



**AIR & WASTE MANAGEMENT
ASSOCIATION**

MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER
SOUTHERN SECTION

**December Board Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2024, 12:00 PM CST**

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82007966798?pwd=1mew1Qsilw76dll2M6DsgotUBKZB7E.1>

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call (5 of 8 board members must be present for a quorum.)** – Carla Brown, Michelle Vinson, Betty Ruth Fox, Morgan Hodges, Ryan Ozment, Ashley Kimes, Haley Roberts
3. **Approval of September, October, and November 2024 Minutes** - Betty Ruth motioned to approve minutes from each previous month's meeting, and Ryan seconded motion.
4. **Treasurer's Report** – The current account balance is \$17,396.38.
5. **Committee Chair Business**
 - a. **Membership Committee** – Currently at 46 members.
 - b. **Program Committee** – Planning for Southern Section Conference
 - c. **Young Professionals Committee** – We have some YP members so there may be interest in this position next year.
 - d. **Publications Committee** – StarChapter: Extra \$109.13 owed for taxes and we paid for a domain (\$24.95/year) for msawma.org. Ryan and Carla went through an initial setup meeting with StarChapter but would like input on look/pics. The board chose two of the stock pictures to be used on the site.
 - e. **Science Fair Committee** – No report.
 - f. **Finance Committee** – See Treasurer's Report above.
 - g. **Scholarship Committee** – Discuss timing and amount for next year. It was discussed to give one scholarship for \$1500 in the Spring 2025 semester. Michelle motioned to approve giving one scholarship for \$1500, and Ashley seconded motion.
6. **Other Business**
 - a. **Southern Section Conference** - SS conference – Evaluate a couple of locations/pricing and dates. Sheraton/The Refuge has not gotten back to Betty Ruth on dates and prices. Carla will have Beau Rivage draft a contract based on quoted prices, and she will send it to the board for review.
 - Beau Rivage has no availability in September. They proposed August 27-29 (Wed. – Fri.)
 - Deluxe room rate \$205 + \$19 resort fee +12% tax
 - F&B min \$16,000 + 21% service fee + 7% tax
 - Exhibit space \$500 per day
 - b. **Nominations / Election for 2025** – Need one director and a Vice-Chair. Allyson Ringuette is interested in the Vice-Chair position.
 - c. **Good and welfare** – Carla has talked with some MDEQ staff about becoming more involved with AWMA but no responses yet. The board agreed to continue the meetings in 2025 on second Tuesday of each month at noon.
7. **Adjourn (Next meeting scheduled for noon on January 14, 2025 via Zoom.)**