

Tennessee Backflow News

Fall 2011



NEXT BOARD MEETING

5:00 PM

Wednesday

October 12, 2011

Edgewater Hotel
Gatlinburg, TN

Upcoming Events

TBPA 14th Annual Conference

October 13th – 14th

Edgewater Hotel – Gatlinburg

ABPA 28th Annual Conference

May 23rd – 25th, 2011

Reno, Nevada

2012

TBPA Board Meetings

10:00 AM

Murfreesboro Water Plant

January 4th - April 4th – July 11th

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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

Whew! What a summer.....good thing I love hot late summer nights, because we have had quite a few here in Clarksville. The gnats and mosquitoes is another matter all together! I hope all of you had a wonderful summer and are ready to turn to fall and Conference time. Our Conference is shaping up to be a great one and I want to see as many of you there as possible, who could ask for a better October location than the beautiful mountains surrounding Gatlinburg. Don't forget to sign up soon as the hotel reservation deadline is approaching. As I mentioned in my last message two of our members were recognized

at the national level for their contributions to the chapter and the association, at the time Mr. Michael Robeson had not been presented his certificate and I did not wish to ruin the surprise...Congratulations Michael. This is the last chance to nominate someone for this year's Chapter Awards, there are three categories: Contributions to the field of backflow, contributions to TBPA and one to a system or utility for their continued support. Remember, our next board meeting will be held in conjunction with the conference to make it easier for all to attend, so please join us Wednesday night and get involved, everyone is welcome. "Time moves in one direction, memory in another. "

~William Gibson~

Angel Goike
President TBPA

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

VICE-PRESIDENT and WEST TN DIRECTOR

If you are interested in one of these positions or have someone you want to nominate please contact Kent Bowman at 865-966-9741 or kbowman@fudknox.org.

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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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Mail membership dues to:

Jackson Energy Authority
Attn: Liba Ford
P.O. Box 68
Jackson, TN 38302

For newsletter advertisements contact:

Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association
Attn: Kitty Banks
P.O. Box 6338
Chattanooga, TN 37401

TBPA/ABPA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association
American Backflow Prevention Association

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 E-MAIL: _____

CHECK ONE: RENEWAL: _____ MEMBER # _____
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ABPA DUES: \$60.00
 TBPA DUES: 20.00
 ANNUAL DUES TOTAL: \$80.00

Please remit total to:
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New TBPA Members

Welcome to these new TBPA member. They should have been listed in the last newsletter.
We hope to see you at this year's Conference.

Jason Starnes
Chad Austin
Richard Mills
Dennis Conger
Chris Farley

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Town of Collierville
Fleming Training Center
West Warren Viola

Kingsport, TN
Kingsport, TN
Collierville, TN
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Notice to all Members

*If you have not given TBPA a current email address please do so. This is a quick and cost effective way of keeping our membership informed. Not sure if we have your email?
Contact Michael Robeson at mrobeson@musfiber.net.*

WEST DIRECTOR & VICE-PRESIDENT NOMINATIONS

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

Kent Bowman (Chairman): kbowman@fudknox.org
Wayne Cook: wcook@shelbyvillepower.com
Bradley Tomlin: btomlin@jaxenergy.com

Please submit before October 15, 2011.

TBPA NOMINATION FORM

Nomination for West Tennessee Director _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

E-mail address _____

Nomination for Vice-President _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

E-mail address _____

Nominator Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

E-mail address _____

Which section of Tennessee is the Nominator from: East ___ Middle ___ West ___

TBPA Board Meeting Update - July 6, 2011

Treasurer's report

Balance \$ 10,088.35. This total includes an investment CD of \$5,400.00.

Membership

Michael Robeson is working with Shane at ABPA to get out information about TBPA & ABPA to all TN certified testers. National has also sent out letters to expired members to get them to rejoin. Liba expressed problems with National having the correct expiration dates

TBPA Annual Conference 2011

Kitty will get the registration forms out this month. Everyone is encouraged to book rooms now. Deadline is September 12th for discount. Speakers were discussed and finalized.

