

Tennessee Backflow News

Spring 2010



NEXT BOARD MEETING

**10:00 a.m.
Wednesday
April 7, 2010**

Consolidated Utility
709 New Salem Hwy.
Murfreesboro, TN

Upcoming Events

ABPA Annual Conference & Tradeshow

May 17-19, 2010
InterContinental Hotel
New Orleans, Louisiana

TBPA 14th Annual Convention

October 14 & 15, 2010
Double Tree Hotel - Murfreesboro, TN

2010 TBPA Board Meetings

10:00 a.m.
Consolidated Utility - Murfreesboro
April 7th - July 7th - October 13th

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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. Most of you will recognize my name; you just aren't used to hearing from me here! Believe me; it is strange for me as well! I have been on the TBPA Board for many years and a lot of you are already old friends, so an affectionate "Hello", it is. And to those of you just joining us or returning; well the old saying goes "One is silver, the other gold"... both are special so a very warm "Hello" to you also.

Our next TBPA Board meeting is just around the corner and I want to take the time to personally invite (plead) all of you to attend and be active in the association. We are always looking for committee members and fresh ideas.

NEW TBPA CONTEST

This year TBPA will hold a contest for our membership. I want to hear from each and every one of you, your best day on the job and/or your worst day. Send them to me 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.

Everyone, please join us at the Annual Conference in Murfreesboro at the Doubletree Hotel to hear the stories of your friends and colleagues. What a wonderful way to share our experiences and connect with our fellow members.

I would also like to encourage any of you who are able to attend the ABPA National Conference in New Orleans, May 17-19, 2010.

I hope to see all of you soon, at a Board meeting, the TBPA Conference or the ABPA Conference. Please remember that I am always open to hear from our membership, by phone, fax or email. Here's to a great year!

Angel Goike
President TBPA

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 \$80 annually**, and are payable to the TBPA Treasurer. Annual dues include \$20 for Tennessee and \$60 for National ABPA dues. National membership is required for Tennessee membership.

The TBPA Treasurer address is:

**Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association
Liba Ford, TBPA Treasurer
c/o JEA, 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

NAME: _____

COMPANY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ST/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

CHECK ONE: RENEWAL: _____ MEMBER # _____

NEW: _____



**ABPA DUES: \$60.00
TBPA DUES: 20.00
ANNUAL DUES TOTAL: \$80.00**

Please remit total to:
Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association

Liba Ford
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P.O. Box 68
Jackson, TN 38302

*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 1/2 days • Class Fee: \$275

(full time employees of public water systems are exempt)

Testing Fee: \$60 (no exemptions)

Knoxville:

April 20 - 23

Murfreesboro:

May 11 - 14 June 22 - 25
July 13-16 August 10 - 13

Jackson:

April 6 - 9 October 26 - 29

Kingsport:

May 25 - 28
September 14 - 17

Maryville:

June 8 - 11

Alcoa:

October 5 - 8

3102 Cross Connection Control Renewal Workshop

Duration: 1 1/2 days • Class Fee: \$110

(full time employees of public water systems are exempt)

Testing Fee: \$60 (no exemptions)

Knoxville:

April 19 - 20

Murfreesboro:

May 10 - 11 June 21 - 22
July 21 - 22 August 9 - 10
November 15 - 16

Jackson:

April 5 - 6 October 25 - 26

Kingsport:

May 24 - 25
September 13 - 14

Maryville:

June 7 - 8

Alcoa:

October 4 - 5

• **The Tennessee Association of Utility Districts (TAUD):** Cross Connection Renewal Classes for Municipalities and Basic Cross Connection Training Classes for contractors are available. Other classes may be available. For information on Classes and Cost you can visit the training section on their web site at www.taud.org or contact either Brent Ogles at brentogles@taud.org - (615) 896-9022 or Greg Baker at gregbaker@taud.org - (731) 225-5240 - 840 Commercial Court, Murfreesboro, TN 37129.

• BASIC CROSS CONNECTION CLASS •

TAUD - Murfreesboro:

May 12-14
July 21-23
September 22-24

MLGW - Memphis

June 2-4
November 17-19

JEA - Jackson

October 13-15

KUB - Knoxville

April 14-16
September 8-10

• RENEWAL CROSS CONNECTION CLASS •

TAUD - Murfreesboro:

May 11
July 20
September 21

MLGW - Memphis:

June 1
November 16

JEA - Jackson:

October 12

KUB - Knoxville

April 13
September 7

• **Memphis Light, Gas and Water:** Cross Connection Renewal Classes and Repair classes are offered. For reservation and fee information contact Barbara Taylor, Cross Connection Coordinator at (901) 528-4449 or (901) 528-7757.

