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Sunday evening’s dinner will be in the Davidson Center at the Space & Rocket Center.

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Since the end of last year’s conference in Biloxi, Mississippi, a dedicated AWWA planning group has been at work preparing for this year’s conference in Huntsville, Alabama on October 3-5, 2010. In addition to planning for the conference, your representatives have reviewed the fundamental commitment of the Section, which remains its members and the desire to provide safe drinking water to the public.

The theme for this year’s conference is “Tapping the Past; Rocketing into the Future.” If this theme is thought of in conjunction with the Section’s mission statement that we serve as the dedicated source of information to promote, support, and improve the provision of sustainable safe water, one can easily see that the Alabama/Mississippi Section of the AWWA is in the business of service. The Section supports this effort of service by embarking on expanded educational opportunities for its members; expanding the time of exposure for new products in our exhibit hall; and reaching out to others in need with donations to Water for People, granting scholarship opportunities for students attending junior colleges and universities, and by establishing a new initiative to help the earthquake victims of Haiti.

At the upcoming conference, the Section intends to look at the history of AWWA and strengthen the foundation which supports the growth of the Section for the future. Chris Griffin, programs chair, has been hard at work setting up a format which introduces fun, yet educational activities. For example, we can expect exposure to projects undertaken by our own member companies like the Pilot Lab by Birmingham Water Works. These new activities, combined with the excitement of the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, and the age old enjoyment of fellowship and friendship should prove to be an exciting time for our conference.

Planning committee members meet with representatives from the Embassy Suites and Von Braun Center to discuss October’s annual meeting in Huntsville, Alabama.

Our first planning meeting was held on January 10th and 11th at the site of this year’s conference, the beautiful Embassy Suites and Von Braun Center. Please feel free to visit the Section’s website at www.almsawwa.org to see more details and the spacious layout for the exhibit hall and competition area, which is already starting to fill.

Malene and I look forward to seeing all of you in October! So, please make your reservation early and plan to join us!

Sam McElroy
Chair, AL/MS AWWA
Another year has gone by. It seems like yesterday that we were worried about the “Millennium Bug” that was going to crash all of our computers and wreak havoc on our society. That was ten years ago! I think about changes in my life that have been caused by technology. I remember my pre-school days when we got a telephone. It was a heavy black thing with a rotary dial. We had one installed on the wall in the kitchen. My mom told me that I learned to count by climbing on a chair to reach the phone and playing with the dial. Considering that we were on a party line, our neighbors probably had several interrupted calls.

Now consider that a large number of our section members cannot relate to the story I told. They never experienced a party line. They’ve only seen rotary dial phones in antique stores.

In the days of the rotary dial phones we didn’t worry about THM’s or HAA’s. The USEPA didn’t exist. Dilution was the solution to pollution. The point is; change is inevitable. We look at things differently than we used to and you can be sure that things will be different in the future.

Is your workforce prepared for the changes to come? Is your utility taking advantage of technology advances or suffering through them. It’s only been ten years since the millennium bug and I’m thinking of retirement in ten more years and I know I’m not alone. It’s time we make sure we can handle the change by planning for our changing workforce needs. We need to be proactive by evaluating our current human resources and anticipating future needs. We need to realize that the resources for the future will need special training that we probably don’t have within our individual utilities. AWWA is working to offer training for the future. At the section level we are looking at ways to enhance training through our community colleges and universities.

Get involved! Let your section leadership know how we can help. We are all about helping our section members. Tell us how. Let’s not get tardy in this effort; let’s lead the way.

Wishing All the Best,

Danny Hutcherson
Director, AL/MS AWWA
OK...what is “Meter Madness”? How do you get a meter mad? Does the meter make you mad or worse, drive you mad? Who knows, but at this year’s upcoming conference for the Section, two planning committee volunteers intend to find out. 2010 Program Chair* Chris Griffin of CH2M and YP Chair Hercy Golson at Huntsville Utilities are the Section’s promoters for this year’s internal Section METER MADNESS** competition. The idea is to have the two fastest overall winners go to the 2011 National AWWA ACE to compete on behalf of the Alabama/Mississippi Section. It is their desire to attract as many as five utilities willing to participate.

Greta Threadgill at Birmingham Water Works (also of Tapping-Team fame) struck up the first Meter Madness interest last year by requesting an “official” Sensus 3/4” x 5/8” meter for practice (this year’s official meter brand at ACE is to be Master Meter). As things worked out, we did not pull off our Section competition last year but Birmingham’s Tina Webb & Greta this year are gearing to possibly take it a step further and compete nationally in Chicago.

Nationally, the rules are fairly straight-forward....accurately assemble a water meter as fast as humanly possible. What is fast? Around twenty seconds or less has brought some members into the limelight of 1st Place! Each contestant starts with his or her own judge breathing down their neck, a fully disassembled meter thrown into a bucket (with three to six non-associated metallic parts thrown in) and, once prompted to begin, gives it their best ‘quick-draw’ assembly and upon completion, indicates so by stepping back with their hands raised. Yes, loose or leaking connections, non-registering flows and safety violations do add substantial time-penalties to their initial scores.

