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Greetings to All,

We are on the threshold of our Annual Conference and the Conference Committee members have been hard at work. The Conference Registration will start Sunday, October 17th, at the Village of Baytowne Warf at Sandestin, Florida. I’m sure you will be as impressed with this exceptional facility as we were. Please visit their website at www.sandestin.com and click on Village of Baytowne Warf.

The theme for this year’s program is A Future of Change. Elsewhere in this edition of Pipeline you will find a Preliminary Program for this year’s conference from Darryl Jones, Program Chair. We intend to cover a number of changing issues we all must face from regulations to the workforce.

Legislative Issues

The Alabama Legislature passed a Bill SB 205 to assist all public utilities in protecting vital security information on May 5, 2004, and the Governor signed it shortly thereafter. Many thanks to Senator Steve French for sponsoring the bill, our Legislators who voted for it and all those persons who lobbied to get it passed. The synopsis of the bill follows:

Under existing law, the “Open Records Law,” the “Sunshine Law,” the “Competitive Bid Law” and the “Public Works Laws” do not have any exemptions from public disclosure for records, information, or discussions concerning security plans, procedures or other security related information, which could be detrimental to the public safety or welfare if it was disclosed. This bill would amend the Open Records Law, the Sunshine Law, the Competitive Bid Law and the Public Works Law to provide an exemption from public disclosure for records, information or discussions concerning security plans, procedures or other security related information which could be detrimental to the public safety or welfare if it was disclosed. This bill would also amend the Open Records Law and the Sunshine Law to codify existing case law.

We plan to have a session at this year’s conference to explain the benefits of this legislation to your security program. If you would like a full copy of SB 205 let me know.

Ken McCool and I participated in AWWA’s third annual Washington Fly-In on April 21-22. This two-day event was sponsored totally with AWWA funds furnished to one Section delegate from all fifty states. Its purpose was to bring awareness to members of Congress concerning issues important to the national water industry. We had the opportunity to visit several Congressional Offices from both states. Experiences such as this raise the awareness of our political leaders concerning the issues facing the water industry.
It goes without saying but it is quite an honor to serve as the Director of the Alabama-Mississippi Section. Peggy and I attended our first Section meeting 33 years ago and have only missed a few ever since. We are thrilled at the opportunity to serve as the representatives of the Section.

I transitioned into the Director’s role at the Annual Conference in Orlando. Both Denson and I attended the Directors meetings on Saturday, and Denson remained the Director until the end of the day. I assumed the Directorship on Sunday.

I want to report that the Section was well represented by Denson and Mary Etta. It did not take long to see that Denson was well-liked and well-respected by the other directors and the AWWA staff. So, on behalf of the Alabama- Mississippi Section, thank you, Denson and Mary Etta, for a job well done. You both have left big shoes to fill.

The Annual Conference was quite historical. Katie McCain was installed as President - the first female to serve as President of AWWA and also, the first female to serve as the president of a national engineering/technical/professional society. From listening to her plans for the coming year, I am convinced that Katie will also be remembered as one of the most progressive presidents of AWWA.

Our annual conference is fast approaching. Randy and his team have put together an outstanding program for both the members and spouses. I encourage you to make plans now to attend. This will be our first conference in Sandestin; but, I am sure we will receive many comments to return as soon as possible.

Our official AWWA representative at our Section meeting will be Nilaksh Kothari, Vice President. Nilaksh is the General Manager of Manitowoc Public Utilities of Manitowoc, Wisconsin. Nilaksh has served in all the roles of the Wisconsin Section: secretary-treasurer, trustee, chair, director, and many committee chairs. He has been honored with the George W. Fuller Award, the Wisconsin Section Research Award, and the Achievement Award.

As Director, one of my roles is to pass issues, concerns, and advice to the AWWA staff and AWWA leadership. Therefore, please feel free to contact me and express your opinions and your concerns. Call me at 334-271-1444 or e-mail me at bjeffcoa@CH2M.com.

Blake Jeffcoat
MEMBERSHIP

Those of us attending the 2004 ACE in Orlando can attest to its overwhelming awe and splendor. All events were well attended and most special events were sold out. 559 exhibitors displayed their wares and entertained attendees well into the evenings.

