU** to all our 2009 Conference Vendors. You are a large part of the success of our conference each year. We encourage you to support the following vendors who give their time and resources to support TBPA and the backflow industry:

- Backflow Control - Roger Crane
- Backflow Specialty, Inc. - Brad Stinnett
- BAVCO - Mark Canterbury
- Central Sales Company - Jeff and Bill Hunt & Curtis Moody
- Mid-America Marketing, Inc. (Watts & Febco) - Lloyd Rainey & Keith Stephens
- Safe-T-Cover - Al Adams & Gerald Pruitt
- Southern Marketing Group - Al Rathheim & Tom Sullivan
- Tenn. Assoc. of Utility Dist. (TAUD) - Brent Ogles
- Tennessee One Call - Scott Holder

Lori Bachus



The Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association was saddened to hear of the passing of a former member and friend, Lori Bachus on October 20, 2009. Lori leaves a husband, Richard and a son

Levi along with parents and sisters.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to her family during this difficult time.

Memorial contributions may be made to:

Gospel Tabernacle Assembly of God,
1661 Highway 27 South,
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ABPA 2010

Harrington / Arthur Memorial Scholarship

The ABPA is currently accepting applications for the 2010 Harrington / Arthur Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is available to any high school student over 13 and under 20 years of age as of January 31, 2010. The essayist is NOT required to be college bound! The scholarship can be used for any type of advanced education.

An essay must be submitted based on the following required content: "How is your local, state or regional area administrative authority providing safe drinking water through cross-connection control or backflow prevention? Explore options for improvements." The winner will receive a scholarship of \$1,000.00. Winners of a scholarship under this competition are not eligible to win more than once. The deadline is February 28, 2010, so start working on those essays!

Additional rules and information may be found via www.abpa.org.

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Roger Crane
Instrument Technician

New TBPA Members

Welcome to our newest TBPA Member. We look forward to your participation in our Association. If you would like to serve on the TBPA Board or a Committee, please let your Section Director or a Board member know.

Ralph McCarter
Greg O'Neal
James Upton
Michael Tolbert
Bill Corlew
Pleas W. Wright
John Newberry
Dennis Jones
James T. Holder

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Denny Lowe receives an award for his work within the backflow industry



Ron Ison accepts the award to Kingsport for their work in the field of backflow and promotion of TBPA



Steve Beene receives an award for his work with the TBPA



Pat Ahearn - Wilkins and Al Rathheim - Southern Marketing Group



Bruce Rathburn - ABPA President



Brent Ogles - TAUD and K.D. Bond - Lawrenceburg



Roger Crane with Backflow Control



Scott Holder with Tennessee One Call



Al Adams with Safe-T-Cover



Mark Canterbury with BAVCO



Bill Corlew - Clarksville and Danny Williams - Collierville



Steve Betty with TN American Water

TBPA Board Meeting Update - October 28, 2009

Treasurer's report

Balance \$12,083.54. This total includes an investment CD of \$5,200.00.

ABPA Concerns

Larry addressed the Board with his concerns about ABPA. Bruce Rathburn, President of ABPA, was in attendance to answer the questions Larry presented. Larry expressed dissatisfaction with the lack of people running for office and the finances of ABPA. Bruce indicated he questioned the ABPA Board about spending \$75,000. After investigating, all monies were accounted for except approximately \$5,000. The main problem was overbooking rooms for the convention and paying for plates that were not consumed at the banquet. ABPA has lost \$50,000 over the last two annual conferences. He discussed the ways they plan to reduce their spending in the future. Changing and adding new speakers at the conference, and the control of USC were also discussed.

Pay Pal

Liba has the web site set to take Pay Pal credit card payments for any TBPA charges. There was no activation fee and the fee for every \$100 is \$3.20 up to \$3,000.

Membership

We received four members through the conference and four others. Shane has not been answering Liba's questions concerning our members and their payments. Angel has volunteered to take over and help Liba with the membership.

New Program

Angel presented an idea to boost membership. People will send in a paper describing their best and worst day on the job. Top papers will be chosen and a winner chosen by the membership at the annual conference. A prize will be given to be determined later.

Elections

Nominations are to be sent to Kent. Lloyd will run for West Director. Nominations for VP are Steve Betty, Frank Maccagnano and Donna Morrell.

2010 TBPA Annual Conference

Board voted to hold the 2010 Conference in Middle Tennessee. To help with speakers canceling at the last minute, all speakers will be asked to send their talk to the Board before the conference. The talk will be given even if they cancel.

