



**AIR & WASTE MANAGEMENT
ASSOCIATION**

MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER
SOUTHERN SECTION

April Board Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2025, 12:00 PM CST

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86309195079?pwd=CK8OYKqT8b4vmwIYGVXyfJlwKCxakR.1>

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call (5 of 8 board members must be present for a quorum.) – Betty Ruth Fox, Allyson Ringuette, Carla Brown, Morgan Hodges, Haley Roberts, Kelli Dowell, Ashley Kimes, John McKay (MMA)

3. Approval of March 2025 Minutes – Allyson motioned to approve the minutes; Ashley seconded; No objections.

4. Treasurer's Report – Previous balance was \$17,398.53.

5. Committee Chair Business

- a. **Membership Committee** – Currently at 44 active members. Megan has reached out to the lapsed members to see if each will renew their membership.
- b. **Program Committee** – Air Workshop is scheduled for May 6, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. We will use Local 463 to cater for the workshop with same menu from last year. MDEQ Permitting and ECED staff will do a Question-and-Answer session. Send Carla the questions you come up with for the Q&A session.
- c. **Young Professionals Committee** – No update.
- d. **Publications Committee** – Review StarChapter website (<https://awmams.starchapter.com/index.php>). Training was recorded and available to watch if you would like.
- e. **Science Fair Committee** – Carla is trying to gift cards to all award winners.
- f. **Finance Committee** –
- g. **Scholarship Committee** – One \$1,500 scholarship to graduate student. No applications received yet.

6. Other Business

- a. **Southern Section Conference** - SS conference – Signed contract for Aug. 26-29, with room blocks on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday and conference starting Wednesday after lunch through Friday at lunch. The agenda is due mid-May.

MMA will not have their annual Environmental and Safety Conference this year due to multiple reasons. Therefore, they will help support and advertise the SS Conference. This could be in the form of sponsorships, helping to generate ideas for topics, or having members participate in panels. Ashley will be the point person for any ideas generated by MMA membership. John can assist on topics such as political policy, federal regs, or economic development. The Board will send parameters to John to work within.

We will need about 40 speakers to fill all slots. Potential to have an ethics speaker on Friday to get 1 hour CEU for PEs. Haley has reached out to several people in her group for possible topics/presenters. Morgan will reach out to Jimmy Crellin with MDEQ about presenting on PFAs and fire fighting. Ashley will reach out to Melissa Pringle with Allen Engineering about sponsorship and presenting on restoration projects after Katrina/natural disasters.

Ideas for agenda topics?

Katrina/emergency response presenters – Betty Ruth reached out to George Malvaney, Chris Sanders and Richard Harrell; Chris Wells may be able to attend Wednesday afternoon.

Discussion on Southern Section call about Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation panel on response to Hurricane Helene; TDEQ has offered to send a panel of people to speak.

Discussion and decision on conference registration rates. Carla will email rates to the Board with a deadline to respond.

b. ***Good and welfare***

7. **Adjourn (Next meeting scheduled for noon on May 13, 2025 via Zoom.)** – Meeting was adjourned at 12:38 pm.