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NEXT BOARD MEETING

10:00 a.m.
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Consolidated Utility
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Murfreesboro, TN
(For info call 615-893-7275)

Upcoming Events

TBPA
14th Annual Convention
October 14 & 15, 2010
Double Tree Hotel
Murfreesboro, TN

TBPA Board Meeting
5:00 p.m.
Conference Hotel
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

What strange and intense Spring weather we have had across the State. I hope that no one lost a friend or family member, and my sympathies are with those who did. For those of us with property loss or damage, stay strong, for I know we will come out on the other side better than ever. Here in Clarksville and middle Tennessee we took a one-two punch on back to back weekends, with strong winds, microburst and tornadoes on the weekend prior to the catastrophic flooding that occurred May 1-4, 2010. Keep all of our members in your thoughts and prayers.

Other topics; I had the opportunity to attend the National ABPA Conference in New Orleans, LA in May. What a wonderful city, it has something for everyone, as did the conference. Sessions were offered ranging from communication to repair and testing. If any of you are ever able to attend a National Conference I would highly recommend you do so.

Of course, by attending the national conference I missed out on the TAUD Expo held in Lebanon where TBPA had a booth, thanks to those who worked hard in supporting TBPA at this event.

We are now excitedly looking forward to the upcoming TAUD Conference in August and the TBPA Conference in October. Any of you attending the TAUD Conference in Gatlinburg this year, be sure to stop by our booth and bring along a friend who isn't a member, let's see if we can impress them and boost our membership.

I am still looking for entries for our Best/Worst Day on the job competition. The winner will be announced at our Annual Conference in Murfreesboro.

Looking forward to seeing all of you soon.... I light my candle from your torch.

Angel Goike
President TBPA

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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.

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TBPA West Section News

Greetings from West Tennessee! I would like to take this opportunity to once again remind everyone of upcoming events that as members of TBPA require your participation.

Annual Conference: October 14th and 15th at the Double Tree Hotel in Murfreesboro, TN. An early registration form is in this newsletter. Rooms are only \$82 / night with an upgrade to a suite and hospitality room access for \$102 / night. A full breakfast is provided each morning, snacks and drinks at breaks and a buffet luncheon on Thursday. There will also be door prizes, vendor give-a-ways, and a free T-shirt. This is all rounded off with outstanding speakers and presentations. Please make plans to attend.

Worst / Best Day Contest: Submit a short description of your worst or best day on the job that concerns a backflow or cross connection situation. You may enter more than once and send to Angel Goike at angel.goike@cityofclarksville.com. The winning response will be presented at the Annual Conference in October and a prize will be awarded. We want to hear from you. Remember if you are the only one to submit, you automatically win!!

Nominations: It's time to nominate individuals and a company or purveyor for our annual awards. If you know of someone that has gone above and beyond this year to further the goals of TBPA or the field of backflow please submit their name to Kent Bowman at kbowman@fudknox.org before September 10th.

Also, it's time to submit nominations for The East and Middle TN Director positions. The individuals we have serving now are doing a wonderful job but we would love to have new members involved. It's just like any other organization, the more people that help the more we can get accomplished without overloading a few individuals. Submit nominations to Kent Bowman before October 15th.

Hope to see you at the next Board Meeting on July 7th or at the Annual Conference in October.

Lloyd Rainey
West Section Director

Traning 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 lu102jadc@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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Roger Crane
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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.

Terry Bauer

Bradley Plumbing

Murfreesboro, TN

TBPA East Section News

I hope everyone had a great spring! Sorry there was no East Section news in the last newsletter so let me catch everyone up on recent events.

On November 18th the East Section held the annual repair class at KUB. We had a good turn out again this year. I want to thank everyone who took time to attend. Lloyd Rainey from Memphis and Richard Goodman from Knoxville, both with Mid America Marketing, presented different models and sizes of Watts backflow devices. They also had some great slides showing "in the field" issues. Donna Morrell from KUB presented KUB's Cross Connection Program and answered questions from those in attendance. Thanks to Donna for taking time out of her day to speak and Thanks also to Mid America Marketing for the presentation and the free BBQ Lunch. Everyone enjoyed it!!

