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What was your path to water?

Among our many members, I would dare to guess that our paths to the common interest of water all vary. My path to water began in Mr. Breidert’s Pre-Calculus class my junior year of high school in Shelbyville, Kentucky. The counselor came around to the classes to distribute pamphlets for the Summer College for High School Students at Ole Miss. It was a course designed for incoming high school seniors to spend six weeks on campus, living in the dorms, taking college courses, and meeting with various professors. My parents allowed me to enroll in the Pre-Engineering course and my mom drove me to Oxford. I proceeded to mispronounce almost every town in the area while falling in love with The Grove. The engineering group met weekly with a professor from each of the departments within the school of engineering. Mid-way through the session, we heard from Dr. Easson in the Department of Geology and Geological Engineering. The little I heard during this session had me hooked. One of the main takeaways was that I could come to Ole Miss to pursue this degree and have my out-of-state tuition waived through the Academic Common Market. That degree wasn’t offered at any Kentucky university, so I could come to Ole Miss as an in-state student. My path to water led from my small hometown in Kentucky and journeyed to Oxford, Mississippi. Three football seasons later, I still had yet to figure out what was going to happen after I graduated. I enjoyed my courses, with the exception of calculus, but had yet to find something that just clicked. Part of my degree program was spending five weeks in the Badlands of Wyoming and South Dakota. Each week
was spent learning something different we could do with our degree. After week four, I was committed to moving up there for mining work so I could blow things up for a living. But I’m a southern girl at heart, and I knew those winters weren’t for me. Then it happened. It clicked. The beginning of my fourth football season, all seniors took Dr. Davidson’s Hydrology class. It all made sense. Water was my medium, water was my path. Our senior class project was water well related, and I felt right in my decision to look further into the water-related field in Kentucky.

Then I met a boy. A Mississippi boy. A Mississippi boy that diverted my path from moving back to Kentucky after graduation. My path kept me in graduate school for a semester to study hydraulic modeling, but it wasn’t for me. I made a couple of phone calls, had a few interviews and my path led me to the Mississippi State Department of Health’s Bureau of Public Water Supply in Jackson, Mississippi. I worked with water systems in the six coastal counties just six months after Hurricane Katrina. I learned about resiliency from my water operators. I worked in our State Revolving Loan Fund. I learned about the funding process and what water systems have to go through to better their system. My path has had me in eight west/central counties for six years. It has me visiting over 100 water systems every year. My path gives me the best job ever in cultivating relationships with a multitude of water professionals. My path allows me to go to work in boots and jeans at least three days a week.

My path to this particular group of water professionals started with a co-worker telling me about an upcoming conference in Tunica, MS. This conference was all about water. There would be people from both Alabama and Mississippi gathering in Tunica to hear technical presentations and visit with vendors in the exhibit hall. That co-worker was Bill Moody, former Section Chair. By the joint luncheon on Tuesday, I was hooked. I knew I had to get involved. Just saying the word led to working on registration for two years and helping another former Section Chair, David Stejskal. My path journeyed on and I was honored to be asked to serve our Section as Secretary/Treasurer. The three-year term ended with my path taking a huge personal jump into motherhood while missing out on Jim Watterson’s conference in Mobile. I was more than ready to head back to Tunica with company – the mom who got my path started when she said yes to Ole Miss that summer and my newly-turned one-year-old, Claire. It has been a joy to serve our Section on the Board of Trustees to this path of Section Chair. Our annual conference is one of the highlights of my year. Our various paths come together each year to share knowledge, expand friendships and make new connections. The 2016-2017 path back to The Grand at Point Clear is in full swing. Our planning committees will meet in January for our first full planning session.

What was your path to water?
I would love to hear from you and get your story. Whether you’re a long-time member of our Section or you have only been with us for a couple years; I would like to hear how different we started only to end up together as members of the AL-MS Section of the American Water Works Association. Reach out to me at amy.mcleod@msdh.ms.gov.

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As we know, any person or organization, to be continually successful and sustainable, must plan for the future with short term and long range goals and objectives. American Water Works Association is no different. Back in 2012, then AWWA President Charlie Anderson established a Special Presidential Panel to examine our operational and business practices to make sure we were on track with current and future goals. The panel made recommendations within five Strategic Themes. Their actions were approved by the AWWA Board of Directors at ACE 2014 and the new program was rolled out as AWWA2020: A Path to One AWWA. The Sections and the Association were actively involved and our respective goals and needs are reflected in this program. In short, AWWA2020 offers an opportunity to unite around a common strategic plan and business processes to best serve our members and the wider water community.