Board voted to buy Long sleeve T-shirts with a pocket in green or blue with tan writing. Board voted to pay \$300 travel for a National representative to attend the Conference only after they attend.

Annual Awards and Nominations

Kent has received one nomination for an award and no nominations for Vice-President and West Tennessee Director.

5% Rule Committee

Brent and Donna presented an update on the meeting held on June 20th. At the meeting, Travis brought in a proposal for approved tester language, Donna brought a proposal concerning hazards and John brought a proposal for a minimum percentage of sites surveyed and inspected. Sherwin with the State did not agree with any of the proposals presented. He will take the information to Alan Schwinderman for his approval. Tentative date for next meeting is August 16th.

John Newberry is no longer working with CC; he is working in the SRF program with Sherwin.

TAUD Business Conference

Kent will attend the Business Conference in Gatlinburg on August 3rd – 5th. Liba will take care of registration and reimburse Kent for one nights hotel stay. TBPA will donate an E-reader for the silent auction.

ABPA National Conference

Angel updated the Board on the conference activities.

The ABPA Board is looking at the company that handles memberships. Other states are not getting their money either in a timely manner. There may not be a 2012 National Conference and instead have regional conferences. Angel has not received a copy of the minutes and treasurer's report.

Liba and Michael won awards for their work in

TBPA and ABPA. TBPA won the PACE Award.

Directors-at-Large

Board named two new Directors-at-Large: Bradley Tomlin for West and Michael Robeson for East. Brent and Wayne will remain as Middle.

Backflow Device Theft

Kent and others are having a problem with device theft. Century Protection (Lock for backflows) was offered as a possible solution. Donna will contact them about participating at the conference.

*Next meeting – Annual Conference - October 12th
at 5:00 PM - The Edgewater Hotel.*


Not official minutes.

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TBPA CONFERENCE 2011
Thursday, Oct. 13th - 7:30 am - 4:00 pm
Friday, Oct. 14th - 8:30 am - Noon

The Edgewater Hotel
 402 River Road
 Gatlinburg, TN 37738
 www.edgewater-hotel.com
 Tel # (800) 423-9582
 Fax# (865) 436-6947

Name _____
 Company _____
 Address _____
 State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____
 E-Mail _____
 TBPA Members \$125 _____
 Non-Members \$205 _____
 (includes TBPA & ABPA membership)

Make Checks payable to TBPA or pay on line at
www.tnbackflow.com

Breakfast both days and Luncheon Thursday are included in conference registration.

Guest for Luncheon \$20 per person _____

Return Forms to:

Liba Ford
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 Jackson, TN 38302
Information Contact:
 Kent Bowman
 (865) 966-9741
 kbowman@fudknox.org

CONFERENCE ADGENDA

THURSDAY OCTOBER 13, 2011

7:30 - 8:30 Registration & Breakfast
 8:30 - 9:00 Angel Goike, TBPA Pres.
 9:00 - 9:30 ABPA
 9:30 - 9:45 Vendors Speak
 9:45 - 10:15 Al Adams
 10:15 - 10:30 Break – Door Prizes
 10:30 - 11:00 Jim Tamaulis
 11:15 - 11:30 Vendors Speak
 11:30 - 12:00 Erich Weber
 12:00 - 1:30 Luncheon
 1:30 - 2:00 William Beasley
 2:00 - 2:15 Awards – Angel Goike
 2:15 - 2:45 Scott Holder
 2:45 - 3:00 Break – Door Prizes
 3:00 - 4:00 Wayne Waggoner
 Announcements

FRIDAY OCTOBER 14, 2011

8:30 - 9:00 Breakfast
 9:00 - 9:45 Chris Bainbridge
 9:45 - 10:00 Break – Door Prizes
 10:00 - 10:45 Jeff Foster
 10:45 - 11:00 Break – Door Prizes
 11:00 - 11:30 John Hasuly
 11:30 - 12:00 Closing Session

Everyone is welcome to join us at the
 TBPA Board Meeting
 Wednesday October 12th - 5:00 PM
 Edgewater Hotel

TBPA CONFERENCE 2011
Gatlinburg, TN

The 15th Annual Conference of the Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association will be held at the Edgewater Hotel, located in Gatlinburg, TN. The topics presented will provide you with knowledge and tools to assist in your Backflow Prevention and Cross Connection Control Program.