Part of my job at this year’s ACE was manning the national AWWA membership booth just inside the conference center’s entrance. Other section staff and I also helped to register non-members for the conference while also signing them up as new ones. I was impressed with the number of International sign-ups brought on board and many of them also took student applications for their college-aged children.

I found it a great opportunity to communicate the many benefits of membership with the American Water Works Association. All members receive great discounts from all event registrations, education programs & bookstore purchases, but did you know all members can:

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Varying Service Provider and Utility membership levels further open doors for full or pre-selected sets of AWWA Standards, Security Resources, WATERWEEK, Regulatory Alerts and Public Affairs Advisories, AWWA Manuals, Small Systems Helpline, Drinking Water Week and Public Affairs Assistance, free advertising and exhibits discounts. These member levels can also include participation of company and/or utility employees as active members.

If you are a brand new face to the water works industry or an old hand, AWWA can help advance your career further though learning, networking and the advantages of the many resources available to you as a member of the American Water Works Association. The lasting relationships you will form can prove invaluable to your water works future.

Did I mention that the Alabama-Mississippi Section of the American Water Works Association is the best and friendliest section on the planet?

Hope to see you all in Sandestin October 17th!

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CONSENT AGENDA

1. Following appointment of President-Elect Katie McCain as parliamentarian and a review of meeting procedures, President Marlay Price reported the results of the e-ballot on electing those to serve on the Nominating Committee for Vice-President and Director-at-Large. Members of the committee are as follows:
   - Chet Auckly – California Nevada Section
   - Bernie Bullert – Minnesota Section
   - Larry Phillips – Alaska Section
   - Bob Stevenson – Ohio Section
   - Jeannie Wiginton – Texas Section
2. It was then requested that the following policy statements be removed from the Consent Agenda: Developing and Managing Water Resources, Management of Groundwater, Reclaimed Water for Public Water Supply Purposes, Recreational Use of Domestic Water Supply Reservoirs, and Residential Fire Sprinklers. In addition, Governing Documents Articles XII and V were removed.
3. The following Consent Agenda items were presented for action:
   a. Approval of the January 18, 2004 Board of Directors’ Minutes as presented.
DENSON ROBINSON
COMPLETES TERM AS SECTION DIRECTOR,
WISHES SECTION WELL AND
SAYS THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Three and one-half years ago you selected me to begin my journey as Director for the AL/MS Section. After traveling from Florida to California and from Washington, D.C., to San Juan, Puerto Rico, the journey has ended. My predecessor, Gene Hanson, advised it would go by quickly and require a lot of time and commitment, and he was correct on both parts. Mary Etta and I have been honored to represent our section and spread the good news about Alabama and Mississippi. We were able to weather the storm about Efficient Utilities (EU), assist in revitalizing the Strategic Plan on a national and local level, help hire our section’s first paid staff and represent our wishes to AWWA National.

We can never put into words what this opportunity has meant to us and we will be eternally grateful to the AL/MS section for the opportunity to serve you. We wish Blake and Peggy Jeffcoat the best as they begin their time on the National Board, and we want to say “Thank you” to each and every one of you and may God bless you all.

Denson and Mary Etta Robinson
water industry. Thanks to the AWWA Washington DC Office for facilitating this Fly-In.

**Educational Items**

To support the Section’s education mission, Sam McElroy and members of the Education Committee have coordinate additional training at various locations in each state. This training was free to Alabama-Mississippi Section AWWA members. The Education Chairs, Sam McElroy and Bill Moody, will be working to formulate other relevant programs. If you have some ideas for training, please let them know.

**Section Business**

Ken McCool and I attended the AWWA Region IV annual Regional Meetings of Section Officers in Wichita, Kansas on March 5-6, 2004. According to AWWA “The annual Regional Meetings of Section Officers is the most important tool for gaining updated information on the American Water Works Association and AWWA Sections.” It was an information packed 2-day event, which provides guides from AWWA National as well as a chance to discuss issues with Section Offices from other areas. The Alabama Mississippi Section will be hosting the 2005 Region IV Annual Regional Meeting of Section Officers May 20-21, 2005 at the Island House Hotel in Orange Beach.