As everyone knows by now, Steve Beene's 6 year term as VP, President and Past President came to an end January 1st. Steve did an outstanding job these past 6 years and to Mr. Beene I say "out with the OLD and in with the new". (Steve, I had to get you one last time my Friend). Angel Goike takes the reins as the President and Steve Betty is the new VP. Angel and Steve have been active with the TBPA for several years so most everyone knows them. I am looking forward to working with both of them.

On May 20th TAUD held its Annual Expo in Lebanon, TN. For the 2nd year the TBPA had a vendor booth. Just as last year they had a great turnout with

approximately 1,200 in attendance with a record 87 vendors. We had a lot of people stop by the TBPA booth with questions and interest in TBPA. The questions ranged from backflow devices to issues with cross connection programs to device installation. We answered questions at the booth and even in line at lunch. It was a great time to catch up with some of the people that I only see at the TBPA conference and the Expo and meet new people that are just starting out in the backflow industry.

Larry Stinnett was unable to attend this year's Expo and we ask Michael Robeson from Morristown Utility to step in and help out. Michael jumped in and was more than glad to help. He has been a TBPA member for years, attends all the conferences and most board meetings. I know that was a long day for Michael. Having to arrive early to help with set up and then have a long drive back to Morristown. So to Michael, a big "Thank You" for helping TBPA and me out!!

I am currently working with Richard Goodman and Febco about doing our next repair class in November. We should have the details worked out by the Fall newsletter to let everyone know about time and place. Hope Everyone has a Great and Safe Summer!

Kent Bowman
East Tennessee Director



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TBPA Board Meeting Update - April 7, 2010

Treasurer's Report

Balance \$10,820.98. This total includes the CD investment of \$5,300.00.

Membership

We still have not received the 3rd and 4th quarter 2009 dues payments from ABPA. Liba will email Angel a list of deleted members.

Newsletter & Awards

Liba will add Awards info. - send to Kent. The Individual Award will be renamed after **Robert Lashlee**. Pictures and info of the award presentation to Mr. Lashlee will be sent to Liba for the Newsletter. **Deadline for next Newsletter printing June 10th.**

TAUD

The Expo is May at Lebanon Fair Grounds. Board approved spending limit of \$200 on door prizes. Larry & Kent will attend.

Links on TBPA Web Site

Board agreed you must be a member of TBPA and attend a Board meeting to present your company before we will consider giving you a link from our web site. Brent will check with TAUD on their policy.

2010 ABPA Conference

Board approved spending \$200 - \$250 for auction items for Education Fund. Angel will attend and turn in mileage for the trip.

2010 TBPA Conference

October 14th and 15th. Deposit has been paid to the Double Tree Hotel in Murfreesboro. Rooms \$82 / night with upgrade of \$102 / night. Board Meeting will be at 5:00 PM Oct. 13th at the Hotel.

Speakers were discussed. Frank and Scott Holder will be speaking. Angel with talk with the State and Curtiss. Randy will talk with local Pool contractors. Everyone will check on legal speakers.

Residential Inspections

Frank was told by the State that he is required to inspect 5% of residential customers (not included in survey). It was determined by email to send a letter to the State asking for clarification. Angel sent the correspondence. This will be discussed at the October Board meeting.

Next Board Meeting Date

July 7th - Consolidated Utility - 10:00 AM

Not official minutes



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PACE Award

Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence

We are proud to announce that TBPA was the recipient of the 2010 PACE Award.

We are also excited to report that Larry Stinnett was the recipient of the Golden Eagle Award. This award is to recognize specific individuals for their contributions to ABPA. It is presented by the President

and identifies individuals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in representing the membership for the association.

Both awards were presented at the ABPA Annual Conference in New Orleans.



