

Tennessee Backflow News

Fall 2013



NEXT BOARD MEETING

5:00 PM
Wednesday
October 16, 2013

Double Tree Hotel
Chattanooga, TN

Upcoming Events

TBPA 17th Annual Conference
October 17th & 18th, 2013
DoubleTree Hotel
Chattanooga, TN
Deadline for Room Discount Sept. 20th

2014
TBPA Board Meetings
10:00 AM
Murfreesboro Water Plant
January 8th - April 2nd - July 9th

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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

In reviewing some recent incidents of backflow on the Backflow Diva's website, I came across a case that occurred almost six years ago, but was just settled in court in 2012. The family living in the home was awarded nearly a one million dollar settlement. There were a number of errors that caused this terrible situation. The case involved a water purification system that had a drain connected to the home sewer service pipe. The contractor who installed the system did not obtain a permit for the work; therefore there was no inspection by the local building authorities. The family continually called the company to report that their water taste did not improve, but in fact worsened, after the installation. This isn't the only family affected by this company's failure to follow code and respond properly to their customers. Now they have potentially hundreds of lawsuits. If you own your own business, the time and cost of defending this type of legal procedure can be devastating. Always make sure you are following local code where you are working. Always get an inspection.

We have a presentation at the 2013 Annual Conference that speaks to issues of liability for utilities, but the same could apply to you as a business owner. This is just one of the many pertinent and informative presentations we have lined up for you. We are excited about our diverse topics and speakers this year, and we look forward to spending time with our fabulous vendor sponsors.

Deadlines for registration, hotel reservations, and nominations are listed in this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you and hearing about the great work you are doing to protect the public water source for the residents of Tennessee.

Donna Maloy
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 David Risner at drisner@murfreesborotn.gov.

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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 \$80 annually. Annual dues include \$20 for Tennessee and \$60 for National ABPA dues. National membership is required for Tennessee membership.

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Jackson Energy Authority
Attn: Liba Ford
250 North Highland
Jackson, TN 38301

For newsletter advertisements contact:
Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association
Attn: Kitty Vaughn
P.O. Box 6338
Chattanooga, TN 37401

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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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*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 mem-
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

November 20-22
January 15-17
February 5-7
March 12-14

Jackson

April 9-11
Alcoa
April 23-25

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

November 19
January 14
February 4
March 11

Jackson

April 8
Alcoa
April 22

3300 Backflow Prevention Assembly Repair Class

Duration: 1 day • Class Fee: \$125

Murfreesboro March 9

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

TAUD – Murfreesboro

November 13-15

JEA Training Center - Jackson

October 9-11

Jefferson City

March 26-28

Knoxville

April 10-12

Renewal Cross Connection Class

TAUD – Murfreesboro

November 12

Jefferson City

March 25

MLGW - Memphis

October 29

JEA Training Center - Jackson

October 8

Sparta

April 4

Knoxville

April 8

- **Memphis Light, Gas and Water:** Cross Connection Renewal classes are scheduled from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. Fee is \$100 and must be received prior to class date. (Checks payable to MLGW). Test fee is \$60 (Checks payable to Fleming Training Center) Class size is limited to twelve (12). Students must bring a Test kit and flathead screwdriver.

Backflow Repair Class fee is \$50.

For more information and to register contact: MLGW Cross Connection at 901-528-7757

Cross Connection Renewal Class

Location: MLGW Cross Connection Training Lab
488 North Dunlap, Memphis, TN

Class Date

November 14
January 23
March 13
March 27

Registration Deadline

November 7
January 16
March 6
March 20

Backflow Repair Class

Location: MLGW Cross Connection Training Lab
488 North Dunlap
Memphis, TN 38105

Wilkins (Limit 8 per class)

October 11: 12:00 – 1:45 & 2:00 – 4:00

April 11: 8:00 – 9:45 & 10:00 – 12:00

Watts (Limit 12 per class)

February 21: 8:00 – 12:00

Conbraco (Limit 8 per class)

December 13: 12:00 – 1:45 & 2:00 – 4:00



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William M. Hunt

February 20, 1924 - August 5, 2013



We were sorry to hear of the passing of William "Bill" Hunt on August 5, 2013. Bill was 89 years old and dedicated most of his life to the field of cross-connection control. In 2012 Mr. Hunt was awarded the Robert Lashlee Lifetime Achievement Award from TBPA. Many of you remember Bill as the owner of Central Sales Company

and for his informative and entertaining presentations at our annual conferences. Bill is survived by his wife of 61 years Ramona; his daughters, Jennifer Bostick (Bob), Joslyn Dolan (Frank), Julie Knowles (Tom) and his sons, Jeff Hunt (Regina) and Billy Hunt (Dana) and 10 beloved grandchildren. TBPA made a donation to Water for People in memory of Bill.



Bill Hunt accepting the Lifetime Award in 2012



Bill speaking at the 2009 TBPA Conference

Training Information

- **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 lu102jact@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 26, 2013

Treasurer's report

Balance \$ 10,479.52. This total includes an investment CD of \$5,500.00. The Checking account balance is \$4,979.52.

Membership

Liba has not received the 1st Quarter dues payments from National.

TBPA Annual Conference 2013

The information will be given to Kitty so she can get the registration forms out in July. Deadline is September 20th for room discount.