I encourage you to visit the AWWA website (www.awwa.org) and review our current national AWWA Strategic Plan. Referring to the above program, the five Strategic Themes include Communication, Education, Membership, Finance, and Branding. Work has already begun in each of these areas. For instance, with Branding you should be seeing a common look, feel, and consistent operations between the Sections and the Association as we strive to unite as OneAWWA around a common vision and mission. With Education, the goal is to provide a smoothly delivered, relevant and financially sustainable education program. Our Section, in addition to providing new and expanded educational scholarship opportunities of our own, is participating in AWWA’s OneOperator scholarship program, with matching funds from the Association for our Section. With Membership, AWWA is simplifying the membership structure and processes to improve our collaborative strategies and reach for a membership goal of over 60,000 members by Year 2020. You will see and hear more about these themes moving forward as our national association aligns its expectations and strategies with the AWWA Strategic Plan.

Stay tuned. Exciting things are ahead and updates will be announced and published. All these efforts are being exerted with one mission in mind, to help our membership, YOU, in providing solutions to effectively managing the world’s most important natural resource – water! Thank you for the opportunity of representing and serving you. Your comments and suggestions are encouraged and welcome.
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As 2016 is now behind us, it is worth taking a look back before we turn our attention to the year ahead. 2016 has been a record year for the Alabama-Mississippi Section. Here are a few thoughts:

A major Source for education and knowledge distribution for Water Professionals. Following on the heels of the pace-setting training offerings in 2015, Alabama Education Chair Matt McDougald and Mississippi Education Chair Dr. Jason Barrett led the charge in offering a record number of classes for operators and water professionals. The classes were well attended and received good reviews. They have set the bar high for future education efforts. One component of that effort has been funded by the USEPA and is aimed at small systems (less than 10,000 population by EPA’s definition). By obtaining and using the grants, the Section has been able to provide most of our training at no charge to participants. That’s what we call “member value” and in an era when every utility is being asked to do more with less while operating in an ever challenging regulatory environment free continuing education hours are a plus.

In addition to classroom training sessions all across Mississippi and Alabama, the Section continues to address the growing shortage of certified operators and professionals entering the water works field. The Section helped develop and sustain a Professional Certified Operators Program through Jacksonville State University. The program has now had its first round of graduates and all have found immediate placement in utilities. There is much more work to be done as demographic shifts are creating a perfect storm for shortages in qualified operators. If you are a certified operator nearing retirement consider mentoring a person for a career in water or wastewater operations. Not only will you be helping to establish a future water professional, you will be helping sustain your utility, your community, and its quality of life.

The Section has wrapped up the third round of our renewed effort to offer meaningful scholarships to those entering the profession or seeking to improve their value to their respective organizations. For the third year in a row the Section’s Scholarship committee selected and the Trustees approved over $20,000 in scholarships. The next round of scholarship selections will begin early next year.

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Our Annual Conference in Montgomery in October offered abundant opportunities for attendees to learn and grow in the industry while enjoying top rate entertainment and the pleasure of networking with nearly 500 other water works professionals. The tradition of beginning the business part of the conference with a motivational speaker in Monday morning’s opening general session continued this year and has become one of the most popular components of the conference. This year George Hawkins, manager of DC Water spoke. DC Water’s recent history is a microcosm of the challenges and rewards which are a part of the new “waterscape.” If you missed his remarks you missed one of the highlights of the Conference; make a note to join us next year on Monday morning. Congratulations to Past Chair Brian Shelton and his wife Carolyn and the entire 2016 Planning Committee on a banner conference and continuing the trajectory toward excellence as one of the premier water conferences in the southeast.

The Section and State Water Policy.
A number of Section Members as well as section staff participated on committees and focus panels over the past two years in the Alabama Governor’s and State Legislature’s effort to develop an Alabama water policy. Panels and committees have now made their final reports to the Governor’s Water Policy Committee and the next step will be in the hands of the Legislature when it meets early next year. However, some of their work is already reflected in new legislation empowering the State’s Office of Water Resources to effectively address what is becoming an epic drought situation in much of Alabama. Not only did those Section members offer valuable knowledge and expertise to the process, they brought balance and the calm voice of reason to the debates – something in short supply this past political season! It is the nature of compromise and negotiation that we will not likely get everything we want in a water policy. But neither is it likely that we will give up common sense and critical thinking.

