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[www.abpa.org/backflow.htm](http://www.abpa.org/backflow.htm)

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[www.epa.gov/305b/sum1.html](http://www.epa.gov/305b/sum1.html)

\*\* Safe Drinking Water Act guidance documents:

<http://tis-nt.eh.doe.gov/oepa/guidance/sdwa.htm>

\*\* Backflow incidents and articles:

[www.abpa.org/incidents.htm](http://www.abpa.org/incidents.htm)

# Tennessee Backflow News

### 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

By Eddie O'Neill

The Tennessee Department of Environment Conservation has adopted the TBPA revised cross-connection manual. TDEC plans to publish it as the revised State Cross-connection Manual. They are also considering changing the cross-connection rules to make programs more consistent across the State.

The TBPA Conference is Oct. 20th and 21st in Memphis, Tennessee. We will be discussing many topics, including the needed changes to the State law. We are expecting a record attendance and would like to invite everyone within the state who works in the cross-connection field to attend. Big changes are on the horizon. Make your voice heard!

### A Word from our Vice-President

OK, it's the first of September and time to start making plans to attend the 2005 TBPA Conference in Memphis. Please do the following: Send Liba your registration form and fee and call the Doubletree in downtown Memphis to make your reservation.

I promise you a day and half filled with informative speakers, qualified vendors with exhibits, fantastic door prizes, and a whole lot of fun. If you arrive on Wednesday the 19th please attend the TBPA Board meeting at 6:00 p.m., everyone is welcome

See you in Memphis!

Steve Beene

### 2005 TBPA Conference Location

The tenth annual Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association Conference will be held in Memphis, Tennessee on Thursday and Friday, October 20th and 21st 2005 (TBPA Board Meeting will be at 6:30 P.M. Wednesday the 19th at the hotel.)

The Conference will be held at the Doubletree Downtown Memphis. For reservations call (901) 528-1800. The special rate for Wednesday and Thursday is \$94 per night and this rate will extend through the weekend. You must tell them you are the TBPA to receive the special rate and register before September 30th. Rooms are limited.

Take I-40 West (towards Little Rock) to 2nd Street Exit South to Union Ave. Turn left onto Union Ave. and go one block. The hotel is at 185 Union Ave. on the corner of Union Ave. and 3rd Street.

Come and enjoy Memphis and the TBPA Conference.

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

EAST TN DIRECTOR  
WEST TN DIRECTOR  
VICE PRESIDENT



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 [fudkbow@tds.net](mailto:fudkbow@tds.net). You may also use the Nominations form located in this newsletter.

### Summer 2005



### NEXT BOARD MEETING

6:00 PM

Wednesday

Oct. 19, 2005

TBPA Conference  
Doubletree Hotel  
Memphis, TN

(For info call 615-227-5542)

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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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The TBPA Treasurer address is:

**Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association**  
Liba Ford, TBPA Treasurer  
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All other info requests, inquiries, and newsletter advertisements contact:

**Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association**  
Attn: Angel Goike, Secretary  
c/o City of Clarksville  
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Clarksville, TN 37043

## TBPA East Section News

The East Tennessee Section of the TBPA will hold a repair class on November 8th from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Knoxville Utility Board Operations Center at 4505 Middlebrook Pike. Wilkins products will be presented by Pete Chapman, factory representative from Paso Robles, CA, Kurt Hartle, Wilkins representative from Nashville, TN and Johnnie Burns with the Ben O'Neal Company in Chattanooga, TN. The class will cover different RP and DC devices including the new 375's.

The class is free and is limited to 50 people. Lunch will be provided by Wilkins. Continuing education credits for water, wastewater, distribution and collection will be issued. For more information, registration or directions call Kent Bowman at (865) 966-9741 or Larry Stinnett at (865) 688-3171.

Hope to see everyone at this year's TBPA Conference in Memphis.  
Kent Bowman  
East Tennessee Director

## TBPA West Section News

The TBPA Annual Conference location rotates each year between the three sections of the state. The West Section is proud to be host to this year's 10th Annual Conference.

Preparations are being finalized and we hope each of you will make a special effort to attend. Information and ideas are exchanged, not only through the speakers but also through conversations with others in the backflow field.

A registration form is included with this newsletter. Feel free to make copies and give to others you think might be interested in attending. Join us in Memphis on October 20th and 21st for a day and a half of information and education.

Remember, we would be glad to have you come early and attend the Board Meeting on the 19th at 6:00 p.m. See you there!

