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# Tennessee Backflow News

## Summer 2014



## NEXT BOARD MEETING

10:00 AM

Wednesday, July 9, 2014  
Murfreesboro Water Plant  
5528 Sam Jared Drive  
Murfreesboro, TN  
For directions call  
615-848-3222

## Upcoming Events

TBPA 18th Annual Conference  
October 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
Wilderness at the Smokies -  
Sevierville, TN  
Board Meeting  
October 15th – 5:00 PM

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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 TBPA members! I hope everyone is having a great start to the summer. It is budget time again so I hope everyone is considering the 18th Annual TBPA Conference. Mark your calendars for October 16th -17th and add a little to your budget to attend this event. It's being held at the Wilderness Lodge in Sevierville Tennessee.

I would like to thank TBPA Vice-President Wayne Osborne for attending the ABPA Annual Education Conference held in Pittsburg, PA last month. I was unable to attend due to a previous commitment. TBPA received the Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE) Award. This is awarded to Chapters whose activities have supported the organization and educated the public on ways to ensure our public water source remains safe.

I would also like to mention that the 2015 ABPA Annual Education Conference will be held in Nashville, TN. The TBPA will provide more info as it becomes available on our web-site at [tnbackflow.com](http://tnbackflow.com). Keep checking for updates. I hope we are all up to the challenge and willing to work as a team to make this conference a great one.

Our next board meeting is July 9th in Murfreesboro. Please try to attend. Every member is welcome. The meeting lasts approximately an hour and a half with lunch to follow. Hope to see you all there.

Frank Maccagnano  
TBPA President

## A Word from our Vice-President

Hello everyone, I want to say congratulations to the entire TBPA membership. I had the privilege of attending this year's ABPA annual conference in Pittsburg, PA as the representative for the TBPA. Dave Birkholz from Loudon, Tennessee also attended.

Our association received the Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE). Thank you to past and present board members and all of the TBPA membership for the hard work put into our chapter. All the sessions at the conference were very informative and are available for members to view on the APBA web site. This is another reason to encourage those you know who are not members to join TBPA. There is a membership form inside this newsletter.

I hope everyone is making plans to join us in October at this this year's annual conference to be held in Sevierville, TN. See you there!

Wayne Osborne  
TBPA Vice President

Wayne and Dave accept the PACE Award from Kathy Riley, Region 3 Director.



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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

## Early Registration Form TBPA CONFERENCE 2014

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday, Oct. 16th - 8:30 am to 4:00 pm  
Friday, Oct. 17th - 8:30 am to Noon

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**Wilderness at the Smokies**  
190 Gists Creek Road  
Sevierville, TN 37876

Phone: (865) 868-2177 (Mention TBPA)  
Deadline for Room Reservations is October 1st

Return Forms to:  
TBPA

Attn: Liba Ford  
250 North Highland  
Jackson, TN 38301

Information Contact:

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

### TBPA/ABPA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association  
American Backflow Prevention Association



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ANNUAL DUES TOTAL: \$85.00

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## Robert E. Lashlee Award

Many of you in our organization know Grady Gentry and are familiar with the years of service he has given to the backflow industry. He not only has worked in the industry but served for many years on the TBPA Board as the West Tennessee Director. Over the years, Grady has helped with our annual conferences, conducted training sessions and workshops, and he has advised and educated many of us when we needed help. Grady, through the TBPA, was a driving force in the process of updating the Cross Connection Control Manual.



Grady and his wife Mary have and continue to be our mentors and our friends. It was our honor and pleasure to present Grady with the Robert E. Lashlee Memorial Award for his achievements.

Grady was unable to

attend the 2013 Conference to receive his award but accepted it at his home earlier this year.

Congratulations Grady!

## 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 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 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.

## TBPA Board Meeting Update - April 2, 2014

### Treasurer's report

Account Balance \$9,513.00. This total includes an investment CD of \$5,500.00 and a checking account balance of \$4,013.00. There was a problem with the IRS filing for 2013. Apparently, TBPA was left off the ABPA list of associations. Liba emailed Shane and she will submit all required information within 30 days. Our account is on hold and Liba will have to refile in 6 weeks.

### TBPA 2014 Conference

Conference Location - Sevierville, TN at the Wilderness at the Smokies. Dates are October 16th -17th with the Board meeting on Wednesday the 15th at 5:00 PM. Room rate is \$109. Stay-over for Friday and Saturday night will have a room rate of \$139. Reservations should be made before October 1st. \$300 Deposit has been paid to the hotel.

Board members discussed possible speakers and assigned members to contact them. Michael will send an email asking members for suggestions on speakers and topics.

Vendor fee will be \$300 and Member fee will remain at \$125 - Non-member \$210 (due to ABPA increase).

### Awards & Nomination Committee

Chairman is David Risner with Bradley Tomlin and Chase Layne also serving. Liba will put a notice in the next newsletter.

