

Tennessee Backflow News

Summer 2016



NEXT BOARD MEETING

10:00 AM
July 13, 2016
Murfreesboro Water Plant
5528 Sam Jared Drive
Murfreesboro, TN
For directions Call:
615-848-3222

Upcoming Events

2016 TBPA 20th
Annual Conference
October 13 -14, 2016
Chattanooga, TN

2016

TBPA Board Meeting
All Members Invited
5:30 PM
October 12th
DoubleTree Hotel

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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

Well, summer is already upon us which means we are half way through the year. Our (TBPA) Conference is at the DoubleTree in Chattanooga this year on October 13th & 14th and it will be here before you know it. Please make plans to attend now. It should be another worthwhile conference with some new speakers you will not want to miss. Don't forget if you register before September 1st you will be eligible to win a \$200 gift card.

While having the privilege of going to the ABPA Conference in San Diego in March I was humbled to find four other members from the Tennessee chapter there as well. The TBPA received the **Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence**, which is awarded to chapters that help educate the public about keeping our water source safe and supporting the organization. I also had the privilege of accepting the **Gold Eagle Award** for Liba Ford our past Treasurer. This award is only awarded to an individual who has been a key to the success of their chapter or the national association. Congratulations, Liba! Thank you for all the hard work you have done over the years and continue to do for our association.

The TBPA participated at the TAUD Expo in Lebanon in May. A big thank you to Kim Pritchett, David Risner and Adam Chrnalogar for assisting us at our booth.

The ABPA Board of Directors recently announced to all chapters that Association Resources, a management company that will now be providing support for their business operations. You can go to the ABPA web site to find out more about this change. You can also find all the sessions from this year's ABPA Conference on their site. Most of the presentations are worth checking out online.

The TBPA will have elections coming up this year for East and Middle Tennessee Directors. If you or someone you know would like to be nominated, please send all nominations to David Risner at drisner@murfreeborotn.gov.

Our next TBPA board meeting is July 13th at 10:00 AM at the Murfreesboro Water Plant. All members are welcome to attend. Hope everyone has a great summer and we get a chance to see one another this October in Chattanooga.

Wayne Osborne TBPA President

TBPA Board Members



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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.

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For newsletter advertisements contact:
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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:

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

June 22-24 Sept. 14-16 Nov. 16-18

Aug. 17-19 Oct. 5-7 Dec. 7-9

Alcoa

Apr. 6-8 Aug. 31 - Sept. 2

Chattanooga

July 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

June 21 July 29 Sept. 13 Nov. 15

July 8 Aug. 16 Oct. 4 Dec. 6

Alcoa

Aug. 30

Kingsport

July 27

Chattanooga

July 12

3300 Backflow Prevention Assembly Repair Class

One Day: \$125 **Murfreesboro** 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

Sept. 14-16

Nov. 16-18

Jackson

Sept. 28-30

Memphis

Oct. 26-28

Kingsport

Oct. 12-14

Chattanooga

July 13-15

Knoxville

Aug. 30 -Sept. 2

Renewal Cross Connection Class

Murfreesboro

Sept. 13

Nov. 15

Jackson

Sept. 27

Memphis

Oct. 25

Kingsport

Oct. 11

Chattanooga

July 12

Knoxville

Aug. 30

Memphis Light Gas & Water

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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 - April 6, 2016

Treasurer's report

Checking Account Balance \$6,291.93 which includes a savings account balance of \$25.00. ABPA is taking bids for the National Treasurer position.

Membership

We have not received the 3rd and 4th Quarter 2015 dues money from National. Shane sent only \$15 for two renewals. Kim will check on this.

TBPA 2016 Conference

The 2016 Conference - Chattanooga - DoubleTree Hotel. October 13th & 14th. Board meeting the 12th. Speakers were assigned to member to verify.

Deadline for conference registration is October 5th to avoid a late fee. Hotel registration deadline for TBPA discount is September 21st.

All individuals registering for the conference before September 1st will be entered in a drawing for a \$200 gift card

ABPA Conference

Wayne gave a presentation of the events and speakers at the conference. The information from the conference is supposed to be placed on the ABPA web site.

We received the PACE Award this year and Liba Ford received the Gold Eagle Award for exemplary service to the Association.

The 2017 Conference will be in San Antonio, TX.

TAUD Expo

May 19th - Lebanon Kitty will get two \$25 gift cards for a drawing. She will email Brent about registering.

TBPA Give-a-aways

Liba will check on items to give to speakers and lanyards for use at the conference and possibly at the TAUD Expo.

Next Board meeting:

Murfreesboro July 13th at 10:00 AM

Not official minutes

TBPA Awards



Wayne accepted the PACE Award on behalf of the TBPA

Liba accepted the ABPA Gold Eagle Award from Wayne



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TBPA WEST SECTION NEWS

I'm very excited to be a TBPA member and for the opportunity to serve the West Tennessee area. Attending our conferences and meeting the people that share this industry have been very helpful to me. They are very informative and always willing to lend a hand and as a new guy I'm very thankful.

There have been many situations pertaining to water in our country lately and with this attention more of the public has become educated and they are now ready to reinforce our industry's safe guarding of drinking water. To those in our Industry, I thank you all for who you are and what you do. If I can be of any assistance please feel free to call.

David Wright
West Section Director

David speaking
at the TBPA
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TBPA MIDDLE SECTION NEWS

I hope everyone is having a good start to your summer. It seems like it gets here quicker every year. If you test outside, please protect yourself from the sun by wearing a hat and using sunscreen.

This year's TBPA Conference will be held in Chattanooga on October 13th and 14th. Take advantage of the chance to win a \$200 gift card by registering before September 1st. The registration deadline is October 5th to avoid a late fee. This year's conference will be held at the downtown Doubletree by Hilton. Room rates are \$149/night and parking is \$10/night. I hope you all can make it. I think we will have another great conference!

Remember to submit your nominations for Awards this year. We want to be sure to recognize those who have contributed to making our association a success.

David Risner
Middle Tennessee Director

ABPA Selects Association Resources for Association Management Services

Following a five-month search process, the ABPA Board has selected Association Resources, Inc. to provide support for their business operations.

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TBPA CONFERENCE 2016

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Thursday Oct. 13th - 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Friday Oct. 14th - 8:30 am to Noon

Company _____

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407 Chestnut St.
Chattanooga, TN

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Phone _____

Deadline for Room Reservations
is September 21st

Email _____

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TBPA
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Information Contact
Kitty Vaughn
(423) 771-4705

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

kitty.banks@amwater.com

Register before Sept. 1st to be entered in a drawing for a \$200 gift card.

Deadline for registration without a late fee is October 5th.

NOMINATIONS FOR ANNUAL TBPA AWARDS

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.

Nominations committee members:
David Risner, Bradley Tomlin, and Chase Layne.

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.

Send nominations to:
David Risner at drisner@ murfreesborotn.gov or
phone for mailing instructions: 615-848-3222.
Please submit nominations before October 1, 2016

BACKFLOW LINKS

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