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Tennessee Backflow News

Winter 2013



NEXT BOARD MEETING

10:00 AM
Wednesday

January 8, 2014

Murfreesboro Water Plant
5528 Sam Jared Drive
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For directions call
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Upcoming Events

ABPA 30th Annual
Conference
May 19 – 21, 2014
DoubleTree
Pittsburgh-Green Tree
Pittsburgh, PA

2014
TBPA Board Meetings
10:00 AM
Murfreesboro Water Plant
April 2nd – July 9th

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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

The older I get, the faster time passes. Is it just me? I realized today that our Annual Conference was nearly two months ago and I feel like we just left Chattanooga yesterday. We had a fabulous conference: great attendance, and very informative speakers. Our wonderful vendor sponsors were once again instrumental in making our conference a success. I truly believe that the quality and diversity of our speakers continues to improve and grow. Thanks to all of you who took part in contacting and scheduling these fine presenters.

Many thanks to Kitty Vaughn, Steve Betty, and Chase Layne for all their hard work preparing to make the day and half an enjoyable and educational experience. Thanks to Liba Ford for seeing to the many details and keeping the bills paid. It is always a joy seeing many of you year after year and catching up on what is happening in your lives, both work and personal.

Congratulations to our 2013 award winners: City of Clarksville, Frank Maccagnano, and Grady Gentry.

Thanks also to Dave Risner, Bradley Tomlin, and Chase Layne for their work on the Nominations Committee this year. Hopefully, you voted for our open Board positions for Vice President and West Tennessee Director. We have great people currently serving on our Board and I believe that we are continuing that tradition with the quality nominees we have this year.

I want to say a special Thank You to Michael Robeson our Membership Director. Michael is always active in spreading the word and keeping all of our members informed of upcoming events, reminding us to register or to provide feedback, and making sure we are up to date on what is happening in the Chapter. We are so very lucky to have him active on our Board. Thanks also to Brent Ogles for his commitment to TBPA and for his excellent technical expertise and willingness to always provide much valued insight and information on many topics related to cross connection.

I am grateful to Frank Maccagnano for his support as Vice President the last two years. And I know that he will serve the organization well as President. This is my last letter to you as President of your TBPA. As I said at the beginning, time passes too fast these days. I want you to know that I have counted it a privilege to be your President the last two years. We have a strong Chapter, one that is recognized at the National level as one of the most successful in the ABPA organization. You have only yourselves to thank for that. I am sure you will continue to be diligent in your work to protect and provide safe drinking water for the residents of the State of Tennessee. I am fortunate to count many of you as my friends.

Many blessing to you all,
Donna Maloy
President TBPA

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TBPA Middle Section News

A big Thank You goes out to all members that attended this year's conference in Chattanooga. I hope everyone was able to take away a bit of knowledge that they didn't have when they arrived. The Board works hard to improve the conference every year, so please feel free to contact a board member if you have any suggestions or ideas for next year.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

David Risner
Middle TN Director

TBPA West Section News

Hello from West Tennessee! We had another great annual conference in October in Chattanooga. I was glad to see everyone who was able to attend. Congratulations to our Award recipients for their contributions to the organization and the backflow industry. If you didn't make it, you missed some good training and information covered by our presenters, in addition to good food and fellowship with our members and vendors.

you may have. If your need involves training, education, technical assistance, help or direction with enforcement and regulations please let a board member know. Your concerns and interests are what we need to hear in order to plan future conferences. So, if there is something that you would like to see be sure and tell us.

I wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Bradley Tomlin
West Section Director

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ABPA 2014 Harrington / Arthur Memorial Scholarship

2014 Scholarship Topic: Contact your local state or city and outline their cross-connection or backflow program and how it is administered. Explain whether you feel it is adequate or not and why. Explain if and how it could be improved?

The ABPA 2014 Harrington / Arthur Memorial Scholarship is available to any high school student over 13 and under 20 years of age as of December 31, 2013 and legal residents of the United States or Canada. 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 required content. 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 12:00 midnight, January 1, 2014, so start working on those essays!

Visit the web site for Complete Rules and Content information - www.abpa.org.

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 lu102jact@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.

TBPA Board Meeting Update - October 16, 2013

Treasurer's report

Balance \$ 16,412.30. This total includes an investment CD of \$5,500.00. The Checking account balance is \$10,912.30.

Visitors in Attendance

Several visitors were in attendance including: Mike Lueck, Dave Birkholz, Tim Head, Chase Layne and Kathy Riley Region 3 Director.

TBPA Annual Conference 2013

The Agenda for the Conference was discussed. Donna will make the announcement that you must be present at all sessions to get the CEU credits.