SPEAKERS

Chris Bainbridge – Codes and Enforcement
 State Fire Marshall's Office
 New fire codes for residential

Jeff Foster – Spring Hill
 How new residential fire codes are
 Effecting Spring Hill program.

Al Adams – Safe-T-Cover

ABPA - TBA
 Update of National

Scott Holder – 811 Call Before You Dig

Erich Weber – TDEC

William Beasley – Criminal Investigator for
 The State of Tennessee

Jim Tamaulis – Metro Nashville
 Overview of Metro's program

Wayne Waggoner – State Fire Marshall's Office

John Hasuly – Memphis Light, Gas and Water
 Overview of Memphis's program

Exhibitor Speakers - Each exhibitor will be given time to introduce basic information about their products and services.

CEU credits will be given.

Backflow Prevention Assembly Repair Class

Who: Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association

What: Febco Repair Class

When: November 16, 2011 8:00 - 3:30

Where: KUB Knoxville, TN

Contact: Kent Bowman at (865) 966-9741

When: November 17, 2011 8:00-3:30

Where: Clarksville Gas & Water Clarksville, TN
2215 Madison St. - Clarksville

Contact: Angel Goike at (931) 553-2489



Some of the information presented:

- Double Check Valve Assemblies, Reduced Pressure Principle Assemblies, Vacuum Breakers
- Repair of varying device sizes from 3/4" to 4".
- Drawings and handouts available.
- Explanation of assemblies and parts used in repair
- Complete repair of devices and tools needed
- When to repair and when and what to replace
- Starting a Cross Connection Control Program
- Forms and documents for program administration
- Survey instructions and advice
- CD with all covered information
- Continuing Education Credits will be given

Don't miss the opportunity to expand your knowledge on these valuable topics regarding CCC Programs and Assembly Repair.

Classes are FREE to TBPA Members. Non-member cost is \$20 (non refundable).

Class size may be limited therefore registration is required. Lunch will be provided for all Repair classes only. You may call or use the registration form below, indicating the class, section location and date you wish to attend.



Administration & Survey Class and Repair Class REGISTRATION REQUIRED Only One Person and One Class per Registration Form

Written registration is required for all classes. Complete the form below (printed or type written) and mail or fax to:
Kitty Banks - TN American Water - 1101 Broad Street - Chattanooga, TN 37401
Fax: (423) 267-9384 For Questions Call: (423) 755-7605

Administration & Survey Class Repair Class Section: West Middle East Date _____

Name _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____ Home Phone _____

Employer _____ Work Phone _____

Employer Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

TBPA East Section News

Let me begin by saying how sad I was to hear that Mr. Mike Rucker, one of the TBPA Directors-at-Large passed away at the end of June. I first met Mike at the TBPA Conference in 2002. He was active in the association, attended the conferences and eventually became a Director-at-Large. Mike will be missed by both the TBPA and the Local 572 JATC. Please keep Mike's family in your thoughts and prayers.

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over. October is coming and you all know that means it's Conference time in Tennessee! Don't forget to register and save the dates: October 13th -14th. Everyone is welcome to come to the Board Meeting on Wednesday the 12th at the Hotel at 5:00pm.


For the 4th year the TBPA participated as a vendor at the TAUD Business Conference in August. It was great to see everyone again. This year TAUD had around 1,200 individuals in attendance and 114 vendors. I would personally like to say "Thanks" to Donna Morrell Maloy for helping me with the TBPA booth Wednesday night and Larry Stinnett for helping on Thursday.

