

Tennessee Backflow News

Fall 2015



NEXT BOARD MEETING

5:30 PM

October 14, 2015

DoubleTree Hotel - Memphis

Upcoming Events

TBPA 19th Annual Conference
October 15th & 16th, 2015
DoubleTree Hotel
Union Ave. - Memphis, TN

*Deadline for hotel
reservations is
September 14th*

2016

TBPA Board Meetings
10:00 AM
January 6th - April 6th
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

Here we are again at the end of another summer. I hope everyone had a great summer and enjoyed time with their families. Personally, I am personally ready for Fall's cooler temperatures and another great year of football.

Summer is always a busy time in the Cross Connection field, but now it's time to relax a little, take a deep breath and get ready for our TBPA Annual Conference that will be held in Memphis on October 15th – 16th at the DoubleTree Hotel on Union Ave. If you have not yet registered, there is still time, but hurry as it will be here soon.

Long time Treasurer/Membership/Newsletter & whatever you might need to know Board member, Liba Ford has decided it is time for her to step down. Liba has been Treasurer for many years and she is going to be missed. When you see her this year at the conference please tell her thank you for all she has done for the TBPA. If you are interested in the Treasure position please let Liba or a current Board member know. AGAIN, THANK YOU LIBA!

Remember to turn in your nominations for West Section Director and Vice-President of TBPA. If you would like to serve and have questions contact any Board member. Feel free to submit your own name, we are looking for some new faces and new ideas to keep this association moving forward.

Also, don't forget to turn in your nominations for this years TBPA Awards. We have many talented members in our association and we want to recognize their hard work and dedication. Send all nominations by email to Middle TN Director, David Risner, or to me by October 1st.

Our next Board meeting will be held in conjunction with the Conference on Wednesday, October 14th at 5:30 PM at the DoubleTree Hotel. I encourage everyone to attend and participate - This is YOUR Association.

See you all in Memphis!

Frank Maccagnano
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.

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Jackson Energy Authority
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250 North Highland Jackson, TN 38301

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*Includes bi-monthly ABPA News Magazine
and quarterly Tennessee Backflow News
Pre-payment of dues required to process application.
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bership 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:

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.

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. 18-20

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. 17

3300 Backflow Prevention Assembly Repair Class

One Day - \$125

Murfreesboro: September 18

NOTICE

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

Memphis Light, Gas & Water

For information and to register for classes contact MLGW at 901-528-7757

Basic Cross Connection Class

Murfreesboro	Memphis	Knoxville
<i>Sept 16-18</i>	<i>Oct. 28-30</i>	<i>Sept. 2-4</i>
<i>Nov. 18-20</i>	Jackson	Kingsport
	<i>Sept. 30 - Oct. 2</i>	<i>Oct. 14-16</i>

Renewal Cross Connection Class

Murfreesboro	Memphis	Knoxville
<i>Sept. 15</i>	<i>Oct. 27</i>	<i>Sept. 1</i>
<i>Nov. 17</i>	Jackson	Kingsport
	<i>Sept. 29</i>	<i>Oct. 13</i>

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Training Information

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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 - June 24, 2015

Treasurer's report

Checking Account Balance \$2,624.22 and a CD balance of \$5,511.00. Total \$8,135.73. Liba will resign the Treasurer's position effective January 1, 2015.

Membership

We finally received 2014 & 1st Qtr. dues reimbursements from ABPA. Payment delay cost TBPA \$30 in bank fees.

Newsletter

Liba will continue to format the Newsletter for the time being and use Franklin printing .

ABPA Conference 2015

Frank reported on the Conference. He spoke with the ABPA President about our problem receiving membership money. The Florida Chapter was kind enough to help pay for the basket and entertainment.

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

TBPA 2015 Conference

Memphis, TN - DoubleTree Hotel - October 15th - 16th. (Board meeting on the 14th at 5:00 PM) Room rate is \$134. Reservations should be made before Sept. 14th - mention TBPA. The Menu was discussed and decided.