The power of collaboration.
The Alabama-Mississippi Section has used its strong relationships with other water and wastewater associations to the advantage of its membership. Many of the training events in Mississippi were in cooperation with Mississippi Water Environment Association, The Mississippi Operators Association and the Rural Community Assistance Partnership. On November 13-14, The Section, in cooperation with The Alabama Water Environment Association, hosted the second annual Water Technology Conference in Auburn, Alabama. The two associations will cooperate again in January when they host The Water Utility Management Conference in Montgomery, Alabama. These are two of five events co-hosted by the two groups. Events have been well attended and have received positive reviews. Committees from AWEA and the AL-MS Section as well as the Mississippi Water Environment Association are now discussing other ways to collaborate to bring their respective members greater efficiency and value for their membership dollar.

Obviously, such an ambitious program of work was not accomplished without the hard work of many individuals. The Section is blessed with many dedicated volunteers who do the heavy lifting in making it all happen. Congratulations and thanks to all the many volunteers who have made these efforts a success. Your dedication and hard work continue to make a difference in our Section and in the Water Industry.

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JIM WATTERSON, district sales manager with AMERICAN Ductile Iron Pipe and AMERICAN SpiralWeld Pipe, received the George Warren Fuller Award from the Alabama/Mississippi Section of the American Water Works Association (AWWA) on Oct. 11, 2016. Established in 1937, the Fuller Award is the highest honor given to water industry professionals by AWWA in recognition of distinguished service to the industry. Watterson will also be recognized nationally at the organization’s Annual Conference and Exposition in June 2017.

Watterson began his career with AMERICAN in 1979, shortly after graduating from Auburn University with a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering. He worked as a sales engineer in Atlanta, Georgia, before becoming district sales manager in Sacramento, California, and then Minneapolis, Minnesota. Watterson returned to Birmingham, Alabama, in 1993.

In addition to his work at AMERICAN, Watterson is a member of AWWA and past chairman of the Alabama/Mississippi Section. He currently serves as director on the national AWWA board representing the Alabama/Mississippi Section. Watterson also served as a board member on the Alabama Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and president of the Hoover Athletic Association.

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The competition was sponsored by the Section's Young Professionals Committee and took place the prior day during the Strolling Lunch. Water samples were scored on a scale of 1 to 10 by a panel of four judges on the four categories of taste, odor, color, and clarity. The judges for the competition were National AWWA Vice-President Terry McGhee, Vice-Chair of the Section Drusilla Hudson, Past-Chair of the Section Sam Agnew, and Scholarship Committee member Hugh Smith.

Water Supply Superintendent for Huntsville Utilities, Gary Bailey said, “It was an honor to accept this award on behalf of Huntsville Utilities and the water department.”

Gary also added, “Winning awards like this one is a true testament to the hard work and dedication each of our employees bring to work each and every day to provide clean and safe drinking water to our customers.”

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Mississippi
Young Professionals Conference Recap

At the Annual Conference this year, members spent Sunday afternoon before the conference at Lower Wetumpka Shotgun Sports Club for some skeet shooting sponsored by YPs and ETEC.

To give Young Professionals a break throughout the conference, a lounge was sponsored by Waggoner Engineering. This gave YPs a space to reflect on the technical and professional development sessions as well as enjoy a hot cup of coffee, smoothies, and a massage. A corn hole tournament was held in the lounge with the winner receiving a YETI cooler (sponsored by CapChlor).

The YPs hosted a raffle to raise money for the scholarship fund. The raffle was a great success, raising over $400.00. The winner won a gift card to Bass Pro Shop.

Young Professionals participated in a social media scavenger hunt throughout the conference. This was to encourage YPs to meet the section leaders and exhibitors. The winner won a YETI cooler, sponsored by C2i (Control Instruments, Inc.).

The YP taste test competition was a great success with 12 participating utilities. The winner was Huntsville Utilities of Huntsville, AL.

A major objective of the Young Professionals is to engage YPs with seasoned professionals. This was achieved at the social and forum where leaders in the water industry shared how AWWA has helped with their professional and leadership development.
Spouse Bingo

Tuesday Banquet
Competitions

**METER MADNESS**

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**PIPE TAPPING**

Pipe Tapping Champions - Men

Pipe Tapping Champions - Women
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brian Shelton at 11:40 a.m.

Brian submitted minutes for consideration from the last General Membership Meeting held at the Beau Rivage in Biloxi, Mississippi in October of 2015.

A motion was made by Jim Watterson and seconded by Hunter Arnold to dispense with the reading of the minutes with all present voting aye.