**Scholarship**

The Trustees also acted on the Scholarship Committee’s recommendation for 2004 recipients by awarding four $2000 scholarships. The recipients were Dustin Brent Hargett from Mississippi State, Brianna Leigh Shanklin from Auburn University, Katie Marie Vaughn from The University of Alabama and graduate studies Renee E. Morquecho from The University of Alabama

**Randy Chafin**
Bill Courtney  
Retires from Huntsville Utilities

On February 27th, after almost 43 years of service, Bill Courtney retired from Huntsville Utilities. On his last day with the company, the Water Department gave him a small party to wish him luck and bid him farewell. Bill Courtney will be greatly missed by all of his friends and co-workers at Huntsville Utilities. He is looking forward to having more time to enjoy his hobbies that include building and flying remote control airplanes, gardening, and photography.

Bill Courtney was hired by Huntsville Utilities as an engineering aide in the Water/Gas Department on April Fool’s Day, 1961. On March 16, 1969, he was promoted to the Operations Superintendent of the Water Department. Then, on July 16, 1973, he was promoted to the Water Department Manager, where he served his remaining years with Huntsville Utilities. He was chairman of the Alabama/Mississippi Section in 1979 and was the recipient of the Fuller Award in 1995. In his many years with Huntsville Utilities, he served under 3 General Managers: Mr. Waldersdorf, Mr. Cobb, and the company’s current General Manager, Mr. Pippin. Mr. Courtney credits his great success to all of his friends he has worked with over the years.

Bill Courtney was born in Fulton, Alabama and has been a Huntsville resident since 1954. He attended Auburn University and Athens State University where he received a Bachelor’s degree in Business. Bill Courtney and his wife, Brenda, have been married for 40 years. They have one son, Trey, 27, who now resides in San Francisco, California.
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Nilaksh Kothari has held numerous offices with the Wisconsin Section, including secretary-treasurer, trustee, chair, section director, and chair of the Research and Awards Committees. Additionally, he has been a member of the Strategic Planning, Education, Water For People, and Small System Committees, as well as a member of the AWWA Membrane Process Committee.

Nilaksh was honored with the AWWA George Warren Fuller Award in 2002, the Wisconsin Section Research Award in 1997, and the Achievement Award in 1996.

In addition to a master’s degree in sanitary engineering, Nilaksh holds a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering. His professional affiliations include the American Public Power Association, and the American Society of Civil Engineers. Nilaksh is the general manager of public utilities in Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

Nilaksh and his wife, Dipka, live in Manitowoc, Wisconsin.
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THINK ABOUT YOUR VOTE
THEN JUST DO IT!

With National Elections coming up those of us in the Water Industry should take time to reflect on the impact the results can have on our working lives. The president who will take office in 2005 will have appointments to federal agencies such as the EPA, the Justice Department, US Fish and Wildlife, the Department of the Interior and many more. Through his appointments to those and other agencies he will set the agenda and establish the regulatory focus for the coming four years.

Over the years the AWWA has become a vocal advocate for the Drinking Water Industry through its offices and representatives in Washington, DC. Nothing, however, can take the place of the individual action you can take by speaking through your vote. Please make an effort to educate those around you about the impact of the choices we will make in November. Exercise your right to influence the future of our industry and our nation by getting out the vote!

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b. Approval of revisions to the Archie E. Becher, Jr. Award. Changes the makeup of the awards committee to the Presidents of AWWA and Water For People (WFP) and the immediate past five recipients of the award.

c. Approval of revisions to the Outstanding Service to AWWA Award. Adds a five-year limitation to the list of candidates, with an opportunity to re-nominate.

d. Approval of revisions to the AWWA Campaign and Election Guidelines.

e. Approval of revisions to the following AWWA Section Bylaws: Indiana Section; Minnesota Section; and NEWWA, A Section of AWWA.

f. Approval of revisions to the Standard Section Bylaws encouraging sections to consider the Association’s commitment to diversity and the involvement of young professionals in nominating members for the Section Board of Trustees.