Conference Speakers were discussed and assignments made to call about speaking.

Liba will handle door prizes and speaker gifts from TBPA. Kitty will send the Vendor letter which will mention prizes. Frank will ask the hotel about a prize form them.

T-Shirts this year will be Light Green - Short sleeve with Black or Dark print. Donna will handle the ordering.

No decision was made concerning entertainment.

Registration

Registrations will stop the Wednesday before the Conference (one week before). This year's cut-off is Oct. 7th. Registrations must be received by mail or email before this date. After the cut-off and walk-up registrations will have a \$25 late fee - Total with late fee is Members \$150 and Non-members \$230. Late registrations will not receive a T-shirt.

Awards & Nomination Committee

Michael will send out an email asking for nominations for both Awards and West Director and Vice President.

He will also send an email asking for volunteers to accept the Treasurer position.

Web Site

We will ask Kitty about the web site password to update the information

Next Board meeting

DoubleTree Hotel - Oct. 14th at 5:00 PM

Meeting Adjourned at 11:25 AM

Not official minutes

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TBPA West Section News

Education - The Number One Issue

What a summer!! I hope everyone has enjoyed theirs. Looking at my calendar with all the events going on, I am looking forward to Fall.

I know many from outside the backflow prevention industry may take for granted the measures that are taken to ensure that safe drinking water is in an abundant supply.

Rules and regulations related to cross-connection control can and do vary from area to area. What may be approved and/or permitted in one jurisdiction may be denied in another.

It is very important for those of us in the cross-connection control industry, whether you are a water pruveyor, plumber or contractor, that we educate ourselves, our colleagues and our community on the requirements in order to keep our water safe.

One way we can learn more about the industry, current issues, and requirements is by attending the TBPA Annual Conference.

I hope to see you there in Memphis this year. Bring your questions and concerns and let your voice be heard.

Bradley Tomlin
West Section Director

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TBPA Middle Section News

Hope everyone had a great summer and you are all looking forward to the TBPA annual conference in Memphis next month.

Remember to mention TBPA when registering at the Hotel for your discount. The deadline for reservations is September 14th.

We need your nominations for Awards to be given at this years conference. We are a big state and we can't know what each system is doing in the backflow field. It's important that you let us know who needs to be recognized for their hard work. Please submit nominations before October 1st.

Your nominations for West Director and Vice-President can be submitted to the addresses below.

As always, we look forward to seeing you at the conference.

David Risner
Middle Tennessee Director

WEST DIRECTOR & VICE-PRESIDENT NOMINATIONS

It is election time for the West Director and Vice-President of TBPA. Please submit Nominations to one of the Committee Members.

David Risner (Chairman): drisner@murfreesborotn.gov
Bradley Tomlin: btomlin@jaxenergy.com
Chase Layne: chase.layne@amwater.com

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, 2015

Early Registration Form

TBPA CONFERENCE 2015

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 and
Breakfast Friday are included
Guest for Luncheon \$10 per person*

*Thursday, Oct. 15th - 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Friday, Oct. 16th - 8:30 am to Noon*

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Deadline for Room Reservations is
September 14th

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For more backflow information check out
the American Backflow web site:
www.abpa.org

Check Out Our Website!

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Your Association working for safe
drinking water in Tennessee

ABPA Harrington / Arthur Memorial Scholarship

2016 Topic: Backflow prevention and cross connection control not only protect the drinking water in day to day applications, but it can also be a protection against terrorist acts. Tell the public what backflow hazards you would suggest for them to be aware of and how to protect the safe drinking water through backflow prevention in your community.

The Scholarship is available to any high school student over 13 and under 20 years of age as of December 31st and legal residents of the United States or Canada. The essayist is NOT required to be college bound! It can be used for any type of advanced education.

Essays must be submitted based on the required topic. The winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Winners of under this competition are not eligible to win more than once. The deadline is 12:00 midnight, January 1st. Visit the web site for Complete Rules and Content information - www.abpa.org.



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