Angel Goike is shown accepting the Golden Eagle Award on behalf of Larry Stinnett



Angel Goike is shown receiving the PACE Award from Ken Kerr (ABPA Vive President) and Curtiss Davis (Region 3 Director)

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. All nominees must be a member in good standing of TBPA.

1. **Individual Award (Robert Lashlee Award):** Must have excelled in the last 12 months in the field of cross connection or the backflow industry.
2. **Individual Award:** Must have contributed outstanding work within the TBPA organization in the last 12 months.
3. **Company or Water Purveyor Award:** Must have excelled within the field of cross connection and promoted TBPA within the last 12 months.

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.

Contact Kent Bowman with your nominations at 1-865-966-9741 or email him at kbowman@fudknox.org

Please submit nominations for each category before **September 10, 2010.**

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.

Robert W. Lashlee

(Reprinted from an article in the newsletter in 2001)

After 43 1/2 years of service on February 28, 2001, Robert Lashlee retired from state service.

In the spring of 1957, Julian R. Fleming became the Director of the Tennessee Division of Sanitary Engineering following the death of R. P. Ferrell. Robert Lashlee was one of the first persons hired by Mr. Fleming. Robert came to work for the Division on September 3, 1957 as a Junior Sanitary Engineer. Some of Robert's first duties were conducting sanitary surveys, investigating complaints, troubleshooting water system problems, and training operators. Later on he became involved in the state's fluoridation program and was responsible for purchasing and overseeing the installation of fluoridation equipment in community water systems. Robert was later in charge of the review and approval of water projects.

In the early 1970's, Robert became more focused on the issue of cross connections and began efforts to develop the cross connection program as we know it today. Prior to Robert's involvement very little emphasis had been placed on cross connections even though state law prohibited the creation of a cross connection in a public water system. Robert was responsible for developing training classes specifically directed toward developing and implementing a cross connection program in a public water system. These training programs lead to the establishment of a certification program for persons installing and testing backflow protection devices. Robert also authored Tennessee's Cross Connection Manual. Robert has dedicated over 25 years of his state career to the cross connection program and

could be considered the father of Tennessee's Cross Connection Program.

While with the state, Robert has been an active member of the Tennessee Water and Wastewater Association (TWWA), the American Water Works Association (AWWA), and the Tennessee Chapter of the American Backflow Prevention Association (ABPA). Robert has served as Chair of the Kentucky-Tennessee Section of AWWA and is a recipient of the Fuller Award. Robert is a life member of AWWA and was selected for Honorary Life Membership in the Tennessee Chapter of ABPA. Robert has been a registered professional engineer in Tennessee since September 23, 1963 and is among the very few who has also achieved recognition by the American Sanitary Engineering Intersociety Board.

With Robert's retirement the Division of Water Supply loses 43 1/2 years of experience and knowledge that will be extremely hard to replace. Few individuals have been as dedicated to a program as Robert has been concerning cross connections. In reviewing past records, no other person has given so much of himself or herself to Tennessee's water supply program as Robert Lashlee. We wish Robert the very best as he pursues other interests and takes more time to spend with his family, his new grandchild and his lovely wife Georgia. Thanks for your dedication and service to the water supply industry.

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)

Murfreesboro: July 13-16	August 10 - 13	Kingsport: September 14 - 17
Jackson: October 26 - 29		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)

Murfreesboro: July 21 - 22	August 9 - 10	Kingsport: September 13 - 14
November 15 - 16		Alcoa: October 4 - 5
Jackson: October 25 - 26		

• **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: July 21-23 September 22-24	JEA - Jackson October 13-15
MLGW - Memphis November 17-19	KUB - Knoxville September 8-10

• RENEWAL CROSS CONNECTION CLASS •

TAUD - Murfreesboro: July 20 September 21	JEA - Jackson October 12
MLGW - Memphis November 16	KUB - Knoxville 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: 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)
October 1: 12:00-4:00
Wilkins (Limit 8 per class)
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



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