Speakers were discussed and assignments made to board members. We have received a couple of registrations for the conference.

ABPA Director

The new Region 3 ABPA Director is Kathy Riley. Donna will contact her about attending the conference and speaking on ABPA.

Annual Awards and Nominations

David has received a couple of nominations for awards and Directors. Michael will send an email about nominations for awards Due October 1st.

Request

The plumbing association requested TBPA to send a speaker to address our stand on using a licensed plumber for backflow installation and repair. The Board voted to not send a speaker and to recommend going by the codes that govern the area, whether it be fire codes or plumbing codes.

Next meeting – Annual Conference - October 16th at 5:00 PM - The DoubleTree Hotel, Chattanooga.

Not official minutes.

TBPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE CORRECTIONS

Deadline for Hotel Reservation (discount) – September 20, 2013

Deadline for Conference Registration – October 3, 2013

Early Registration Form

TBPA CONFERENCE 2013

Thursday, Oct. 17th - 8:30 am to 4:00 pm • Friday, Oct. 18th - 8:30 am to Noon
DoubleTree Hotel • 407 Chestnut Street, Chattanooga, TN 37402

Phone: (423) 756-5150 (Mention TBPA)

Deadline for Room Reservations is September 20th.

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

T-Shirt size (circle) S M L XL 2XL 3XL

TBPA Members \$125 _____

Non-Members \$205 _____

(includes TBPA & ABPA membership)

Breakfast and Luncheon Thursday & Breakfast Friday are included

Guest for Luncheon \$20 per person _____

Return Forms to:

TBPA

Attn: Liba Ford
250 North Highland
Jackson, TN 38301

Information Contact:

Kitty Vaughn
(423) 771-4705
Kitty.banks@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.

**** NOTE:** The Robert Lashlee Award is a Lifetime Achievement Award. The wording has been changed to reflect work in the backflow industry “over a number of years” and “the recipient will be given a lifetime membership to 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, 2013**.

TBPA East Section News

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer. In Chattanooga we have had one of the mildest and wettest summers that I can remember. I'm not complaining because I love the mild temperatures. The rains have now stopped but the temperatures are still mild.

This year has flown by and it is TBPA Conference time again! I hope everyone can attend this year's conference here in Chattanooga. Chattanooga is a beautiful city this time of year and we have lots to do. We have the water front park with free concerts every Friday night in October and on Saturday nights we have free concerts at Miller Park. There is also the Aquarium, IMAX Theater, Discovery Museum, the Chattanooga Choo-Choo and so much more. We also have some very nice Restaurants for you to enjoy. Chattanooga offers free Electric Shuttle service to carry you to and from all of the events.

The Double Tree Hotel where this year's event will be held is newly renovated and very nice. Bring your family and make a fall vacation in Chattanooga.

Deadline for the conference registration is Oct. 3rd. The deadline for the \$129.00 per night rate at the Doubletree is September 20th.

We will elect a new Vice-President and West Tennessee Director this year so be thinking of someone to nominate for these positions. Also, the deadline for awards nominations

is October 1st. Please provide some background on your nominees so the committee can make an informed decision.

Steve Betty
East Tennessee Director



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TBPA Middle Section News

The Nominations for Vice-President and West TN Director positions on the TBPA Board must be submitted before November 1st to David Risner, Bradley Tomlin or Chase Layne.

Don't forget to register for the TBPA Annual Conference October 17th-18th. Also, everyone is welcome at the

Board meeting the 16th. The speakers are great, the food is always good and you are sure to see some old friends. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

David Risner
Middle TN Director

TBPA West Section News

If you have not registered for the TBPA Annual Conference please notice the corrected deadlines: Hotel 9-20-13 and Conference 10-3-13. Remember you may pay on the web site by using PayPal.

Chattanooga is a beautiful city and the DoubleTree Hotel staff members always treat us right. We have a great

lineup of speakers presenting a wide range of topics. You are welcome to come early and join us at the Board meeting on Wednesday night! Hope to see you there.

Bradley Tomlin
West Section Director

WEST DIRECTOR & VICE-PRESIDENT NOMINATIONS

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

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

Please submit before **November 1, 2013.**

New TBPA Members

Welcome to these new TBPA members. Hope to see you at this year's Conference!

Michael Anderson	LASCO, Inc.	Memphis, TN
Michael Wilkerson	West Knox Utility District	Knoxville, TN
Justin Stinnett	Backflow Wizard, LLC	Knoxville, TN

NEW ABPA OFFICERS 2013 – 2015

Welcome to all the new officers of ABPA who will serve for the 2013-2015 term. We look forward to working with you and welcome you to visit us in Tennessee.

President: Michael Moss


Michael has been an active member of the ABPA since 1990. He is the Environmental Scientist for the State of Utah, Division of Drinking Water in Salt Lake City, UT.

Vice President: John Graham

John has been involved in cross-connection control since 1992. He is currently the Water Quality Project Manager for California Water Service Company in San Jose, CA.

Region 3 Director: Kathy Riley

Kathy will be the director of the following States: Alabama Florida Georgia Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. She is charge of Community Outreach (Backflow Division) for Charlotte Mecklenburg Utilities in Charlotte, NC.



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