Lloyd Rainey  
West Section Director

## TBPA Middle Section News

On August 4th a Wilkins repair class was held at the Fleming Training Center. Kurt Hartle, Product Specialist for Wilkins and Steve Smith of Fox Sales conducted the seminar. There were approximately 20 attendees.

Wilkins products covered included pressure vacuum breakers, 950XL and 975XL series backflow devices, 350 and 375 series backflow devices. A short discussion was held at the end of the day covering other items that might be required to make systems with backflow devices operate properly.

Comments by the attendees indicated they had a very productive day. I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to Brent Ogles and Travis Aslinger for allowing the Fleming Training facility to be used. I don't think there is a finer facility anywhere. Thanks men.

These repair classes are conducted several times a year by the different manufacturers. Let me encourage you to attend if you have not done so in the past. There is no charge. As long as we have good attendance at these classes, we will continue them. Spread the word.

See you at the Conference in Memphis in October.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlie Fox

## TBPA Board Meeting Update

July 6, 2005

**Treasurer's report**  
Balance \$8,319.31.

### ABPA National Conference

Eddie O'Neill attended the Conference as ABPA's representative. He spoke at the ABPA Board meeting about communications of the State Chapters and was well received by the Board and his input was appreciated. The ABPA Education Committee has lots of resources for Chapters to use and are looking for ways to charge for those.

**PACE Award:** TBPA received a PACE (President's Award for Chapter Excellence) at the Conference. We will collect all awards and display them with this year's award at Annual Conference.

### By-Laws Committee

Committee will meet to begin work on updating the TBPA By-Laws.

### Nominations Committee

Committee will begin work on the 2005 Elections. Nominations are needed for Vice-President, East and West Directors. Ballots should be mailed out in October.

### Manual Update

The manual has undergone the corrections from the State and will include an "in collaboration with TBPA" statement. TBPA gave the State permission to use the updates made by the association.

### State Update and Comments

A meeting was held on State consistency. David Draughon asked Travis to create a basic minimum policy. He will be getting input and creating a policy. TBPA may submit items. A future meeting or Board meeting may be dedicated to creating a list for Travis.

### 2005 TBPA Conference

Hotel rate \$94 per night. (Rate will extend through weekend) 30 rooms set aside for TBPA. Must be reserved by Sept. 30th. Board approved the hotel contract and Conference agenda will small schedule changes.

Board approved: No sharing of space by Vendors and paying the room charges for speaker Ned Towle.

### Region Director

Will ask Ronnie West to submit an article about ABPA and what they can offer the individual member.

### Fire Systems Devices

Discussion on testing fire system devices was held. Commerce and Industry says only a licensed fire sprinkler contractor can test these devices. Robert Foster of DWS has challenged this and been denied. Currently testing is up to the local fire marshal.

## TBPA/ABPA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association  
American Backflow Prevention Association

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/ST/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

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CHECK ONE: RENEWAL: \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBER # \_\_\_\_\_

NEW: \_\_\_\_\_



ABPA DUES: \$50.00

TBPA DUES: 20.00

ANNUAL DUES TOTAL: \$70.00

Please remit total to:

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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

## Conference Vendors

If you are a vendor and would like to have a booth at this year's TBPA Conference please notify Lloyd Rainey or Liba Ford before September 23rd. The cost is \$300, which includes the technical sessions and banquet.

We would like to show our appreciation by having your company name and logo placed on the conference T-shirt. In order to meet the printing deadline, we must have this information before the 23rd.

Thanks to all our vendors for your help and assistance.

## NEW TBPA Members

Welcome to our newest members. Join us in Memphis at the Conference:

Darren Cardwell Hallsdale-Powell Utility Dist. Knoxville, TN  
Stefanie Farrell Hallsdale-Powell Utility Dist. Knoxville, TN

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# Tennessee Training Calendar

## Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation - Cross Connection Control Training Classes

Fleming Training Center  
2022 Blanton Drive  
Murfreesboro, TN 37129  
615-898-8090

<http://www.state.tn.us/environment/dca/fleming/>

The classes offered by the Fleming Training Center are free of charge to any person who wishes to attend. Written registration is required, however, a minimum of thirty days in advance of the class. Confirmation letters for all classes/seminars will be sent out to registrants approximately three weeks prior to class and will contain pertinent details regarding exact location, class content, and materials. For information on class content for Cross Connection Control Workshops call Mr. Brent Ogles at 615-898-8090.

