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# Tennessee Backflow News

Spring 2012



### NEXT BOARD MEETING

10:00 AM  
 Wednesday  
**April 4, 2012**  
 Murfreesboro  
 Water Plant  
 5528 Sam Jared Drive  
 Murfreesboro, TN  
 For directions  
 call 615-848-3222

### 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

Greetings from Knoxville, Tennessee! I am pleased to serve as President of the Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association. I want to thank the previous officers for their outstanding service and leadership. And to the new Board members, welcome as we continue our mission:

- to improve communication with all members statewide regarding changes in the backflow industry and regulations,
- to increase our membership numbers, and
- to increase the activity of all current members.

With increased awareness of industry developments and by learning from each other, we can all develop and administer more effective programs, provide better service to our customers, and ultimately provide safer water to the citizens of the State of Tennessee.

Your Board is very excited about the opportunities we have to reach out to non-members across the state, including the Expos and Conferences we attend as an organization. But, the best way for us to increase our membership is for you, the members, to talk about the advantages this organization brings to you with your surrounding water service providers or with others you meet on a day to day basis that have a roll in the cross connection field. I want to also encourage you to take advantage of the many training opportunities that are available through this organization, TDEC, and TAUD.

Another exciting opportunity for our members is the Annual Conference. This year we are planning for a meeting in Jackson, Tennessee. So, all of you West Tennesseans have an easy trip to make. The dates are October 25-26. You can find out more information at our website: <http://tnbackflow.com/conference.html>

We will soon be soliciting ideas for presentations for the Conference. We want to know what you want to hear about, and we want to hear from you. You will be receiving an e-mail from our Membership Chair, Michael Robeson, and we'll have more information on the website soon as well. Start making your plans now to join us in October.

I want to thank you for this opportunity to serve as your President. One of the most important things we do is protecting the water that the citizens of Tennessee drink. I feel blessed that I can play a part in that critical role. You should feel blessed as well.

Donna Maloy  
 TBPA President

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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. Annual dues include \$20 for Tennessee and \$60 for National ABPA dues. National membership is required for Tennessee membership.

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# TBPA West Section News

I am pleased to serve as the new TBPA Director of West Tennessee. Many THANKS go to Lloyd Rainey for all his years of service to this association. We truly appreciate all he has done, and if we know Lloyd, all he will continue to do to further our goals.

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We are proud to have West Tennessee host this year's Annual Conference. The dates are October 25th and 26th, with the Board meeting on the evening of the 24th. The DoubleTree Hotel in Jackson, TN will be the Conference location. The hotel has created a personalized group web page that has been published to the web.

If there is information you would like to see presented at the Conference please contact me as soon as possible. This is your Conference – let's make it a good one! For your convenience, you can register on line by using PayPal. Just visit the web site: **www.tnbackflow.com**.

Bradley Tomlin  
West Section Director

The TBPA Web page address is:  
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## New Advertiser

TBPA would like to welcome a new Advertiser to our Newsletter – Tennessee Association of Utility Districts. Thank you for your support of our organization!

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Pre-payment of dues required to process application.  
Membership is non-transferable. National ABPA membership required for state TBPA membership

## 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 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.

## New TBPA Members

Welcome to our newest TBPA Members. We look forward to meeting you and working with you. If you would like to serve on the TBPA Board or a Committee, please contact your Section Director or any Board member.

Michael Cardone	Express Lane Backflow Testing	Morristown, TN
Wayne Osborne	Shelbyville Power & Water	Shelbyville, TN

### Notice to all Members

*If you have not given TBPA a current email address please do so. This is a quick and cost effective way of keeping our membership informed. Not sure if we have your email?*

Contact Michael Robeson at [mrobeson@musfiber.net](mailto:mrobeson@musfiber.net).

### Upcoming Events

**ABPA Annual Conference**  
April 30th – May 2nd, 2012  
Silver Legacy Resort  
Reno, Nevada

**TBPA 16th Annual Conference**  
October 25th & 26th, 2012  
Doubletree Hotel  
Jackson, TN  
**Board Meeting**  
October 24th – 5:00 PM

**2012 TBPA Board Meetings**  
NOTICE JULY DATE CHANGE  
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Murfreesboro Water Plant  
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July 18th – October 24th

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## TBPA Board Meeting Update - January 4, 2012

### Treasurer's report

Balance \$13,575.34. This total includes an investment CD of \$5,400.00. The Annual Financial Report was reviewed and approved. Liba will send to National.

### New Officers

New Officers began their terms, they are: Donna Maloy - President, Frank Maccagnano - Vice-President and Bradley Tomlin - West TN Director.

### Membership

Michael is getting quotes for mailing a card to all testers in Tennessee.

### Elections

The Board voted to move up the date that the ballots are sent out to November 15th and the date to have them post marked by December 3rd to the Regional Director. Michael will also send out an email reminder during the voting time (about November 26th).

Donna will speak to John Haulsy about serving as a Director-at-large. The Board voted for Larry Stinnett to serve as a Director-at-large and voted to appoint David Risner as Middle TN Director to fill out Frank's term (2012 only).

### Regulations Committee

Letter to TDEC about the 5% rule is on Hold for the time being. TDEC is to do a survey of their departments. The letter may not be necessary or may need to be changed if the departments change. Brent will keep us updated on the status.

### 2012 Conference

The 2011 Conference in Gatlinburg made a profit of \$4,943.07. The Conference was discussed, good and bad. 2012 ideas such as notification to speakers, presentations, topics, hands on presentations were all discussed. Possible "call for papers" being sent out in May was also an idea.

