

Tennessee Backflow News

Summer 2015



NEXT BOARD MEETING

10:00 AM
June 24, 2015
Murfreesboro Water Plant

Upcoming Events

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

*Deadline for hotel
reservations is
September 14th*

2015

TBPA Board Meeting
5:00 PM
Conference - Oct. 14th

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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 having a great start to the summer.

It's budget time again so I want to encourage everyone to remember the 19th Annual TBPA Conference. Mark your calendars for October 15th and 16th (Board meeting on the 14th) and add a little to your budget to attend this year's event. It is being held at the DoubleTree Hotel in downtown Memphis, Tennessee.

I would like to thank Vice-President Wayne Osborne and Middle Tennessee Director David Risner for joining me in representing the TBPA at the Annual ABPA Education Conference held in Nashville last month. The TBPA received the Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE) Award this year. This is awarded to Chapters whose activities have supported the organization and educated the public on ways to ensure our public water source remains safe.

A couple of things to remember:

If you have not given TBPA an email address please do so as soon as possible. Email Michael Robeson at mrobeson@musfiber.net

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

Our next Board meeting is June 24th at 10:00 AM in Murfreesboro. (Notice the Date Change) Please try to attend, all members are welcome. The meeting lasts approximately an hour and a half with dutch treat lunch to follow. Hope to see you there. Please contact me if you need directions.

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.

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.

Mail membership dues to:
Jackson Energy Authority
Attn: Liba Ford
250 North Highland Jackson, TN 38301

For newsletter advertisements contact:
TBPA
Attn: Kitty Vaughn
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Chattanooga, TN 37401

TBPA/ABPA MEMBERSHIP FORM

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ABPA DUES: \$65.00
TBPA DUES: 20.00
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:

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

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)

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| Murfreesboro | Chattanooga |
| July 22-24 | July 8-10 |
| Aug. 12- 14 | Alcoa |
| Nov. 18-20 | Aug. 26-28 |

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| Murfreesboro | Memphis | Knoxville |
| July 8-10 | Oct. 28-30 | Sept. 2-4 |
| Sept 16-18 | | Chattanooga |
| Nov. 18-20 | Jackson | July 15-17 |
| | Sept. 30- Oct. 2 | |

Renewal Cross Connection Class

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)

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| Murfreesboro | Chattanooga |
| July 21 | July 7 |
| Aug. 11 | Alcoa |
| Nov. 17 | Aug. 25 |

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| Murfreesboro | Memphis | Knoxville |
| July 7 | Oct. 27 | Sept. 1 |
| Sept. 15 | | |
| Nov. 17 | Jackson | Chattanooga |
| | Sept. 29 | July 14 |

Backflow Repair Class - Murfreesboro

June 25 (Febco & Watts)
 June 26 (Conbraco & Wilkins)

Memphis Light, Gas and Water: For information and to register for classes contact MLGW at 901-528-7757

3300 Backflow Prevention Assembly Repair Class

Murfreesboro: September 18

NOTICE

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

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- **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
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TBPA Board Meeting Update - April 1, 2015

Treasurer's report

Checking Account Balance \$1,801.00 and a CD balance of \$5,506.89. Total \$7,307.89. The Annual Report was sent to ABPA. Information was filed with the IRS with no problems occurring this year.

Membership

Liba has not received the 3rd and 4th Quarter reimbursements from ABPA.

Newsletter

Liba formatted the Newsletter and used Franklin printing in Murfreesboro. We will continue like this and see how it works out. Liba will test send the newsletter to board members. It will be posted on the web site.

Four Advertisers were left off the last newsletter and will receive a credit on the next year charges.

TBPA 2015 Conference

Deposit has been paid to the Doubletree in Memphis. Dates are October 15th and 16th (Board meeting on the 14th) Web needs to be updated with Conference information.

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

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.

Web Designer

Frank will get in touch with a web designer and get Kitty the information so the web site can be updated with conference info and newsletters.

Not official minutes

ABPA Conference 2015

Conference is May 18th - 20th in Nashville. The Board voted to spend \$175 on a basket for the raffle and to donate \$500 for food for the meet and greet. Frank will book a singer for the meet and greet for a charge of about \$200.

ABPA Newsletter

It was noted that it has been one year since ABPA sent out a newsletter / magazine.

Board Action

The Board voted to amend the bylaws and make all "mailing" changed to "emailing". This would include ballots or any other information that is now mailed to the members. Frank submitted the amended By-Laws to ABPA for approval. It must be approved by a 2/3 vote of members present.

TAUD Expo

Date is May 21st. This is the day after ABPA conference. Steve and Chase are going to try and attend along with someone else from TN American. We will furnish two \$25 gift card for prizes.

Next Board meeting

June 24, 2015 - 10:00 AM - Murfreesboro Water Plant Murfreesboro, TN

Meeting Adjourned at 11:10 AM

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TBPA West Section News

Testing Outside Devices in the Summer

During the Summer months, it's important to stay safe. So, for those of you who test devices during these hot summer days, please remember to be careful in the heat, stay hydrated and be familiar with the warning signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

Symptoms of heat exhaustion can include: fever higher than 104 degrees, excessive thirst, nausea, fainting, cool and clammy skin, weakness, muscle aches, heavy sweating and dizziness.

Heat stroke may develop following heat exhaustion if the condition is not treated. It occurs when the body's temperature rises and the cooling system stops working.

This potentially life threatening condition symptoms are: nausea, vomiting, headache, dizziness, fatigue, hot and dry skin, shortness of breath and decreased urination.

If you or someone you are working with shows signs of either of these conditions, immediately seek medical attention.

Stay safe and have a great summer. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Conference in Memphis in October.

Bradley Tomlin
West Section Director

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TBPA Middle Section News

Well summer is upon us and it's a busy time of year for testers. Remember to stay safe when out in the heat. Keep hydrated, use sunscreen and wear a hat.

I enjoyed seeing a few of our members at the ABPA annual conference in Nashville this year. It was my first time to go to the National conference and I was impressed at the number of different topics that were discussed.

Please join us for our TBPA Annual conference this year in Memphis on October 15th-16th at the Doubletree Hotel. The deadline for reservations is September 14th. Be sure to mention TBPA when you call.

As always, let your concerns for the conference, request for speakers or topics and willingness to help be known to any Board member. We strive to make our conference better every year.

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. 16h - 8:30 am to Noon*

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