Sound stressful? Roger that! But practice can make perfect as several individuals have returned to ACE each year to compete and place within the top four consistently. Sound fun? You bet, not to mention the publicity a utility can gain! How ‘bout it...you in?

Ken McCool
Section Manager, AL/MS AWWA

The American Water Works Association has worked to develop ways to enhance skills and increase professionalism of operators and maintenance personnel in the water industry. Three operator competitions are organized through AWWA. Complementing the Pipe Tapping Contest and Top Ops is Meter Madness.

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Tuesday is Bingo as always. Expect to enjoy the fellowship, continental breakfast, and Bingo prizes. There will be a joint luncheon on Tuesday as well, and then you will have free time to visit local attractions such as Burritt on the Mountain (http://www.burrittonthemountain.com/), Huntsville Botanical Garden (http://www.hsvbg.org/), U.S. Space and Rocket Center (http://www.spacecamp.com/) and many others. The banquet will be Tuesday evening. Dressy attire is recommended for the banquet. Dinner will be catered by Ruth’s Chris.

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Make plans now to enjoy all that Huntsville has to offer. See you at the conference!

Malene McElroy
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LaFrance, 46, has served as Director of Finance for Denver Water for the past 12 years and is a respected industry leader in the areas of utility economics and water rates. He served as chairman of AWWA’s Audit Subcommittee from 1993-2002.

“David is a proven leader in the water community, and he has the ideal skill set to lead AWWA in the new decade,” said AWWA President Craig R. Woolard. “His superb understanding of the water industry and experience with the many issues facing our members will serve the association well.”

LaFrance was selected by the AWWA Board after unanimous recommendations from a Transition Committee and the Executive Committee, both comprised of AWWA volunteer leaders. He succeeds Gary Zimmerman, who resigned in March 2009.

Prior to being named Director of Finance in 1998, LaFrance served as Denver Water’s Manager of Rate Administration for five years. From 1988-93, he worked as a utility rate economist with the global engineering and consulting firm CH2M Hill in Denver and Portland, Ore., and from 1986-88 he was a natural resources economist with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Portland.

LaFrance earned an M.B.A. in Finance from the University of Colorado, Denver in 1992 and a B.S. in Economics from Lewis and Clark College in Portland in 1986. He lives in Denver with his wife, Justine, and two children, Sierra and Devon, both in high school.

“It’s a privilege to lead AWWA at such an important moment in the history of our association,” LaFrance said. “I look forward to working with AWWA volunteer leaders and staff in fulfilling our mission to protect public health and to provide safe and sufficient water for all.”

AWWA is the authoritative resource for knowledge, information, and advocacy to improve the quality and supply of water in North America and beyond. AWWA is the largest organization of water professionals in the world. AWWA advances public health, safety and welfare by unifying the efforts of the full spectrum of the entire water community. Through our collective strength we become better stewards of water for the greatest good of the people and the environment.
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Looking at many of the surface water treatment systems across many states around the southeast, the cost of water service, the availability of a dependable water source, and the need for capital investments remain a real concern. While the 1990’s represent a time of moderate increases in water cost, the 2000’s have been marked with faster increases and in many cases reduction in surplus capacity. Coupled with a troubled economy and lagging development, many water systems are turning to increased residential water costs to both encourage conservation and to aid in developing dependable surplus capacity.

The economic turndown has vastly affected many rural water systems in a similar manner as larger surface water systems. Many smaller groundwater systems face the same need for additional operating revenue. Just this month, Athens Utilities approved a thirty percent water rate increase which is to be phased in from April 1, 2010 to October 1, 2011. In addition to water rate hikes which account for actual water used, many systems are being forced to increase monthly availability charges and impact fees in hopes of generating money to deal with aging infrastructure and capital improvement costs. An example of this growing trend is illustrated in Alderman, MS, where water rate hikes were approved increasing the minimum utility charge from $10.00 dollars to $12.75 per month (includes first 2000 gallons, 27.5% increase). In addition to this monthly availability change, the water consumption rate also increased from $1.60 to $2.00 per 1000 gallon (25% increase) for additional water usage.

While smaller systems are being largely impacted, larger systems have been hampered more by the economic slowdown. Many of these systems rely on charges not directly related to the sale of water, such as impact fees, system development fees, frontage fees, high level fee, etc. If no development is taking place the larger systems, who in many cases have become accustomed to this revenue, have no means of generating extra funds to help with ever aging infrastructure concerns. As a result, they have over the last couple years been forced to exhaust savings and rainy day funds, in a lot of cases. This method of protecting the cost of water service can only last so long. In the years to come, larger systems and smaller systems alike will see the need for increasing the cost of potable water.

Consider a comparison of the cost of water service to residential customers for 8000 gallons of residential consumption per month on the following larger water utilities. Keeping in mind that water rate structures vary from system to system, we will consider only residential water cost for this comparison. This also helps in...
merging different pricing schemes and rate structures for review. This sector also represents the largest typical sales sector for municipal systems and it takes into account minimum fees and miscellaneous charges.