Board voted to hold the 2012 Conference in Jackson,

TN. Bradley presented information and it looks like the DoubleTree Hotel will be the location of choice. They will honor the contract price given by the Hotel in Murfreesboro in 2010!

Liba presented give-away flashlights and prizes. Other ideas were presented. She will check on better flashlights and other possible items to give to speakers at the Conference.

### TBPA Activities for 2012

TAUD Expo - Lebanon, TN.  
TAUD Managers Meeting – Gatlinburg  
KY-TN AWWA Conference - Memphis - Board is deciding on the \$875 registration fee for two attendees and who will attend.

**Next meeting – Water Plant – Murfreesboro, TN – April 4, 2012 at 10:00 AM**

Not official minutes.



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## TBPA East Section News

Well, to start out I need to backup to the TBPA Winter newsletter East Section News. I sent Congratulations to Donna Maloy for her TBPA Award and I forgot to mention Larry Stinnett, Frank Maccagnano and Michael Robeson. I'm not going to say any names but two of the three gave me a hard time at the January Board meeting in Murfreesboro about only mentioning Donna as an award winner. Frank works in Murfreesboro and the other two live in East TN so can anyone guess who the two were? So, let me take this opportunity to say Congratulations to Frank Maccagnano with Murfreesboro Water & Sewer for his utility's work in the backflow field, to Larry for the Robert Lashlee Award and to Michael Robeson for his ABPA Award. Thank you all for your hard work.

Larry Stinnett's term as Past-President ended in January and he was appointed to serve as a Director-at-Large. Larry has been involved with the TBPA since it was formed. I want to send a special Thanks to Larry for everything he has done to make the TBPA what it is today. His knowledge and commitment have

not gone unnoticed with past and present members of the Association.

This year's Conference will be held in Jackson, TN. Bradley and Liba are already working hard to get everything lined up and I'm sure it will be another great conference. Everyone please start making your plans to attend this year. In January I talked to Eric Webber, the new East TN Field Office Manager with the Division of Water Supply, and he mentioned that he really enjoyed attending and speaking at last year's conference. He was pleased to meet everyone and be able to give us the updates from the DWS.

Remember, this year the Middle TN and East TN Director positions are up for reelection and it's never too early to turn in your nominations. Also, don't forget you can send in your nominations for the awards for this year conference. I hope everyone has Great and Safe Spring!

Kent Bowman  
East Tennessee Director

## It's That Time Again 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. All nominees must be a member in good standing of TBPA.

- 1. Individual Award (Robert Lashlee Award):** Must have excelled in the last 12 months in the field of cross connection or the backflow industry.
- 2. Individual Award:** Must have contributed outstanding work within the TBPA organization in the last 12 months.
- 3. Company or Water Purveyor Award:** Must have excelled within the field of cross connection and promoted TBPA within the last 12 months.

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 are Kent Bowman, Liba Ford, Randy Harrell and Michael Robeson.

Send all nominations to Kent Bowman at [kbowman@fudknox.org](mailto:kbowman@fudknox.org) or contact Kent by phone at: 1-865-966-9741. Please submit nominations before September 10, 2012.

# 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 days • Class Fee: \$275

(full time employees of public water systems are exempt)  
Testing Fee: \$60 (no exemptions)

<b>Jackson:</b> April 11-13	<b>Knoxville:</b> April 18-20
<b>Kingsport:</b> May 23-25	<b>Murfreesboro:</b> May 9-11
<b>Alcoa:</b> August 8-10	<b>Chattanooga:</b> June 6-8
	<b>Memphis:</b> July 18-20
	<b>Chattanooga:</b> September 12-14

### 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)

<b>Jackson:</b> April 10	<b>Knoxville:</b> April 17
<b>Kingsport:</b> May 22	<b>Murfreesboro:</b> May 8
<b>Alcoa:</b> August 7	<b>Chattanooga:</b> June 5
	<b>Memphis:</b> July 17
	<b>Chattanooga:</b> September 11

- 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

<b>Murfreesboro:</b> May 9-11	<b>Knoxville:</b> April 11-13	<b>Memphis:</b> June 13-15
<b>Chattanooga:</b> July 25-27	<b>Chattanooga:</b> September 5-7	<b>Chattanooga:</b> July 11-13
<b>Chattanooga:</b> September 19-21		

### Renewal Cross Connection Classes

<b>Murfreesboro:</b> May 8	<b>Memphis:</b> June 12	<b>Knoxville:</b> April 10
<b>Chattanooga:</b> July 24	<b>Chattanooga:</b> July 10	<b>Chattanooga:</b> September 4
<b>Chattanooga:</b> September 18		

- 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 Class

Location: MLGW Cross Connection Training Lab  
488 North Dunlap, Memphis, TN  
May 24, July 26, September 20, November 15

### Backflow Repair Class

Location: MLGW Cross Connection Training Lab  
488 North Dunlap  
Memphis, TN 38105  
**Watts** (Limit 12 per class)  
August 10: 12:00 - 4:00  
**Wilkins** (Limit 8 per class)  
April 13: 8:00 - 9:45 & 10:00 - 12:00  
October 12: 12:00 - 1:45 & 2:00 - 4:00  
**Conbraco** (Limit 8 per class)  
June 15: 8:00 - 9:45 & 10:00 - 12:00  
December 6: 12:00 - 1:45 & 2:00 - 4:00



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