**Cross Connection Control Workshop (BASIC) (4 days)**  
(Textbook: None) Classes are at the Fleming Training Center in Murfreesboro unless otherwise indicated. *See Schedule Below.*

**Cross Connection Control Workshop (RENEWAL) (2 days)**  
(Textbook: None) Classes are at the Fleming Training Center in Murfreesboro unless otherwise indicated. *See Schedule Below.*

Cross Connection Control Classes	
No.	Course Name
2103	Cross Connection Control Workshop (BASIC) (3 1/2 or 4 days - dependent upon location) (Textbook: None; approved procedure sent with confirmation letter) • September 13-16 - Knoxville (3 1/2 days) • October 17-20 (4 days) • November 14-17 (4 days) • January 24-27 (3 1/2 days) • March 28-31 (3 1/2 days)
3102	Cross Connection Control Workshop (RENEWAL) (1 1/2 or 2 days - dependent upon location) (Textbook: None; approved procedure sent with confirmation letter) • September 12-13 - Knoxville (1 1/2 days) • December 5-6 (2 days) • December 14-15 - Memphis (1 1/2 days) • January 23-24 (1 1/2 days) • February 8-9 - Memphis (1 1/2 days) • March 27-28 (1 1/2 days) • April 4-5 - Memphis (1 1/2 days)
<b>CCC Seminar</b> • November 8 - Backflow Prevention Repair Class - Knoxville (1 day) • November 10 - Administration and Survey Class (1 day) • February 16 - Backflow Prevention Repair Class (1 day)	

• **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. Contact Greg Baker or Melanie Hammon, 840 Commercial Court, Murfreesboro, TN 37129, (615) 893-9022

• **Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local 572, Nashville, Tennessee:** Backflow Classes for Apprentices and Journeyman, contact Mike Trigg, 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

• *To list or update your training classes contact Eddie O'Neill at [edoneill@jaxenergy.com](mailto:edoneill@jaxenergy.com)*

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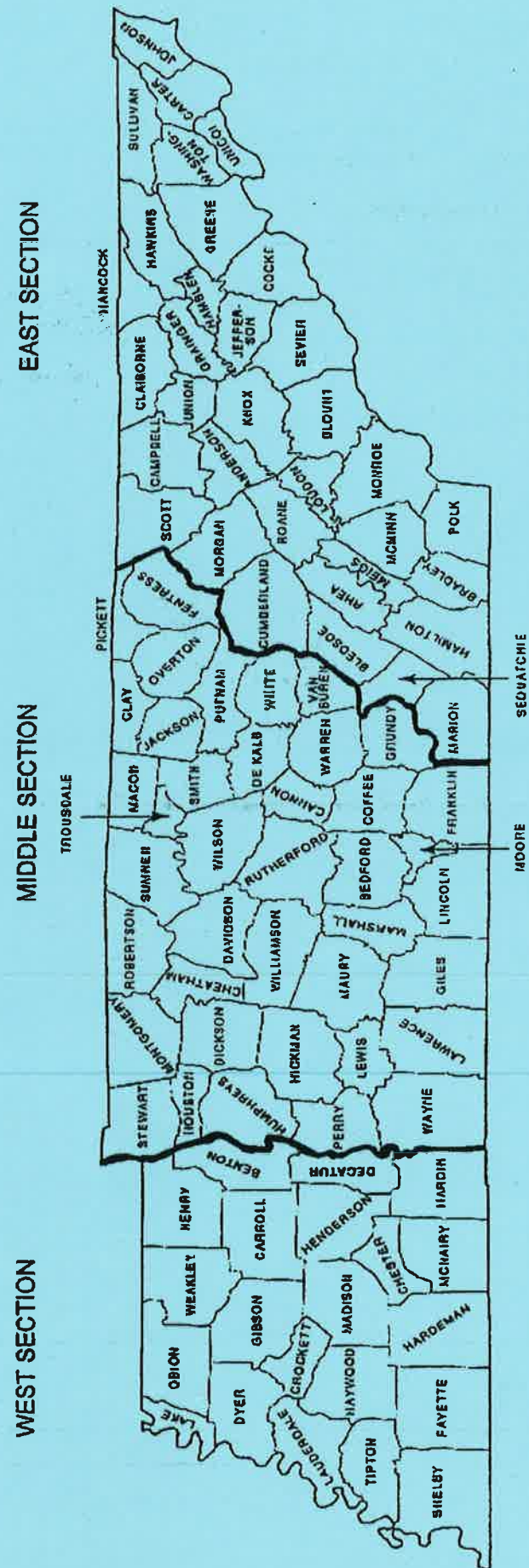


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## TBPA BOARD MEETINGS

**JANUARY 4TH AND JULY 6TH ~ JATC Building, 225 Ben Allen Rd., Nashville, TN**

Call 615-227-5542 for information. *All Members Welcome.*



If you are unsure which section of TBPA your county is in check the map.

