

# North Texas Chapter American Backflow Prevention Association

Protecting Safe Drinking Water

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## President's Message

Happy Spring everyone!

I hope you all made it through those tough and VERY cold first weeks of February in good shape. I learned firsthand just how much we depend on all our modern conveniences. My tree broke in half and took all the wires off the back of the house, so... no phone, no internet, no cable TV!!! What a drag! Hope you all had less trouble from the weather!

Please remember that we will have elections in May so we will need all nominations for the open positions by the 20th of March for the newsletter.

We look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting on March 8, 2011 at 11:30. Please note the location is in Irving.

Please enjoy this issue.

Cherie DeLude

### WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF ARTICLES!

If you like to write, or you already have something written, PLEASE share it with us.

Anything is welcome, even small things, like brochures and pamphlets like the ones you see the cities give out.

### **NEXT MEETING**

March 8, 2011  
11:30 a.m.— 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** City of Irving Water Utilities, 333 valley view lane, Irving, TX 75061

**Topic:** Thermal Expansion: How it Happens and How to Solve it

**Presenter:** Hal Haas

To remove your name from our mailing list, please contact [jeff.porter@tdindustries.com](mailto:jeff.porter@tdindustries.com).

Questions or comments? Email us at [c.delude@att.net](mailto:c.delude@att.net) or call 972-647-8378

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

**Metroplex Training**, Hurst, Texas 817-571-4574  
(BACKFLOW):

8 hour—March 11; April 5, 8; May 10, 13, June 10  
Confined Space—March 10; April 4, 7; May 9, 12  
40 hour—March 14-18; April 11-15; May 16-20



**Texas A & M School of Irrigation**, <http://irrigation.tamu.edu>

Please visit their website for the 2010-2011 fall-winter short course schedule.

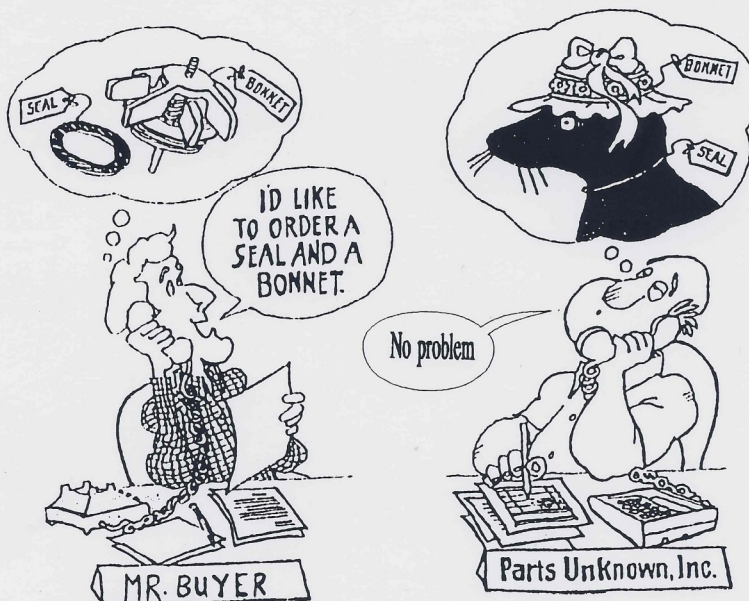
**Texas Engineering Extension Service**, [teex.org/www](http://teex.org/www)

Backflow Prevention Assembly Testing (BPAT), Customer Service Inspector (CSI) Training, Water and Wastewater Technical Assistance Program, On-Site Sewage Facilities (OSSF) Training, WWW Online Courses, Landscape Irrigator Testing, WWW Specialty Courses

Please visit their website for the course schedules. For more information, call **800-SAFE-811 (800-723-3811)** or email [itsi@teexmail.tamu.edu](mailto:itsi@teexmail.tamu.edu)

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## ABPA LEADERSHIP FORUM

It is the purpose of this program to help you more fully understand the process of leadership and to help you develop effective methods for making decisions under many different circumstances.