Next meeting

Consolidated Utility - Murfreesboro, TN - January 6, 2010 at 10:00 AM

Not official minutes.



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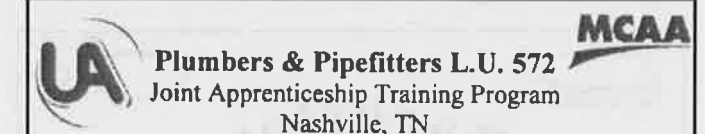
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TBPA West Section News

The 2009 TBPA Annual Conference in Robinsonville / Tunica, MS on October 29th and 30th was very informative and fun for all who attended. We had several first time attendees, excellent speakers and some of the best food anywhere around. You just can't beat Paula Deen's home cookin'!

Thank You to all the speakers and vendors for your participation. We appreciate all you do for the Tennessee Backflow Association. We were pleased to have a couple of new vendors and will look forward to seeing them at the conference in 2010.

On November 5th a Wilkins repair class was held at the JEA Training Center in Jackson, TN. Curtis Moody and Jeff Hunt with Central Sales Company were kind enough to not only lead the class but also supply all those in attendance with a delicious lunch. New devices were presented along with repair instructions and tips. Thank you Jeff and Curtis. I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas! Take time to slow down and enjoy the holiday season.

Lloyd Rainey
West Section Director

TBPA East Section News

It was nice to see everyone at the Annual Conference in Tunica, MS. in October. As always it was good to talk to old friends and make new ones. We had another good turn out this year with attendance and vendors. I would like to say congratulations to the awards winners this year. Category #1- City of Kingsport, #2 Denny Lowe with Adams-Cedar Hill Utility, #3 Steve Beene with Hixson

Utility and Mr. Lashlee for the Lifetime Achievement Award..

I would also like to Thank Bruce Rathburn, President of the ABPA, for taking time out of his busy schedule to travel to the TBPA Conference. I talked with Bruce and he seems very willing to help TBPA in any way he can. I think it's great that he is available to assist not only the regions involved in ABPA but for each individual chapter as well.

In the Spring of 2009 I attended a Tennessee 811 meeting in Knoxville. I talked to Kathy Quartermaine with 811 and asked her if they would be interested in being a vendor at this year's TBPA Conference. The next week Scott Holder from 811 gave me a call. He was excited to be a vendor and I was pleased that he accepted the invitation to be a speaker at the Conference. He spoke about 811 operations and the steps that everyone should go through before digging. He also presented an excellent power point show on what can happen when you don't call 811.

It's amazing how making that one phone call to 811 to get the entire utilities marked can save you A LOT of problems!! I'm sure everyone enjoyed his presentation. Scott remarked that he had learned a lot from the TBPA conference and I'm sure everyone learned from him also. We look forward to 811 being a TBPA vendor in the years to come.

Lloyd and Liba I want to say you both did a great job getting this year's conference going and making it a success.

Kent Bowman
East Tennessee Director

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 1/2 days • Class Fee: \$275

(full time employees of public water systems are exempt)

Testing Fee: \$60 (no exemptions)

Knoxville:
April 20 - 23

Jackson:
April 6 - 9

Murfreesboro:
January 5 - 8 March 2 - 5
May 11 - 14 June 22 - 25

Kingsport:
May 25 - 28

Maryville:
June 8 - 11

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)

Knoxville:
April 19 - 20

Jackson:
April 5 - 6

Murfreesboro:
January 4 - 5 March 1 - 2
May 10 - 11 June 21 - 22

Kingsport:
May 24 - 25

Maryville:
June 7 - 8

• **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 or contact either Brent Ogles at brentogles@taud.org - (615) 896-9022 or Greg Baker at gregbaker@taud.org - (731) 225-5240 - 840 Commercial Court, Murfreesboro, TN 37129.

BASIC CROSS CONNECTION CLASS

TAUD - Murfreesboro:

January 20th-23rd

MLGW - Memphis

February 3rd - 5th

TN American Water - Chattanooga
February 10th - 12th

Clarksville Gas and Water - Clarksville
March 17th - 19th

Blountville UD - Blountville
March 30th - April 1st

RENEWAL CROSS CONNECTION CLASS

TAUD - Murfreesboro:

January 19th

MLGW - Memphis:

February 2nd

TN American Water - Chattanooga:
February 9th

Clarksville Gas and Water - Clarksville
March 16th

Blountville UD - Blountville
March 29th

- **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 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 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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