

ABPA Utah Chapter

2014 SPRING NEWSLETTER

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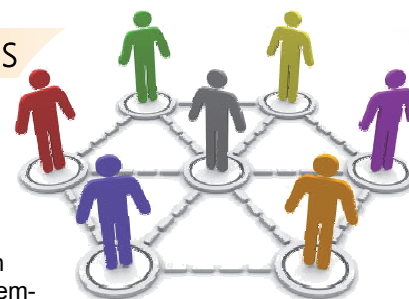
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

As I embark on the next 2 years of service as your Utah Chapter ABPA President, I do so with a great deal of excitement and enthusiasm, as I know a bright future is ahead for Cross Connection Control & Backflow Prevention programs. I have been involved and witnessed steady, successful, progress in promoting these efforts, which helps ensure Safe Drinking Water for all Utah communities.

RECOGNIZING OUR MEMBERS AND PARTNERS

I would like to take this opportunity to reach out to all our Members and Partners to encourage them to continue their tireless efforts in furthering our worthy cause. Your efforts do not go unnoticed!



Members and Partners need support from all of us and each other in order to succeed. Who is a Member / Partner? Member/Partners they are any Individual, Company, Corporation, Agency, or Association which could affect Cross Connection Control. The most notable are Drinking Water Operators/Specialists, Backflow Technician's, State Regulators, and Plumbers. These are ones we don't think of as being partners, but are some of the most important; Health Department, Building Officials (Inspectors), Construction Trades (Landscape Irrigation), Architects, Engineers, Plumbing Supply Retailers, Elected /Appointed Officials, Fire Marshal, Assembly Manufacturer, Water Meter Manufacturer, Software Programing, Certifying agencies; ASSE, ASME, ANSI, USC-FCCCHR, Associations; RWAU, AWWA, ABPA, and All Utah Drinking Water systems. As you can see the list is long, however each and every Member/Partner is in some way a key piece to the complex puzzle of Cross Connection Control. Please recognize and thank these other sometimes forgotten folks for their efforts. I need to thank all of the current and past board members, office staff, committee members, and others, who have helped me prepare for this role as President and for their helping the association in general. -Thank You.

ABPA-UT CHAPTER MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission Statement is "Promoting Cross Connection Control and Backflow Prevention, through Public awareness, Outreach, and Community Education". We have an extended Board of directors and Committee members who are some of the most highly respected experts in this field. They are ready to serve your every need.

We can achieve this lofty goal of "Keeping Drinking Water Safe" through Patience, Persistence, and Commitment to Excellence".

Let's work in unison and have a great productive year!

Sincerely,

Brian Pattee
ABPA Utah Chapter -Board President

Mark Your Calendars

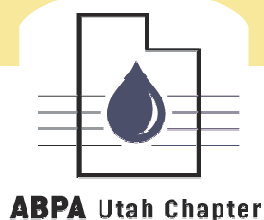
WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES

**UT CHAPTER WORKSHOP
AUG. 20, 2014 -Wednesday**

CONSERVATION
GARDEN PARK
8275 South 1300 West
West Jordan, UT 84088

**UTAH CHAPTER
ANNUAL CONFERENCE
FEB. 6, 2015 -Friday**

LOVELAND
LIVING AQUARIUM
12033 So. Lone Peak Prkwy
Draper, UT 84020



2014 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Recap

Fabulous Topics from exceptional speakers; Awards of excellence; Tons of Prizes, CEUS, The latest and greatest products and technology from the leading vendors in the backflow industry; a great lunch and plethora of snacks!!!

WHAT DID THE ATTENDEES HAVE TO SAY?

If you missed out on The Utah Chapter ABPA Annual conference at The District in South Jordan this year you missed out on all of the above and more. Here are what some of the attendees of the conference have to say:

- ⇒ "Really good Speakers! A lot of good info."
- ⇒ "Enjoyed the Kenecott slides and Tactical Communications."
- ⇒ "The public relations instructor was great!"
- ⇒ "I really liked the information, food and vendors."
- ⇒ "Variety of topics, the venue...everything was excellent!"



Along with the positive feedback we also received comments on how we can improve and ideas for future topics and presentations like, "...PR, How do you get your Mayor and council members on board?" Your feedback (positive or negative) is encouraged and always appreciated so thanks to all who returned a conference survey.

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

A different approach was taken to select a Presidential Award of Excellence recipient in 2014. We asked who you thought deserved to be recognized for going above and beyond to promote and protect drinking water (sometimes against the odds) through applying backflow practices. The recipient of the award this year was Daniel Allen of South Jordan. In the face of adversity and ebb and flow of support he strives to educate the leaders and citizens of his city about the inevitability and repercussions of backflow incidents.