**SUNDAY, May 22**

**8:00am—12:00pm**

**Pecos Meeting Room**

(Hill Country Level)

Open to all ABPA members

Through this program you will develop systematic approaches to making decisions in areas such as: delegation of authority; handling non-performers; selecting team members; motivating people; determining training needs; and evaluating results.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax to: 979-846-7607 or Email to: [shane@abpa.org](mailto:shane@abpa.org)

**Please RSVP by 04/15/2011**



## **STOLEN GAUGES REPORT**

Please let us know if you have had a gauge stolen. Provide us with the Make, Model and Serial Number. We will list them here so everyone can keep a look out for them.

Give us your contact information and we will let you know if anyone finds it and tells us they did.

**STOLEN In Houston**  
**CONBRACO 40-200TKP backflow test kit,**  
**Serial #306631**  
**Call: Glenn Pourteau 713 875-8891**

## **JOBS CORNER**

If you are aware of a job listing please let us know and we can post it here!

## **2011 and 2012 MEETING SCHEDULE**

<b><u>Date:</u></b>	<b><u>Time:</u></b>	<b><u>Topic:</u></b>	<b><u>Location:</u></b>
May 10, 2011	11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.		TDI, 13850 Diplomat Drive, Farmers Branch, Tx 75234
July 12, 2011	11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.	Asset Management and Backflow Prevention	Hardin & Assoc, 5005 W. Royal Lane, #170, Irving, Texas 75063
September 13, 2011	11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.	Review of National Conference	Dallas Medical Center, 7 Medical Parkway, Dallas, Texas 75234
November 8, 2011	11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.		Undecided
January 10, 2012	11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.		Undecided
March 13, 2012	11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.		Undecided
May 8, 2012	11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.	Review of National Conference	Undecided
July 10, 2012	11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.		Undecided

## TIP OF THE MONTH

?????? Ideas for tips from anyone?

## Do You Know of any Events?

We are attempting to identify events around the state where NT ABPA could set up an educational booth. These could include children's events, water festivals, garden shows, trade seminars, Independence Day celebrations and similar events. If you are aware of any such events please contact us at [c.delude@att.net](mailto:c.delude@att.net) and let us know. We would like to start really promoting public education of backflow prevention and this is one way we can work toward that goal.

Would you be interested in helping to man an educational booth at any events? We could use volunteers! If we can get several people at an event then everyone can take turns at the booth and still enjoy the event. Again, contact any of the officers or email us at [c.delude@att.net](mailto:c.delude@att.net)

## NOMINATIONS

The month of May means its election time once again.

So at the March meeting we will hold nominations for the following positions of the Board of Directors.

Treasurer

Secretary

Board at Large, 3 seats. (those whose terms are up are: Jerry Davis, Billy Horton, Chris Flower, and Don Godfrey)

Please consider filling one of these positions from 2011—2013 term.

Thank you

Cherie DeLude, President

In this issue I have included the details for applying for the **PACE Award**. I don't think we have every applied, but we can get the award if we just apply. Some chapters, like San Antonio, get one EVERY YEAR! Why not us too! All the new things we have been doing qualify us for the award. All that is required is a little assistance from the membership to pull all the information together. WE CAN DO THIS GUYS!!!!

Also included in this issue is the detailed conference schedule that shows all the committee meetings and board meeting in addition to the training sessions. Anyone who would like to be on a committee at national needs to contact Shane and get on the committee. Anyone is welcome to just attend the meetings and lend a hand if they want!!

# ABPA AWARDS PROGRAM

## Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE)

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence is to recognize Chapters for their positive impact on their membership, their profession and their community. This award is meant to recognize all Chapters that demonstrate this accomplishment in a given year.