• CROSS CONNECTION RENEWAL CLASSES •

Time: 8:00-4:00

Location: Mallory Pumping Station
488 North Dunlap
Memphis, TN 38105

Dates: March 25 • May 27 • July 29 • Sept. 23 • Nov. 18

• BASIC CROSS CONNECTION CLASSES •

Southwest TN Community College - Macon Campus
5983 Macon Cove
Memphis, TN 38134

Instructor: Barbara Taylor

Contact the Continuing Education Dept. at (901) 333-4207 for class information

**NOTE: These classes are not associated with the basic and renewal classes offered by TAUD at MLGW-Memphis.

• BACKFLOW ASSEMBLY REPAIR CLASSES •

Location: Mallory Pumping Station
488 North Dunlap
Memphis, TN 38105

Watts (Limit 12 per class)

April 9: 8:00-12:00
October 1: 12:00-4:00

Wilkins (Limit 8 per class)

June 18: 8:00-9:45 • June 18: 10:00-12:00
November 5: 12:00-1:45
November 5: 2:00-4:00

Conbraco (Limit 8 per class)

August 6: 8:00-9:45
August 6: 10:00-12:00
December 3: 12:00-1:45
December 3: 2:00-4:00

New TBPA Members

Welcome to our newest TBPA Member. We look forward to your participation in our Association. If you would like to serve on the TBPA Board or a Committee, please let your Section Director or a Board member know.

Tom Akers
Bart Ring
Wesley Barger

Rain Brothers Irrigation
Ring Plumbing Company
Watts Bar Utility District

Murfreesboro, TN
Murfreesboro, TN
Kingston, TN

TBPA West Section News


Greetings from West Tennessee! By now you are aware that the 2010 TBPA Annual Conference will be in Murfreesboro, TN. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to attend.

The TBPA Board is sensitive to the financial concerns of our members and has worked hard to hold down our membership fees and conference cost. What other event can you attend that hasn't had a registration cost increase in over 8 years, furnishes breakfast for both days, food and drinks at breaks and a buffet luncheon. Not to mention great door prizes, the many vendor give-a-ways, and a free T-shirt - all coupled with outstanding speakers and presentations. I can't think of one.

If you have never attended, now is the time. Murfreesboro is a great city and the DoubleTree Hotel always goes out of their way to make us feel welcome. Come...join us!

I hope everyone has a wonderful Easter!

Lloyd Rainey
West Section Director



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TBPA Board Meeting Update - January 6, 2010

Treasurer's report

Balance \$13,560.29. This total includes an investment CD of \$5,200.00. The Annual Financial Report was reviewed and approved with noted changes. Liba will send to National. The CD will be renewed for approximately six months or longer depending on the interest rate. Money will be added to interest earned to make an even \$5,300.00.

Membership

TBPA has approximately 220 members. Angel will contact national to obtain an updated membership list with payments and expiration dates.

2009 Conference

The Board reviewed the 2009 conference questionnaires. After expenses the conference profit was \$625.92. Vendors submitting information for the newsletter was discussed.

New Officers

New Officers were introduced. Steve Betty is Vice-President and Lloyd Rainey remains West Director. Ballots for future elections will be mailed by November 1st. Missing ballots was discussed.

East and Middle Section Directors are up for election in 2010. Frank Maccagnano and Randy Harrell agreed to run for Middle Director and Kent Bowman agreed to run for East Director. Larry will seek others to run for the East position and Angel will seek others to run for the Middle position.

2010 TBPA Annual Conference

Conference Committee: Larry, Randy, Liba and Frank. Randy will get quotes from the DoubleTree and the Embassy Suites for Conference expenses.

Board voted by email to accept the DoubleTree location. They quoted the same price as 3 years ago. Dates are October 14th – 15th. The Board Meeting will be October 13th.

Speakers were discussed: TN One Call (Kent will contact), Frank Maccagnano (present his Backflow Program), Trio Center - Les O'Brien – Inspection Program (Larry will contact).

Speaker Gifts

Liba and Kitty will get prices on portfolios to give as gifts from TBPA to speakers and others.

Board voted by email to accept Liba's quote and portfolios were ordered.

TAUD

Larry and Kent will represent TBPA at the TAUD Expo. (no charge to TBPA) Kent agreed to attend the TAUD Managers Conference in Gatlinburg in August if possible. The Board voted to pay for the over night stay for the TBPA representative attending the conference.

State Design Criteria Question

Brent will get with the State on the question of the wording in the Cross Connection section of the regulations. It currently states the POTW's program must conform to the "Design Criteria for Community Public Water Systems"

Brent responded by email the wording is a mistake and will be corrected in the next rulemaking process to reflect the "Cross Connection Control Manual".

Lifetime Award

Brent will be responsible for getting the Award plaque to Mr. Lashlee.

Pamphlets

Brent stated that TAUD is using the tri-fold pamphlets about backflow designed by TBPA.

By-Laws

Angel asked that the By-laws of ABPA and TBPA be posted on the TBPA web sight. She will get them to Kitty to post.

Next meeting – Consolidated Utility – Murfreesboro, TN - April 7, 2010 at 10:00 AM

Not official minutes.

EAST & MIDDLE DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS

It is election time for the East and Middle Tennessee Directors of TBPA. Please submit all Nominations to Kent Bowman, Nominations Committee Chair, at:

First Utility District of Knox County
Attn: Kent Bowman
P.O. Box 22580
Knoxville, TN 37933-0580

You may contact Kent by phone - 865-966-9741 or fax - 865-675-4955 or email at kbowman@fudknox.org with your nominations. Please submit before October 15, 2010.

TBPA NOMINATION FORM

Nomination for East Tennessee Director _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

E-mail address _____

Nomination for Middle Tennessee Director _____

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 ___



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This is a new section of the TBPA Newsletter to help our members who may be seeking employment or a job change. If you have a job you would like posted in the Job Corner, send to Liba Ford at lford@jaxenergy.com.

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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