h. Approval of the following AWWA Standards:
   1) C300-04, AWWA Standard for Reinforced Concrete Pressure Pipe, Steel-Cylinder Type (Revision)
   2) B300-04, AWWA Standard for Hypochlorites (Revision)
   3) B451-04, AWWA Standard for Poly (Diallyldimethyl-Ammonium Chloride) (Revision)
   4) C512-04, AWWA Standard for Air Release, Air/Vacuum, and Combination Air Valves for Waterworks Service (Revision)
   5) C550-04, AWWA Standard for Protective Interior Coatings for Valves and Hydrants (Revision)
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Brent graduated from Belgreen High in 2000 as Valedictorian of his class of 44. He entered Mississippi State in the fall of that year to pursue a Bachelor’s Degree in Civil Engineering. He is currently rank second in the civil engineering senior class. He has completed four co-op terms with Packaging Corporation of America in Counce, Tennessee.

He is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Golden Key and Tau Beta Pi honor societies. He is also a Mississippi State chapter member and national student member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. While in Starkville, he attends Adaton Baptist Church and regularly participate in the Baptist Student Union’s activities.

He will be graduating from Mississippi State in December 2004. His future plans call for him to enter graduate school immediately thereafter. After completion of graduate school, he hopes to obtain a job in the field of civil engineering involving multi-disciplinary work, probably consulting though that is not a limitation. Other future aspirations include continuing profession development, probably additional graduate work, and possibly political endeavors.
Katie Vaughn Shaddix is originally from Northport, Alabama. Her parents are Mickey and Barbara Cowart and Dean and Kay Vaughn. She has a sister, Christy Tidmore that is a pharmacist at Senior Care Pharmacy.

Katie graduated from Tuscaloosa County High School in 1999. She enrolled at Shelton State Community College that fall beginning to obtain the core curriculum for the Bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering. She attended college there for a year and a half. She was a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

In the spring of 2001 she transferred to the University of Alabama. While attending the University she was a member of American Society of Civil Engineers, Society of Women Engineers, Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society, and served as Vice President of Chi Epsilon Honor Society. While in school she attended Northwood Hills Baptist Church and participated in the Student Leadership Board of the church. During school she worked for Cabiness Engineering Inc. as a drafter and then the City of Northport as an engineer intern.

She graduated from the University of Alabama with a B.S. in Civil Engineering in December 2003. She is currently working in Birmingham at Alabama Power Company in Transmission Lines Design Group. She was married in June of 2004. Her plans are to start Graduate School in the near future. She would also like to one day receive her professional license in Civil Engineering.
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India: “A coconut shell full of water is a sea to an ant.”

Ireland: “You never miss the water until the well has run dry.”

Saudi Arabia: “Any water in the desert will do.”

Togo: “Dirty Water cannot be washed.”

Uganda: “Water that has been begged for does not quench the thirst.”

Zulu: “The horse that arrives early gets good drinking water.”

Editor’s Note: These proverbs were originally posted on the 2003 International Year of Fresh Water Web site, www.wateryear2003.org.
7) C907-04, AWWA Standard for Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Pressure Fittings, 4 In. to 12 In. for Water Distribution (Revision)

8) D104-04, AWWA Standard for Automatically Controlled Impressed-Current Cathodic Protection for the Interior of Steel Water Tanks (Revision)

i. Approval of acceptance of the 2003 audited financial statements and Memorandum of Advisory Comments.

j. Approval of the renewal of a $300,000 line of credit with Bank One. The interest rate will be the prime rate charged by Bank One. This is a no fee line of credit.

1) Approval of the three Bank Resolutions that designate the authorized depository institutions for AWWA, trading accounts, authorized signers, and authorizes the President to negotiate the terms of the line of credit with Bank One.

2) Approval of appointment of Langan Associates, PC as auditors for the 2004 financial records and tax return preparation at a cost of $44,045.

k. Approval to lower the 2005 student membership fee from $40 to $25.

(A MOTION was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda.)

5. Governing Documents Article XII—Board of Directors – The Executive Committee approved an additional change to Article XII. When referring to the election of the Director-at-Large, the phrase “the most votes” should replace the current wording that says “a majority vote.” This will clarify that the person receiving the most votes is the winner, and that more than 50% of the vote (majority) is not needed to win. (A MOTION was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve amendments regarding the voting procedure for Director-at-Large.)