Congratulations **Bruce Kegel and Daniel Allen!**

Utah Chapter ABPA Conference Recap Continued on following page

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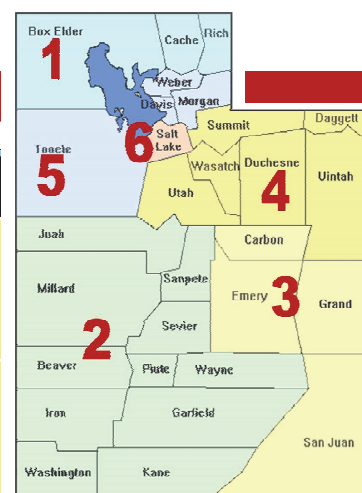
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MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

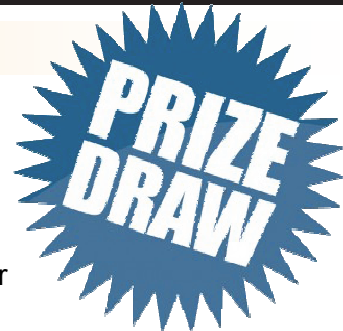
This year saw two very deserving members of the backflow community receive awards for their work in the industry. For years Bruce Kegel has been instrumental in encouraging greater backflow prevention awareness. Whether it is an individual or a community his concern for the health and welfare of those he associates with is apparent in his gentle communication style and the quality of his workmanship. For his dedication to the communities he serves including the Utah Chapter, Bruce received the Meritorious Service Award.

Utah Chapter American Backflow Prevention Association

2014 ANNUAL CONFERENCE *Continued...*

MULTIPLE DRAWINGS AND PRIZES

It is hard to say how many prizes were given away to attendees in the multiple drawings throughout the day but very few attendees left without some kind of prize. Members of the Utah Chapter ABPA were rewarded with a chance for some SUPER prizes which included; a hammer jack and impact drill set, a stepstool/tool box loaded with everyday household tools, a fireproof/waterproof document safe and a Bath and Bodyworks gift basket. A donation from WaterPro made the member drawing possible again this year.



The chapter would like to thank all who attended and an even bigger thanks to those that contributed in any way. Our Conference was a success because of ALL of you.

Paige Wolfe
ABPA Utah Chapter -Office Manager

2014 UTAH ABPA—CONFERENCE VENDORS

- Backflow Prevention Supply (All backflow needs)
- Repmasters (Ames/Febco)
- Marshall Rodeno (Apollo)
- Caselle (Backflow Software)
- Fitzpatrick Sales (Watts)
- Bavco (Backflow and Valves)
- USC (Approvals/Education/Certification)

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR CHAPTER EXCELLENCE (PACE)



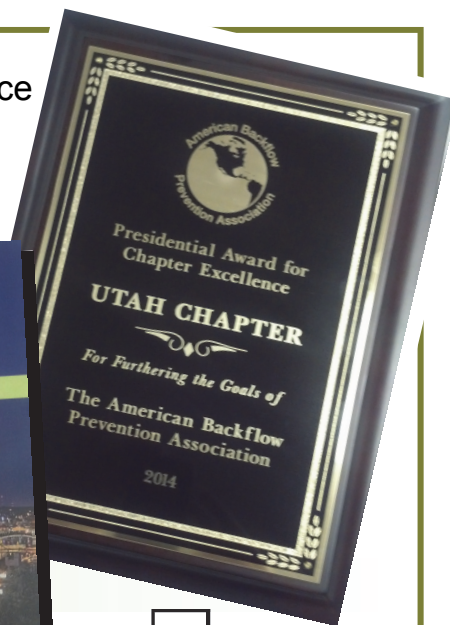
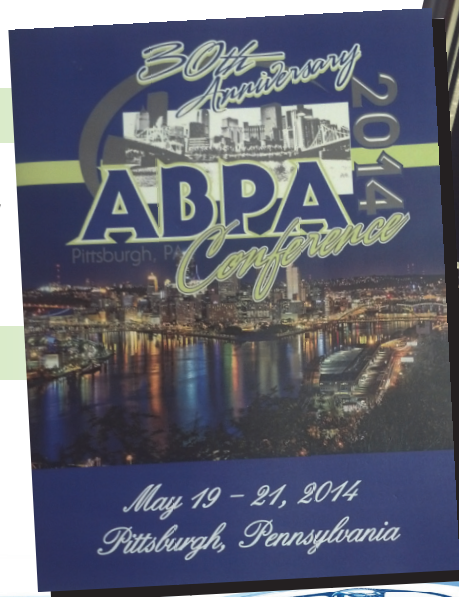
The Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE) was started in 1997 to recognize chapters for their positive impact on their membership, their profession and their community

AWARD CRITERIA

Chapters are judged on membership, service to chapter members, advancement of the backflow industry and service to the community.

WHEN WE RECEIVED THIS AWARD

The ABPA Utah Chapter received this award at the ABPA Conference last May of 2014 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



ABPA Utah Chapter

Your water system has just completed its sanitary survey and hopefully the questions the surveyor has asked, has given you some inspiration to take your program to the next level. Let's look at the five required elements of a Cross Connection Control Program.