**Eligibility:** Each Chapter in which the Chapter is evaluated.

**Criteria:** There are four specific categories in which the Chapter is judged. Each category has specific goals that will be used to judge the Chapter's programs and service to the membership and community. A Chapter that shows significant progress in each of the different categories will be eligible for the award. All Chapters regardless of size are strongly encouraged to submit for this award. **The material turned in for consideration for the award should be bound in a three ring binder.**

- I. Membership
  - A. Net membership gain/retention
  - B. Membership recruitment activities
  - C. Evidences of innovative membership development regardless of whether net growth has occurred
- II. Service to Chapter Members
  - A. Number of members attending meetings
  - B. Workshops or professional development programs
  - C. Chapter Newsletter
  - D. Chapter Awards/Recognition Programs
  - E. Chapter to Chapter Outreach (defined as successful programs that can be applied to other Chapters)
- III. Service to the Community
  - A. Educational Outreach Programs:
    - Water Education Programs
    - Public Displays
    - School Presentations
    - Service Club Presentations
    - Other
  - B. Publications:
    - Production of Pamphlets or Public Information Pieces
    - Radio Spots/Public Information Presentations
    - Video/Television Presentations
  - C. Environmental Enhancement
    - Adopt-a-Highway Programs
    - Earth Day Clean-up Programs
    - Water Week
- IV. Service to the Association
  - A. Partnerships with other Organizations
  - B. Submit Newsletter Articles to International Headquarters
  - C. Submit Chapter Reports to Regional Director and International Headquarters

**Selection: the Awards Committee selects The PACE Award recipients.**

**Nomination Process:** Any ABPA Chapter may submit a nomination for the PACE. The submittals should be in simple essay form, outlined by category and objective. It will be incumbent upon the Chapter to provide adequate supporting information that illustrates it has met the criteria. The submittal should not exceed more than 50 pages in length. The absence of extensive supporting materials will not necessarily affect the review process for smaller Chapters. Examples of documents, Chapter newsletters, publications, and video, newspaper or magazine articles referenced in the submittal will not be counted as part of the 10 pages. Three (3) copies of the nomination are required.

**Deadline:** April 15th

### Mail Nomination to

PACE AWARD  
ABPA Headquarters  
Post Office Box 3051  
Bryan, Texas 77805-3051

or

PACE AWARD  
ABPA Headquarters  
3016 Maloney  
Bryan, Texas 77801-3121

**Presentation:** A plaque is presented to a Chapter representative at the Awards Banquet Ceremony during ABPA's International Education Conference and winning Chapters are featured in the *ABPA News Magazine*.



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## CALENDAR OF CONVENTIONS AND SEMINARS

ABPA 2011 Annual Education Conference & Trade Show : The Hyatt Regency San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas - May 23-25, 2011 Board Meetings May 21, 2011 & May 25, 2011

*Hotel cost \$139 per night. Conference cost : members \$390 early, \$415 late: non-members \$430 early, \$455 late.*

Attendees will enjoy up to 30 technical education sessions presented by experts in the field of cross-connection control research, backflow assembly repair, ABPA test procedures, water system and tester liability to name a few. More information will be available soon.

The “Welcoming Reception” will have a San Antonio Fiesta theme and the “Post Conference” event will be held at Pedrotti’s North Wind Ranch in Helotes and will be a Country-Western gala. A DJ is scheduled to play at both events. The “Welcoming Reception” is included in the conference registration fee, however the additional cost to attend the Western Gala is \$50.00 per person. There will be lots of food, drinks, and prizes, so everyone will have a chance to win.

The Conference attendees will have the opportunity to take a walking excursion to the SAWS Heating & Cooling Plant downtown to see how this facility provides the necessary heating and air conditioning for several of the downtown buildings. The trip is about a 12 to 15 minute walk each way.

ABPA 2012 Annual Education Conference & Trade Show: The Silver Legacy Hotel, Reno, Nevada - April 30 - May 2, 2012 Board Meetings April 28, 2012 & May 2, 2012

## CHAPTER COMMITTEES

### NEWLETTER

- One person to find training opportunities locally for BF, plumbers and irrigators
- One person to track stolen gauges
- One person to find articles on backflow incidents
- One person to find major conventions and seminars nationwide for BF, plumbers and irrigators
- One person to find companies to advertise in newsletter
- One person to get new member info for newsletter
- One person to find things to post in jobs corner
- One person to coordinate with multiple people to get articles submitted for newsletter

### MEETING COMMITTEE

- Need help in finding topics and presenters.
- Jerry may need help in meal planning?? More choices and price lists?
- Need help in finding sponsors for the meals

### CONFERENCE

- We need someone to help scout locations to hold the event.
- We need someone to then locate hotels nearby to the location.
- We need someone to invite vendors for the trade show exhibits. (Including setting up booth fees and collecting them).
- We need someone to invite presenters for the education section. (Preferably people who will do it free for this first one).
- We need someone to coordinate the food for the event. (At least a continental breakfast and lunch.)
- We need several people to help with registration, including deciding the fee for attendance, and information at the event.