For the sake of equal comparison, we will also consider a longer time frame of prices. Because of the consistency of the rate increases across the major systems, it is easy to see that the year 2001 introduces a change in the rate of increase across all reviewed systems. Currently, this trend is not changing.

During this year’s AWWA Fly-in to Washington, delegates from across the country spent hours informing Congress of the infrastructure problems currently being encountered by water and wastewater systems. Programs like the State Revolving Fund (SRF) and the recent request for Congress to create the federal Water Infrastructure Bank, which would provide low-cost capital loans to water utilities and the SRF, took the forefront of discussions.

Low cost loans will certainly provide some assistance to utilities in need; however, each utility will have to set rates necessary to sustain a dependable water system. Utilities will have to review current rate structures and plan years in advance for capital improvement projects. For years and years, the cost of water service has been one of the best values in America. The challenge facing water systems today is how do we communicate our need for infrastructure investment to our customers, secure dependable water sources for future growth, and still maintain our best commodity in value status.

(Prices are from posted websites for various utilities; contact the actual utility company for verification of accuracy).
Doing More with Less...

More than ever, the water industry is charged with stretching resources to meet growing challenges. This year’s educational seminar series focuses on efficiency innovations and best practices developed by water utilities across Alabama. In four 1.5 hour lunch sessions, Alabama’s utility leaders will be speaking on:

- Leadership and Management,
- Water Resource Management,
- Capital Planning and Finance, and
- Treatment and Distribution.

The seminars will be held this summer in Huntsville, Birmingham, Montgomery, and Mobile. In keeping with our theme, sessions will also be simulcast through the AL/MS AWWA website. PDhs and CEUs will be available for local and on-line attendees. Lunch will be provided for local audiences. Admission is free for AWWA members and $10 for non-members.

Can’t attend one of the four live sessions? The recorded sessions will be available on the AL/MS AWWA website. Keep an eye on the AL/MS AWWA website (almsawwa.org) for program and registration information in the coming weeks or contact us at jcarter@pirnie.com.
It’s that time of year to start thinking about the Alabama/Mississippi AWWA 2010 Annual Conference. This year’s Conference will be held in beautiful Huntsville, Alabama at the Von Braun Center on October 3rd through October 5th. The Exhibit Hall is now open for registration. Space is limited, so please register early to secure a prime location to provide your company with the most visibility at this highly attended conference. On-line registration is available at www.almsawwa.org.

The exhibit hall layout is also available on our website, www.almsawwa.org. Each 10’ x 10’ booth includes one conference registration for the cost of $750.00. On September 4, the exhibitor registration price goes up to $800.00. Booth location selection is on a first come first serve basis, so register early. Additional conference registrations are $325.00 per person and are available at www.almsawwa.org. Following registration, the Von Braun Center will be emailing additional forms to furnish each exhibitor with any extras that may be needed, everything from extra chairs to power supply. Remember booth location selection is on a first come first serve basis, so register early.

The following times are scheduled for booth set up and breakdown.

**SET UP/BREAKDOWN TIMES**

Exhibit Hall Set Up Time: October 3, 2010 (Sunday)
8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Exhibit Hall Breakdown Time: October 5, 2010 (Tuesday)
2:00 pm

We look forward to seeing you at the 2010 Annual Conference. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can help in anyway.

Shannon Bailey
Exhibits Chair
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CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS AND PRODUCT DEMONSTRATIONS
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Presentations and product displays with the greatest potential interest will be selected.
Criteria for selection of a presentation include:

- Originality
- Innovative
- Significance of Work
- Audience Range
- Technical Content
- Case Studies
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Alabama-Mississippi Section AWWA

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Sunday, October 3, 2010
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Who We Are:

Young professionals (YPs) are generally considered to be members or prospective members under 35, including those working for utilities, regulatory agencies, consulting firms, manufacturers, distributors, or academic institutions.

Mission Statement:

To develop programs of interest to YPs in the drinking water industry, to promote the benefits of membership in AWWA by increasing opportunities for participation and career development, and to encourage younger industry members to take an active leadership role in the association.

Future Events:

A technical session geared specifically for YPs will be part of the upcoming Annual Conference Program in Huntsville, Alabama.

Why Get Involved:

Young professionals represent a dynamic and energetic, yet underrepresented, group of members in AWWA. As the membership ages, it is critical that the involvement of young water industry professionals increase in the activities of the association.

How to Find Out More:

If you are interested in being part of the Young Professionals, or learning about future events and programs, please contact:

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Criteria for competition include:

- Each utility may send a maximum of three competitors.
- Two turns shall be allowed for each competitor with the faster of the two times being used for his/ her official time.
- The winner will be determined by the best “official” time.
- Each competitor will be furnished with a bucket, or container containing the completely disassembled meter. Tools for the event will be provided for each competitor.

❖ Practice meters can be obtained from the AWWA website between now and May 1.

2010 Rules and Regulations –

To make this event a reality at the 2010 Conference, we need a minimum of 4 competitors and 6 judges. If you are interested in competing or judging, please contact Chris Griffin – Program Chair, or Hercy Golson – Assistant Program Chair at:

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