Febco Repair Class

November 16, 2011 – 8:00 – 3:30

Lunch Provided by Mid-America Marketing
KUB Operations Building – 4505 Middlebrook Pike

This year Michael Ray from Fresno, CA with Febco and Richard Goodman with Mid-America Marketing from Knoxville will be the Instructors. The class is free to TBPA Members but there will be a \$20 Non-TBPA



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Member fee. (non-refundable). CEU's (6 hrs.) will be given for Distribution, Water Treatment, Collections and Wastewater Treatment. If you have questions Call me at (865)966-9741 or email me at jbowman@fudknox.org

Welcome to TBPA's two new Directors-at-Large: Bradley Tomlin with Jackson Energy Authority and Michael Robeson with Morristown Utility System. Also, Congratulations to Liba Ford and Michael Robeson for receiving The Presidential Recognition Award at the ABPA Conference. Both Liba and Michael work very hard to help make the TBPA successful.

Don't forget to turn in your Nominations for the West TN Director and Vice-President. Please send them to Wayne Cook, Bradley Tomlin or myself by October 15th.

I hope to see everyone at the Conference!!

Kent Bowman
East Tennessee Director

ANNUAL BEST / WORST DAY CONTEST

TBPA will once again hold the Best / Worst Day Contest for our membership. We want to hear from each and every one of you, your best day on the job and/or your worst day. Send your entries to Angel Goike at angel.goike@cityofclarksville.com or fax to 931-553-2490. The winning response will be presented at the Annual Conference in October and a prize will be awarded.

You may recall Wayne Cook's winning entry last year. Please join us at the Annual Conference in Gatlinburg at the Edgewater Hotel to hear the stories of your friends and colleagues. What a wonderful way to share our experiences and connect with our fellow members.



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TBPA West Section News

We would like to welcome Bradley Tomlin from Jackson as a Director-at-Large for West Tennessee to the TBPA Board. Bradley has worked for Jackson Energy Authority for over 10 years and has extensive distribution system experience. In 2010 he took the position of Cross-Connection Specialist and works to implement JEA's CCC program. Bradley says he looks forward to working with Lloyd "Turbo" Rainey and hopes to see everyone at the Conference in Gatlinburg.

If you have not registered for the Conference, we encourage you to do it now! For your convenience, you can register on line by using PayPal. Just visit the web site: www.tnbackflow.com.

Also, remember to submit your nominations for awards and nominations for West TN Director.

Lloyd Rainey
West Section Director



Michael Rucker

The Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association was saddened to hear of the death of Michael Rucker on June 29, 2011. Michael was an active member of TBPA and he will be greatly missed. His smile, his support and his willingness to help wherever needed made him a pleasure to be around.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Michael's memory can be sent

*Mike Rucker at the
2009 TBPA Conference*

to: The Shriner's Hospital for Children, c/o Al Menah Shrine Temple, 1354 Brick Church Pike, Nashville, TN 37207.

Congratulations Michael

Congratulations to Michael Robeson for receiving the Presidential Recognition Award at the ABPA Conference this year. This award is presented to members for their outstanding service and dedication to the association.

Michael has also been appointed as a Director-at-Large to the TBPA Board. In addition to that responsibility, Michael has taken the position of Membership Coordinator for the association. He has been a member of the TBPA for over 10 years. Michael has worked for Morristown Utility Systems since 1992 and began his career in cross-connection in 1996. He is in charge of implementing Morristown's CCC program and is currently working to upgrade and make improvements to that program. Michael is married, has one son and is active in his church. Thanks Michael for saying "yes" to serving in these positions of TBPA.

Ken Goergen

The new ABPA Region 3 Director, which includes Tennessee, is Ken Goergen. Ken has been the Manager of the Technical Service Division with Pinellas County Utilities- Florida in charge of the Backflow and Cross Connection Division since 1994. He currently serves as the Chapter President for the Florida Suncoast Chapter of ABPA. We are pleased to have Ken as our new Region 3 Director and look forward to working with him and hopefully seeing him at our Conference.

Training Information

- **Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local 572, Nashville, Tennessee:** Backflow Classes for Apprentices and Journeyman, contact Mike Rucker, 225 Ben Allen Rd., Nashville, TN 37207, (615) 227-5542
- **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 the State of Mississippi. 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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