FIVE ELEMENTS OF A CCC PROGRAM

1. ORDINANCE OR AUTHORITY STATEMENT

• We all have one; however has it been updated in the last few years? Your water system codes and laws are constantly changing. Water Industry Technology is very dynamic and changing overnight. You need to make sure your Ordinance or Authority Statement reflects these changes. As sanitary surveys are required for most systems every 3 years, I would recommend that systems review their Authority Statements at that time

2. PUBLIC AWARENESS & EDUCATION

• Water systems minimum requirement is a paragraph in their annual consumer confidence report. Is this enough? No. In this new age of technology we need to have a detailed web site and look into the social media (facebook, twitter) as means of providing public information and awareness.

3. TRAINED STAFF

• Water systems are required to have a ½ day of annual training for Program Administrators. I would strongly recommend all water division personnel have training and all systems have state certified program administrators. In addition, fire department personnel who operate within your water system should be trained as their equipment is not backflow protected.

4. RECORD KEEPING

• Records must be kept for a minimum of 5 years. I would recommend you transfer all records to a digital format and keep them indefinitely. These records should include assembly testing, air gap inspections, hazards surveys/inspections, backflow incidents, history of inspections, assembly locations, pictures/photos, etc. Back up and protect all PC software programs and any other digital data.

5. ONGOING ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

• This consists of documenting actual annual testing of assemblies, hazard surveys/inspections completed, public awareness, training of staff etc, as well as any other annual activity involving the Cross Connection Control Program

In preparing to take your Cross Connection Control Program to the next level, I have listed below some important responsibilities of the program administrators which are not addressed very frequently:

- ⇒ Building Plan Review
- ⇒ Building Permit Review
- ⇒ Business License Review
- ⇒ Fire Hydrant Use Permit Program
- ⇒ Emergency Action/Response Plan- specific to Backflow Incidents
- ⇒ Web Site/Social Media (construct and update)
- ⇒ Public Awareness-do as much as you have time for and resources
- ⇒ Create Partnerships-local Health Department, neighboring water systems, building inspectors, assembly testers and local contractors of all trades

Keeping Drinking Water Safe

Many water systems operators have met the minimum requirements for a Cross connection Control program. However, even the CCC Program Administrators realize that more than the minimum is needed to achieve the goals of keeping drinking water safe

I hope this article will provide some ideas and food for thought to Jump Start Your Cross Connection Control Program.

Brian Pattee
ABPA Utah Chapter Board President
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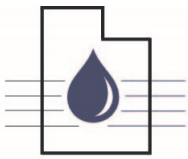
WATER SYSTEMS

ARE YOU READY FOR **2014** STATE SANITARY SURVEYS?

For Public Water Systems the 2014 sanitary survey season is getting started. If you need assistance in complying with the 5 required elements (authority statement, public education, training, written records, and ongoing enforcement) of a cross connection control program please contact your Regional Director to help with these requirements.

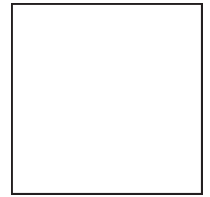
- ☒ **Local Authority (10 pts on IPS Report)**
- ☒ **Written Records (10 pts on IPS Report)**
- ☒ **Public Education & Awareness (10 pts on IPS Report)**
- ☒ **Trained Staff (10 pts on IPS Report)**
- ☒ **Ongoing Enforcement (10 pts on IPS Report)**





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Cross Connection Certification & Recertification 2014 Schedule

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Register Online:
<http://www.rwau.netRegisterForCrossConnTraining.html>

FULL CERTIFICATION

CLASS I Admin Full Certification:

- October 6-10, 2014: Utah County

CLASS II Tester Full Certification:

- November 3-7, 2014: Utah County
- December 8-12, 2014: Ogden

RECERTIFICATION

CLASS I Admin Recertification:

- October 1-3, 2014: Utah County

CLASS II Tester Recertification:

- November 19-21, 2014: Utah County
- December 2-4, 2014: Ogden

BACKFLOW TRAINING SERVICES

2071 West Byron Circle
West Valley City, UT 84119
(801) 554-6052

Register Online:
<http://www.backflowtrainingservices.com>

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CLASS I Admin Full Certification:

- May 15-16, 2013: Sandy
- August 12-15, 2014: Sandy
- Dec. 16-19, 2014: Sandy

CLASS II Tester Full Certification:

- May 12-16, 2014: Sandy
- August 11-15, 2014: Sandy
- Dec. 15-19, 2014: Sandy

RECERTIFICATION

CLASS I Admin Recertification:

- May 14-16, 2014: Sandy
- August 13-15, 2014: Sandy
- Dec. 17-19, 2014: Sandy

CLASS II Tester Recertification:

- May 14-16, 2014: Sandy
- August 13-15, 2014: Sandy
- Dec. 17-19, 2014: Sandy