

Tennessee Backflow News

Winter 2015



NEXT BOARD MEETING

10:00 AM
January 6, 2016
Murfreesboro Water Plant
5528 Sam Jared Drive
Murfreesboro, TN
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Upcoming Events

2016 ABPA Annual Conference
March 14 -16, 2016
San Diego, CA

2016

TBPA Board Meetings
10:00 AM
April 6th & July 13th
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

The end of another great year is upon us. The holidays are right around the corner, and with that said, I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season. To paraphrase past president and friend, Larry Stinnett, from the 2009 newsletter, *Let's not forget the reason for the season.*

The TBPA 19th Annual Conference was held in Memphis in October. We had great speakers and accommodations but the participation was not what we expected. For those of you who missed the conference, we hope next year you can make it. It is two days that are definitely worth your while.

Here is a recap of events written by Michael Robison.

For those that missed this year's annual TBPA conference, which was held in Memphis, all I can say is that you missed a good time and a lot of great information. From Jack Poole discussing backflow protection on fire protection lines, to David Wright with Memphis Light Gas & Water discussing the various aspects of their cross connection protection program, to Jim Purzycki giving a great presentation on simple but effective ways to present the dangers of cross connections to the general public, to Paul Schwartz with the Foundation of Cross Connection Control of USC speaking on the hydraulics of backflow, along with several other great speakers and topics that made this a very informative conference. Not only was great information presented but 8 hours of continuing education credits are given for the attendance of this conference which is why I hope you can attend next year's conference. Your TBPA board of directors have already gotten ideas for next year's conference and will soon be contacting speakers. Next year's conference will be held in Chattanooga with more information being put out as plans are finalized.

I want to thank everyone for the help and support these past two years. It's been an honor serving as president of TBPA. Please remember the success of this association depends on your participation. Let's all stay involved.

Thanks again!

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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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:

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

Jan. 6-8 Mar. 9-11 May 18-20

Feb. 3-5 Apr. 20-22 June 22-24

Alcoa

Apr. 6-8

Chattanooga

Jan. 13-15

3102 Cross Connection Control Renewal

Duration: 1 day • Class Fee: \$110 *(full time employees of public water systems are exempt)*

Testing Fee: \$60 (no exemptions)

Murfreesboro

Jan. 5 Feb. 18 Apr.19 May 17

Feb. 2 Mar. 8 May 6 June 8

Alcoa

Apr. 5

Kingsport

Mar. 4

Chattanooga

Jan. 12

3300 Backflow Prevention Assembly Repair Class

One Day: \$125

Murfreesboro

Feb. 19 May 27 Sept. 23

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

Murfreesboro Memphis Clarksville

Jan. 6-8 Jan. 13-15 Jan. 27-29

Apr. 20-22 **Kingsport** **Chattanooga**

Jackson Mar. 22-24 Mar. 2-4

Feb. 10-12 **Knoxville**

Apr. 6-8

Renewal Cross Connection Class

Murfreesboro Memphis Clarksville

Jan. 5 Jan. 12 Jan. 26

Apr. 19 **Kingsport** **Chattanooga**

Mar. 21 Mar. 1

Jackson **Sparta** **Knoxville**

Feb. 9 Mar. 29 Apr. 5

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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 - October 14, 2015

Treasurer's report

Checking Account Balance \$8,163.933 and a savings account balance of \$3,000.00. Total 11,163.93. The CD was closed in order to have money available for expenses. Liba would still like to resign the Treasurer's position effective January 1st.

Membership

We are still having problems receiving our money in a timely manner and making our records match those of ABPA.

TBPA 2015 Conference

Speaker are confirmed and everything is ready. This year attendance numbers are low but great Vendor participation.

TBPA 2016 Conference

It was decided to have the 2016 Conference in Chattanooga in October a date to be set later. The Board decided to try and keep the conference closer to the middle of the state in order to have a larger attendance. Frank has already been working on securing speakers for the conference.

Awards & Nominations Committee

Michael will send an email asking for West Director and Vice President nominations. Kitty will send the ballots to the printer on Nov. 9th.

Treasurer Position

Michael will send another email asking for volunteers to accept the treasurer position.