A motion was then made by David Stejskal and seconded by Phillip Gibson to accept the minutes as presented with all present voting aye.

Brian then called upon Secretary-Treasurer Harry Gong to present the Section’s financials. Harry presented year over year financials which showed a gain in cash assets by the Section of some $13,000.00. He gave the various account balances as of the latest bank statements including three Certificate of Deposit accounts and two investment accounts totaling $771,688.26.

A motion was then made by Amy McLeod and seconded by David Stejskal to accept the financial report as presented with all present voting aye.

Brian then called upon Amy McLeod, Vice Chair and Audit Committee Chair, to present the annual independent audit results. Amy passed out copies of the audit and commented that the Section received a favorable audit report. The auditors made note of the segregation of duties as they do each year. They also noted that some of our savings has exceeded the level covered under the Federal Depositors Insurance Corporation. Therefore, the Board of Trustees has commenced action to move some of our funds to another bank so as to make sure each account is covered by depositors insurance.

Having concluded her report, a motion was made to accept the Audit Report as presented by Danny Hutcherson and seconded by Nick Freeman with all present voting aye.

Jaquice Boyd, Young Professionals Chair for Alabama then gave a report on the activities of the YP group for this year. She stated with Austin Moore’s help who is the YP Chair for Mississippi, it has been a banner year for the Section’s YP effort. They held several YP events though the year including events at ballparks in both Alabama and Mississippi. They will be holding a raffle for a shotgun to benefit the scholarship fund at the Sporting Clay Shoot and throughout the conference. They are also running the Water Taste Test at this year’s conference and have had twelve utilities enter their water.

Jeremy Gwin this year’s exhibit chair then reported that there were sixty-eight exhibitors signed up this year and that there would be a mini-excavator competition in the exhibit hall this year as well as the traditional strolling lunch on Monday.

Chris Morrow, MAC Chair, then reported that it had been a successful year for obtaining sponsorships for the conference. They have received approximately $43,000 which is a $5,000 increase from last year. Increases in Platinum donors lead the effort and Chris is optimistic that the momentum will continue.

Shannon Partlow-Bailey then reported on registration for the conference. She mentioned that the Section had obtained the services of CVENT this year for on-line registration and payment. She reported that this has been a success and that the registration had gone smoothly. As of her report we had 472 people registered including 50 spouses/guests. Of those 142 were governmental entities. There were 24 one-day operator registrations and the balance was vendors and service providers. The total was up slightly from last year.

Matt McDougald and Jason Barrett, Alabama and Mississippi Education Chairs respectively, reported on the educational activities of the Section through the last year. Matt reported that we continue to partner with the AWEA (Alabama Water Environment Association) in delivering two trainings per year. One on management in January and one in November on technology. These have been very successful
and well attended. He also reported on the EPA Small Systems Grants we have worked on with RCAP and that they were successful in attracting small systems representatives to our training events and in some cases resulted in new members for the Section. He mentioned an additional session conducted in Albertville which was well attended.

Jason commented on several successful training events held across Mississippi. There were 45 people in the training in Raymond, Mississippi which concentrated on corrosion in water lines and all the implications related to it. He is partnering with the Mississippi Operator Association to present these sessions in a number of locations across the state. These locations include Batesville, Westpoint, and Biloxi. Through these efforts the Section is working on gaining a new audience and the potential for more membership as well as providing valuable service to the water community.

Brian then commented on the efforts to continue using social media and the Pipeline Magazine to reach water professionals on the value of AWWA membership.

Amy then reported for the Time and Place Committee. The 2017 Conference will be held at the Grand Hotel in Point Clear, Alabama starting on October 15 and running through October 17, 2017.

A “Last Call” Resolution was then read by Resolutions Chair Tom Walters honoring Mr. Mike Vann and Mr. Jimmy Nelson who were both active, long time members of the Section and who passed away during the past year.

LaQuoyah McDaniels then reported on the awards to be given out at this year’s conference. She commented on the number of entries for Plant and Distribution System awards and stated that while there were several from Alabama, Mississippi needed to work on recruiting more entrants.

Rob Coleman then reported on the Golf Tournament which raises money for the Section’s scholarship effort. There were 57 golfers registered which may have been a record. The use of a “Caddy Shack” trivia contest was very successful. He commented that they received compliments from Terry McGhee, National Vice President, on the Golf Tournament organization.

David Stejskal then reported for the Membership Committee. He reported that membership had risen from 858 to 873 throughout the year.