6. Policy Statement on Developing and Managing Water Resources – Bob Jones requested that the last paragraph in the statement be revised to include all federal governments. (A MOTION was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve revisions to the Policy Statement on Developing and Managing Water Resources.)

7. Policy Statement on Recreational Use of Domestic Water Supply Reservoirs – Bob Jones said that in his opinion monitoring water quality does not give adequate protection, i.e., monitoring would not help in the
case of an oil spill. He suggested that best practices that are protective of the water supply be included, with monitoring being used to confirm that the best practices are working. The words “monitor water quality” should be replaced with “employ protection barriers to protect the quality of the water.” (A MOTION was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve revisions to the Policy Statement on Recreational Use of Domestic Water Supply Reservoirs.) (A MOTION was then made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the Policy Statements on Management of Groundwater; Reclaimed Water for Public Water Supply Purposes; and Residential Fire Sprinklers without additional revision.)

TREASURER’S REPORT

8. Treasurer Ray Miller reported the following regarding the 2003 Budget:
   a. Net income for the operating fund was $600,972 versus a budget of $375,550.
   b. As of December 31, 2003, liquid reserves were $11,100,800 or 42% of the operating budget.
   c. Audit of the 2003 financial records has been completed. The auditors did not note any items for improvement in internal controls; however, they did recommend that AWWA form a separate audit committee.
   d. AWWA met or exceeded all of its bond covenants in 2003.
   e. Cash and investments equaled 48% of total assets as of December 31, 2003.

9. Information presented on the 2004 Budget included the following:
   a. Revenues for year-end 2004 are projected at $27,345,700 versus a budget of $27,331,600.
   b. Expenses for year-end 2004 are projected at $27,064,900 versus a budget of $27,331,600.
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It is anticipated that AWWA will make budget in the following categories:

1) Publication sales and advertising revenues.

2) Membership dues and grant income are projected to exceed budget, while events revenue is projected to come in under budget due to lower attendance than projected at the Security Congress, IMTech, and the Water Sources Conference.

3) Budgeting for 2005 commenced in May. The council chairs will hold a conference call on August 5, 2004 to discuss the proposed 2005 Budget.

4) AWWA, the AWWA Research Foundation (AWWARF) and WFP have recommended a new auditor for the 2004 records—Langan Associates, P. C. This firm is the only one in the United States that exclusively serves non-profits.

5) AWWA set a new record for membership as of May 31, 2004—57,647.

PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATE PRESENTATIONS

10. Under the procedure for candidates for President-Elect, five-minute speeches were given by Terry Rolan, Curtis Truss, and Carlos Velazquez. All are candidates for the winter 2005 election for President-Elect.

ACTION ITEMS

11. Manufacturer/Distributor Position on the Board of Directors – Jim Farmerie said that meetings between the AWWA officers and AWWA manufacturer/distributor members held to improve relationships between the Association and the Associate Members regarding EfficientUtilities resulted in a request from the Manufacturers/Associates Council (MAC) for the Board to consider adding an Associate Member position to the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors. (A MOTION was made and seconded to approve the creation of an additional Director-at-Large position on the Board of Directors to be filled by a Manufacturer/Distributor Member.)

12. Tom Marston expressed his opinion that nomination of the new Director-at-Large should follow the same process as that for the current Directors-at-Large and Vice-Presidents. The Board Nominating Committee is capable of reviewing and determining the best possible candidates. (An AMENDMENT to the MOTION in Paragraph 26 was made and seconded that the nomination process for the new Director-at-Large position be the same as that for Vice-President and the current Director-at-Large positions, using the same Nominating Committee as that for Vice-President and Director-at-Large.) (Jim Farmerie noted that the motion to add the new Director-at-Large position does not include the process for nomination, only that the position be added. Based on that, the AMENDMENT in Paragraph 31 was WITHDRAWN.) The MOTION was then carried (not unanimously).

13. Winter 2007 Board Meeting Site – AWWA staff did an analysis of three cities that responded to the questionnaire for hosting the 2007 winter Board meeting. The Executive Committee reviewed the materials and approved Marco Island, Florida as the site for 2007. (A MOTION was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to confirm Marco Island as the site for the winter 2007 Board of Directors’ meeting.)
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