### TAUD

TAUD Expo (no charge to TBPA) is May 22nd from 8:30 - 3:30 in Lebanon, TN. Kitty, Steve Betty, Chase and David have agreed to attend and help. They

will come up with an activity and provide two \$25 gift cards for a prize.

### ABPA Conference

Wayne Osborne will attend on behalf of TBPA. The association will pay his expenses. He will send the invoices to Liba. He will try to talk to Mr. Moss while there. Donna will contact other Chapter Pres. to see if they have concerns.

Board approved \$200 for Wayne to spend on a silent auction item for the conference.

### PACE Award

Frank has submitted the PACE Award application.

### Board meeting

Next meeting - Murfreesboro Water and Sewer - Murfreesboro, TN - July 9, 2014 at 10:00 AM

Not official minutes.



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## MIDDLE TN DIRECTOR & EAST TN DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS

It is election time for the Middle and East Tennessee Directors of TBPA. Please submit all Nominations by email 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, 2014**



## TBPA Middle Section News

Hello everyone! I hope your summer has started out good. On May 22nd TAUD held the Operator Expo at the Wilson County Fairgrounds and this year was another great turnout. I would like to thank everyone that stopped by the TBPA booth. It is always good to see old friends as well as meet new people. Thanks to Kitty Vaughn, Steve Betty and Chase Layne from Tennessee American Water for driving up from Chattanooga to help out.

I would also like to thank newly elected TBPA Vice-President Wayne Osborne for stepping in and representing

the association at the ABPA annual conference. The TBPA annual conference will be October 16th-17th at the Wilderness at the Smokies in Sevierville, TN. Room rates are \$109 / night for the conference dates and \$139 / night for the weekend. Please plan on joining us to make this year's conference one of the best yet.

Everyone have a safe summer.

David Risner  
Middle Tennessee Director

## TBPA West Section News

Well summer is upon us and it's a busy time of year. Seems like just yesterday everyone was gearing up to test irrigation system backflow preventers for 2013 and now here we are facing it again!

Never seems to be any down time for testers, just rush, rush and hurry up. It's important to not get in such a hurry that you forget to stay safe. So, for those of you who test devices please remember to be careful in the heat, stay hydrated and be familiar with the warning signs of heat stroke. Symptoms can include: cramps, nausea, dizziness, headaches, weakness and shortness of breath.

Also, remember to register for the 2014 TBPA Conference to be held in October. Be sure to contact a board member

with any suggestions or requests that you would like addressed at the conference, as the agenda details are still being prepared. Have a safe summer and I look forward to seeing everyone in October.

We need your nominations for Awards to be announced at the Conference. We want to recognize those in our association who have worked hard to promote our cause. Also, please submit nominations for the Board positions of Middle and East Tennessee Directors. Send all nominations to David Risner at drisner@murfreesborotn.gov.

Bradley Tomlin  
West Section 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.

**Nominations should include a brief explanation stating the qualifications of the person / company being nominated.**

- 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. \*\*
- 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.

- 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.

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, 2014.**

# 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/](http://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)

<b>Murfreesboro</b>	<b>Jackson</b>
July 16-18	Oct. 15-17
August 13-15	Alcoa
Sept. 24-26	Sept. 10-12
Nov. 19-21	<b>Kingsport</b>
	July 30 – Aug 1

### 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)

<b>Murfreesboro</b>	<b>Jackson</b>
July 15	Oct. 14
August 12	Alcoa
Sept. 23	Sept. 9
Nov. 18	<b>Kingsport</b>
	July 29

### 3300 Backflow Prevention Assembly Repair Class

Duration: 1 day • Class Fee: \$125  
Murfreesboro September 19

#### 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](http://www.taud.org) or contact Tonia Pass at (615) 900-1000 or ToniaPass@taud.org.

### Basic Cross Connection Class

<b>Knoxville</b>	<b>Jackson</b>
September 3-5	October 1-3
	<b>Murfreesboro</b>
July 9 – 11	September 17 – 19
	November 12 - 14

### Renewal Cross Connection Class

<b>TAUD - Murfreesboro</b>	<b>JEA Training Center -</b>
July 8	<b>Jackson</b>
Sept. 16, Nov. 10	September 30
<b>Chattanooga</b>	<b>Knoxville</b>
July 15	September 2
<b>MLGW - Memphis</b>	
October 29	

### Backflow Repair Class

Murfreesboro  
July 29

- 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	Registration Deadline
July 10	July 3
July 24	July 17
Sept. 18	Sept. 11
Nov. 13	Nov. 6

### Backflow Repair Class

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

Wilkins (Limit 8 per class)

October 10: 12:00 – 1:45 & 2:00 – 4:00

Watts (Limit 12 per class)

August 8: 12:00 – 1:45 & 2:00 – 4:00

Conbraco (Limit 8 per class)

December 5: 12:00 – 1:45 & 2:00 – 4:00

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