Web Site

Kitty will ask Chase Layne about monitoring and updating our web site for an hourly rate. He has already done some updating. He will also look at correcting the problem of the PayPal Vendor payment option that is not working.

ABPA

ABPA and the problems we are having with the administration were discussed. We are extremely disappointed in the way the organization is being run.

Next Board meeting:

Murfreesboro Jan. 6th at 10:00 AM

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 AM *Not official minutes*

Thank you to our Conference Vendors

We appreciate your support of TBPA



l to r: Regina & Jeff Hunt (Central Sales), Mark Canterbury (BAVCO), Al Rathheim (Southern Marketing Group), Lloyd Rainey (Mid-America Mktg.), Keith Harris (Test Gauge & Backflow Supply). Not pictured: Roger Crane (Backflow Control) & Greg Baker (TAUD)



Board Members

Front: Donna Maloy, Wayne Osborne Back l to r: David Risner, Kitty Vaughn, Steve Betty, Liba Ford, Bradley Tomlin, Michael Robeson & Frank Maccagnano

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TBPA West Section News

Ok folks, the chill of Fall air is finally upon us. I know that some don't need a reminder but the time to winterize those irrigation systems is also here as well. The past couple of years here in West Tennessee we have experienced some early cold temps that have caught some homeowners and irrigation contractors off guard. The lack of improper winterization of an irrigation system can be very costly. There are many sources available for tips on proper winterization but I'm sure the details of how extensive the process needs to be will vary from region to region.

One thing that I always try to convey to a customer that has experienced freeze damage to their backflow preventer is to take every precaution necessary. Too often a system is found that has been "winterized" but the backflow device is left in-line and exposed to the elements of Mother Nature. This is a gamble. Sure, piping and the device have been blown out and the water supply has been shut off but there is still a

potential for water to be trapped inside the assembly. An extra measure of protecting that expensive assembly is to remove it and place it in a warm dry place. Many backflow assemblies are being installed with unions, allowing ease of removal for just this purpose, and still some owners fail or opt not to do so resulting in costly repairs and even entire replacement. As we too often hear in the industry, "Education is the key." So, from my experiences I offer you my 2-cents.

Please let your board members know if there is an area of interest with which you need assistance or would like more information so that we may better serve you.

Hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and a very Merry Christmas.

Bradley Tomlin
West Section Director

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TBPA Middle Section News

I would like to start out by thanking everyone who came to this year's Conference in Memphis. I hope everyone who attended learned something helpful, possibly something new they had never heard before. Also, congratulations to all our award winners.

As we prepare for the 2016 Conference, please remember to contact a board member with suggestions on topics and speakers. It's your conference and we want to present topics that will be educational and of interest to our members.

Hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving and will have a Merry Christmas

David Risner
Middle Tennessee Director

Conference Speakers



Jack Poole with Poole
Fire Protection



Jim Purzycki with
BAVCO

2015 TBPA AWARDS

Congratulations to all of this year's TBPA Award recipients.



Steve McEwen accepting the Individual Award from Wayne Osborne

THANK YOU FRANK



In January Frank Maccagnano will step down as the President of TBPA. Frank has done an outstanding job leading our association over the past several years. Frank has given his time and efforts to make sure we stay on track and remain one of the outstanding chapters of ABPA. Thank you Frank!



Wayne Osborne accepting the Water Purveyor Award from Frank Maccagnano

New TBPA Members

Welcome to our newest 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.

Tony Devers	City of Waynesboro	Waynesboro, TN
Adam Chrnalogar	TN American Water	Chattanooga, TN
Kim Durham	TN American Water	Chattanooga, TN
Jeremy Harwell	Jackson Energy Auth.	Jackson, TN
Craig Carmon	Safe-T-Cover	Nashville, TN
Josh Perry	Clarksville Gas & Water	Clarksville, TN
Mike Mills	Columbia Power & Water	Columbia, TN
Andrew Crosslin	Bedford Co. Utility Dist.	Shelbyville, TN
MiKe Waldrop	MLG&W	Memphis, TN



Liba Ford accepting the Robert Lashlee Lifetime Achievement Award from Frank Maccagnano

REMINDER

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BACKFLOW LINKS

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

Check Out Our Website!

www.tnbackflow.com

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 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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