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

It is election time for the East Tennessee Director, West Tennessee Director and Vice-President of TBPA. Please submit all Nominations to Kent Bowman, Nomination Committee Chair, at:

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

Email: [fudbow@tds.net](mailto:fudbow@tds.net)  
 Phone at 1-865-966-9741

Please submit on or before the 14th of October 2005.

### TBPA NOMINATION FORM

**Nomination for Vice-President** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Nomination for Vice-President** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**Nomination for Vice-President** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

## NOMINATION FOR TBPA 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. Please submit nominations for each category.

- #1. A company or water purveyor that does work within the field of cross connection and promotes TBPA.
- #2. A person who does outstanding work within the cross connection program or the Backflow industry.
- #3. A person who has contributed outstanding work with the TBPA organization.

**Nomination for Category #1**

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Nomination for Category #2**

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Nomination for Category #3**

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Call or Fax your nominations to Kent Bowman at 1-865-966-9741 or [fudkbow@tds.net](mailto:fudkbow@tds.net)

# TBPA CONFERENCE 2005

Thursday, Oct. 20 - 7:30 AM to 8:30 PM

Friday, Oct. 21 - 8:30 AM to NOON

Radisson Downtown Memphis  
185 Union Ave.  
Memphis, TN 38103

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Before October 20

TBPA Members — \$125 \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Members — \$195 \_\_\_\_\_

One-Day Registration — \$50 \_\_\_\_\_

(For Sessions & Expos Only; Does Not Include Membership)

Guest Registration for Banquet \$25 per person: \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet Thursday is included in registration (Guest extra for banquet). Breakfast included with room registration.

To Guarantee Hotel Reservations, You MUST be registered before Sept. 30.

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# THURSDAY-FRIDAY OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup> & 21<sup>ST</sup> CONFERENCE AGENDA

## Thursday, October 20, 2005

7:30 AM—8:30 AM	Registration
8:30 AM—9:00 AM	Opening Session (Eddie O'Neill, Pres.)
9:00 AM—9:45 AM	Exhibits Open
9:45 AM—10:30 AM	Quinton Clark (MLG&W)
10:30 AM—10:45 AM	Break
10:45 AM—11:45 AM	Edward A. (Ned) Towle (Towle Whitney Co.)
11:45 AM—1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM—2:00 PM	Wayne Cook (TBPA Director)
2:00 PM—2:45 PM	Break
2:45 PM—3:30 PM	Bill Hunt (Central Sales Co.)
3:30 PM—4:00 PM	Announcements & Door Prizes
4:00 PM—6:00 PM	Free Time
6:00 PM—7:00 PM	Social Hour (Cash Bar)
7:00 PM—8:30 PM	Awards Banquet & Entertainment

## Friday, October 21, 2005

8:30 AM—9:00 AM	Registration (Exhibits Open)
9:00 AM—9:45 AM	Edward A. (Ned) Towle (Towle Whitney Co.)
9:45 AM—10:15 AM	Break (Exhibits Open)
10:15 AM—10:45 AM	Travis Aslinger (Div. of Water Supply)
10:45 AM—11:30 AM	Ronnie West (Dir. of Reg. 3 ABPA)
11:30 AM—12:00AM	Closing Session (Door Prizes)

# TBPA CONFERENCE 2005 MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

The Tenth Annual Conference of the Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association will be held at the Radisson Downtown Memphis in beautiful Memphis, TN. this newly renovated historic Radisson Hotel is located in the heart of downtown Memphis just two block from world famous Beale St. Across the street is Auto Zone Baseball Park, home of the Memphis Red Birds. In the backyard to this location is the new FedExForum, den of the Memphis NBA Grizzlies and entertainment arena. The Gibson Guitar Factory, Rock & Soul Museum, Memphis Zoo, Riverboats and many museums are just a few additional things to do on your stay.

We promise you a day and a half of information and education. Topics will provide you with the knowledge and tools to assist your Backflow Prevention and Cross Connection Control Programs.

## SPEAKERS

**Eddie O'Neill** — President of the Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association

**Edward A. (Ned) Towle** — Towle Whitney Company

**Wayne Cook** — Director-at-Large of TBPA

**Travis Aslinger** — Division of Water Supply

**Quinton Clark** — MLG&W

**Bill Hunt** — Central Sales Company

**Ronnie West** — ABPA Region 3 Director