Brian Shelton then reported for the Nominations Committee with all members of the Trustees moving up and the addition of Nick Freeman as Alabama Trustee-at-large (Junior):

Chair – Amy McLeod
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MS (Senior) Trustee – Phillip Gibson
AL (Junior) Trustee – Nick Freeman
Director – Jim Watterson

A motion was then made by David Stejskal and seconded by Jim Watterson to close nominations and accept the nominations as read by Brian. All members present voted aye.

With no further business to be brought before the Board the meeting was then adjourned.
On Monday morning, October 10, 2016, Huntsville Utilities Natural Gas & Water Works Board member, Dr. James S. Wall Jr. presented the Alabama/Mississippi Section of the American Water Works Association (AL/MS Section of AWWA) with a special gift at the Opening General Session. Inside of a well-crafted wooden box was an official gavel presented to the Section from Huntsville Utilities’ Water System constructed from original wooden water pipes. The original water pipes from 1823 were taken from Huntsville Utilities water system and preserved. The pipes were once the drinking water supply system to Huntsville, Alabama back in the early 1800s.

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The gavel was presented at the annual conference to the new incoming chair for the new calendar year.

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The Section is pleased to announce that we have a new Section Services Manager with AWWA National in Ashley Longmore. Ashley is a recent transplant to Denver from Atlanta, GA.

Ashley was most recently the Director of Business Services with the American Cancer Society at their headquarters office. There she managed five departments’ operational needs including contract negotiations, contract management, project management, invoice compliance and organizational research management. She also held positions as a Chapter Consultant and New Chapter Specialist for Phi Mu Fraternity. At Phi Mu, she provided support and guidance in training, operations, membership, recruitment, public relations, leadership, development programming, risk management and fundraising.

Ashley is responsible for Region II which includes our Section. Please feel free to contact Ashley to welcome her and to address any Section-related needs.

Section Education Chair (MS), Dr. Jason Barrett, was presented the Franklin T. Burns Outstanding Extension Community Resource Development Award for his outstanding contributions to the mission of the Mississippi State University Extension Service. Recipients of the award are considered on the contributions and strong connections to the community and the impacts implementing effective community development resource programs. We are so glad to have Dr. Barrett volunteering his services to our Section and congratulate him on this prestigious award.

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Ty Patterson – Hoover, AL
Joseph Henson – Southwest Water Company
Jeff White – Induron Coatings Inc.
Wes Russell – Government Utility Services Corp.
Brent Brown – Limestone County Water Authority
Shelby Boyd – University of South Alabama Dept. of Chemistry
Lyttonja Levert – Birmingham Water Works Board
Ronnie Powell – Bakerhill Water Authority
Jon Steffens – Madison County Water Department
Michael McClantoc – Utilities Board Bayou La Batre
Randy Smith – Calhoun County Water Authority
Pam Rhoades – Oktoc Water Association
Kirby Mayfield – Mississippi Rural Water Association
Cathy Van Dan – Lexie Water Association
Jasmine Julious – Mississippi Rural Water Association
Monica Adock – Mississippi Rural Water Association
Robby Mayfield – Mississippi Rural Water Association
Joel Prickett – Calhoun County Water Authority
Dana Herren – Pell City, AL
Cecelia Garris – Mississippi Rural Water Association
Barbara Shaw – Mobile Area Water & Sewer
Bryan Myl – American Flow Control
BJ Page – Desoto County Regional Utility Authority
Michael Burdine – Mobile County Water, Sewer & FPA
Gary Woods – Decatur, AL
Jason Newton – McFadden Engineering Inc.
Sean Henton – Hancock County Utility Authority
Diane Schober – Miss Dept of Environmental Quality
Cindy McLendon – Mobile County Water, Sewer & FPA
Anthony Hall – Pearl River County Utility Authority
Lisa Russell – Mobile Area Water & Sewer System
Patrick Strom – Hutchinson, Moore & Rauch, LLC
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Ruby Cotton – Mobile Area Water & Sewer
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Richard Price – Mobile Area Water & Sewer
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Tonya Browning – Modern Pumping Today
Justin Skipper – Hancock County Utility Authority
Nick Seal – Hancock County Utility Authority
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Brian Hewes – Mobile County Water, Sewer & FPA
Simon Ridgeway – Sheffield, AL
Evan Epperson – Birmingham, AL
Melanie Gates Fite – Audiowell International
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Michael Beavers – Town of Berry Water Dept.

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