Three refunds were given for the conference, PayPal charges were kept. (One death in the family and two early cancellations)

Pete Chapman was unable to attend due to illness. Mike Lueck gave a suggestion of dropping the conference to one and a half days. Michigan chapter has done this and their attendance doubled. Donna asked Michael to send an email to survey the membership about changing our conference.

Discussion was held on late conference registrations, raising cost or having a cutoff date. The late registrations have been a problem for Liba, ordering T-shirts and planning food for the conference. The Board will discuss this further in January. Kathy will find out what other chapters are doing and let us know.

Election for VP and West Director

Nominations need to be in by October 28th – Ballots mailed by November 15th – an email reminder on November 26th and returned to Kathy by December 3rd. Kitty is in charge of this.

2014 TBPA Conference

The Board voted to pursue having the conference in Sevierville at the Wilderness of the Smokies Hotel. Donna will check on dates and prices and possible other locations and report back.

Next meeting January 8th at 10:00 AM – Murfreesboro Water Plant

Not official minutes.



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New TBPA Members
Welcome to our newest TBPA Members! We look forward to working with you. Please remember, if you would like to serve on the TBPA Board or a Committee, contact your Section Director or any Board member.

James Cox	Town of Collierville	Collierville, TN
Richard Allen	Sweetwater Utilities Board	Sweetwater, TN
Ryan Davidson	Sweetwater Utilities Board	Sweetwater, TN
Delain Williams	LaFollette Water System	LaFollette, TN
Steve Griffith	Cross Connection Services	Corryton, TN
Leanne Parker	Knoxville Utilities Board	Knoxville, TN
Joey Smith	ProMarketing, Inc	Spartanburg, SC
Barry Korol	K/W CCC, LLC	Kingston, NY
Whitney Seiler	Backflow Devices Testing & Repair	Ringgold, GA
Norman Zeller	Backflow Devices Testing & Repair	Ringgold, GA

2013 Conference Vendors

The Conference Committee and the TBPA Board of Directors would like to say THANK YOU to all our 2013 Conference Vendors. You were a large part of the success of our conference this year. We encourage our members to support the following vendors who give their time and resources to support TBPA and the backflow industry:

American Backflow Products Company – Doug Taylor
 Backflow Control – Roger Crane
 Backflow Specialty Company – Brad Stinnett
 BAVCO – Mark Canterbury
 Ben O'Neal Company – Greg O'Neal
 Mid-America Marketing, Inc. (Watts) – Lloyd Rainey
 Mid-America Marketing, Inc. (Ames) – Richard Goodman & Geoff Ward
 Safe-T-Cover – Al Adams
 Southern Marking Group – Al Rathheim
 Tenn. Assoc. of Utility Dist. (TAUD) – Greg Baker
 Test Gauge & Backflow Supply – James Probst & Derek Biba



Conference Awards

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

City of Clarksville - for their work in the field of backflow & promotion of TBPA.

Frank Maccagnano – for his work within the TBPA organization.

Grady Gentry – The Robert Lashlee Award for his work within the backflow industry.

We are honored to have companies and 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.



Frank accepting his award from Donna



Angel accepting the award on behalf of Clarksville from Donna

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	Jackson
January 15-17	April 9-11
February 5-7	Alcoa
March 12-14	April 23-25
May 7-9	Kingsport
June 18-20	July 30 – Aug 1
July 16-18	

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	Jackson
January 14	April 8
February 4	Alcoa
March 11	April 22
May 6	Kingsport
June 17	July 29
July 15	

3300 Backflow Prevention Assembly Repair Class

Duration: 1 day • Class Fee: \$125

Murfreesboro March 9

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

Memphis	Clarksville
June 11-13	January 29 - 31
Murfreesboro	Jefferson City
January 8 - 10	March 26-28
April 16 - 18	Knoxville
July 9 - 11	April 9 - 11

Jackson	Chattanooga
February 11 - 13	March 5 - 7
Kingsport	July 16 - 18
March 19 - 21	

Renewal Cross Connection Class

TAUD - Murfreesboro	JEA Training Center - Jackson
January 7,	February 10
April 15, July 8	Knoxville
Chattanooga	April 8
March 4, July 15	Kingsport
MLGW - Memphis	March 18
January 22, June 10	

Backflow Repair Class

JEA Training Center - Jackson	TN American - Chattanooga
February 14	April 1
Murfreesboro	Knoxville
July 29	May 13

- **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
January 23	January 16
March 13	March 6
March 27	March 20
May 22	May 15
July 10	July 3
July 24	July 17

Backflow Repair Class

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

Wilkins (Limit 8 per class)

April 11: 8:00 - 9:45 & 10:00 - 12:00

Watts (Limit 12 per class)

February 21: 8:00 - 12:00

Conbraco (Limit 8 per class)

June 13: 8:00 - 9:45 & 10:00 - 12:00