### MEMBERSHIP

- Need one person to get info from TCEQ
- Need one person to set it up for doing a mass mailing
- Need one person to do the mass mailing
- Need someone to track when we get new members and/or help Jerry do it!

The North Texas Chapter Newsletter is published monthly by the North Texas Chapter of the American Backflow Prevention Association, whose members have a common interest in protecting the drinking water from contamination through cross connections. Your ideas, experience and expertise are invited and needed by the NT ABPA to insure a balanced approach to backflow prevention in the State of Texas. Your participation and support will continue to help shape the future of this industry in Texas.

Opinions expressed in articles, letters or advertisements in this publication are not necessarily those endorsed or supported by the NT ABPA. The content of this newsletter is not to be considered as legal or professional advice. **Dues are \$83 annually**, and are payable to the ABPA National Treasurer. Annual dues include \$23 for Texas Chapter and \$60 for National ABPA dues. National membership is required for Texas membership.

The National ABPA Treasurer address is: **POST OFFICE BOX 3051, BRYAN, TX 77805-3051. 979-846-7606 . 979-846-7607 FAX . [www.abpa.org](http://www.abpa.org)** Link to National Membership Application: <http://www.abpa.org/Doc/PDF/Membership.pdf>

For newsletter advertisements contact:

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# AMERICAN BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSOCIATION

## ABPA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

To join the American Backflow Prevention Association, simply fill out the membership application form and mail it with your check to the address listed below, or if paying by credit card you may fax the completed form to 979.846.7607. Local chapters have additional fees. Below is a listing of chapters by region. To find out if there is a local chapter in your area please review the chapter information on our website at [abpa.org](http://abpa.org) or call the National Office at 979.846.7606. Membership in the Association constitutes paying National dues.

US Membership \$60.00     International Membership \$74.00     Affiliate Organization \$300.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone : (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax : (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Chapter (if joining a local chapter): \_\_\_\_\_ Local Dues: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ (remit US \$ drawn on a US bank, payable to the ABPA)

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### LOCAL CHAPTER DUES LISTED BY REGION:

<b>REGION 1</b>		North Texas	\$23.00	<b>REGION 9 (USD)</b>	
New England	\$12.00	San Antonio	20.00	New Brunswick	\$50.00
Western New York	13.00	<b>REGION 5</b>		Ontario	50.00
Rhode Island	18.00	Colorado	\$15.00	<b>REGION 10</b>	
<b>REGION 2</b>		Southeastern Colorado	15.00	Wisconsin	\$10.00
Delaware	\$ 5.00	Utah	12.00	<b>REGION 11</b>	
Penn State	10.00	<b>REGION 6</b>		Indiana	\$ 5.00
<b>REGION 3</b>		Arizona	\$20.00	Indiana BPA	20.00
Carolinas	\$10.00	Central Coast	10.00	Michigan	37.00
Florida Suncoast	12.00	Central Valley California	10.00	Northern Illinois	23.00
Georgia	34.00	Hawaii	23.00	Ohio	10.00
Gold Coast	10.00	Silver State	23.00	Southern Illinois	23.00
Peach State "1788"	30.00	Southern California	15.00	<b>REGION 12</b>	
Tennessee	20.00	<b>REGION 7</b>		Central Missouri	\$20.00
<b>REGION 4</b>		Big Sky	\$10.00	Eastern Nebraska	10.00
Arkansas	\$10.00	Idaho	10.00	Heart of America	12.00
Central Texas	20.00	Oregon	20.00	Panhandle	5.00
Corpus Christi	23.00	SRCA	20.00	Western Nebraska	8.00
Gulf Coast	23.00	<b>REGION 8</b>			
Lower Rio Grande Valley	25.00	No Local			

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