

The Utah Chapter of

The  
American Backflow Prevention Association

## 2015 Fall Newsletter



**Effective as of May 1<sup>st</sup> 2014**

**Utah Amendment #22 of the**

**International Plumbing Code Requires...**

Chemical Dispensers **MUST** have a designated water line and meet the A112.1.2 airgap requirement.

### President's Message

With our annual Conference fast approaching, and election nominations in process, I would encourage members to participate by nominating a member for one of our Region Directors or Vice President. If you are interested in serving, contact one of our board members, who could nominate you. Thanks to all members who support our Cause and have a Happy Holiday Season!

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## Calling for Nominations For Vice President and Even Region Directors



Now is the time to influence the direction of your local chapter of the American Backflow Prevention Association.

Nominations for Vice President and the even regions are due by December 9<sup>th</sup> 2015. All nominations must include a short biography of the Nominee and all

Nominees must be members of the Utah Chapter. Nomination Packets are on the way and will include a chapter membership list and regions 2, 4 and 6 will have a list of members in their region.

At this time the position of Region 2 Director is vacant. As you can see by the map, Region 2 covers a lot of area. Unfortunately membership numbers for that region are quite low. This region is in major need of representation to help increase awareness and relay to the board any needs the communities in the region have in regards to anything backflow or cross connection related.



### Our Fall Newsletter Member Spotlight is D. Scott Hill with Riverton City.

**Q.** How long with your current company?

**A.** 28.5 years

**Q.** Your position with the company:

**A.** Water Director

**Q.** When was the concept of Cross Connections first made know to you? **A.** Approximately 1990

**Q.** Did you learn of Cross Connections because of your profession? **A.** Yes

**Q.** If it weren't for your job in the water industry would you know *anything* about cross-connection or backflow? **A.** I probably would not understand backflow or cross connection because very rarely does the education to home owners spark an interest.

**Q.** What role does cross connection control and backflow prevention play in your profession?

**A.** It is a necessity to maintain a safe and reliable culinary water system to protect public health.

**Q.** What is one of the backflow related challenges you encounter? **A.** Riverton City has a Culinary and Secondary water system. Most home owners do not understand the hazards of back-flow when they are doing plumbing work in their yard.

**Q.** What changes in policies, rules, codes or public perception would help you and/or your company with your backflow related duties? **A.** The policies, rules, codes are good as they

stand. The problem is educating the public on backflow. When talking to most people, backflow is something beyond their interest.

**Q.** What is the funniest, scariest or just plain idiotic backflow related thing you or your company has experienced? **A.** Riverton City had a home shut off for nonpayment, so the water meter was locked. The home owner plumbed the Secondary water directly to their home and was living on non-potable water.

**Q.** What (if anything) do you think your Utah Chapter could do to aid you with the backflow challenges you encounter? **A.** The first Idea is to suggest to the Utah ABPA Chapter; is to help Water Purveyors like ourselves with Literature and Manuals that are put out by the USC, some of these items are Costly, and I suspect if the ABPA were to purchase items like this in a bulk rate, they could save substantially. ; The second idea I have is to create an Educational Forum, to help aid water Purveyors with Ideas and Material to aid us in Public Education and Awareness in the importance of Cross Connection Control Programs: For example, how we are going to Elementary Schools and doing Presentations about Backflow and Water Conservation, it would be nice to have a Forum in place to pull ideas from, and maybe have some Models and Posters to lend out for such events. Thirdly we need to educate the Department of Professional Licensing about the importance of Educating Contractors, Especially Landscaping Contractors who should be certified or licensed since they are going to



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be messing with the culinary water. Plumbers for instance have 4 years of College and a written and a Practical Test to be licensed in Utah, also look at the classes, CEU's and the Test Water Operators are required to do. Why not make Landscapers be held to certifications or a Testing Proceeds with heavy emphasis on Backflow and Cross Connections.


### MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2016 THE UTAH CHAPTER ABPA 2016 ANNUAL CONFERENCE @



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### Utah Chapter ABPA Tentative 2016 Conference Agenda

- 7:15 AM Registration / Continental Breakfast  
7:45 AM Welcome & Chapter Business Meeting **Region 5 Update by Fred**  
8:30 AM Session 1 – Assembly Theft, Sam Winkler, South Jordan Police Department  
9:15 AM Session 2 – Legionella-Concerns for Backflow Cross Connections? Tammy North (Utah DEQ)  
10:00 AM Break / Exhibits / Prize Drawings
- | <b>PWS</b>   | <b>Tech/Testers</b>   |
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| 10:15 AM Session 3<br>Dual Source Sprinkler Systems<br>Chris Bowles (Riverton City)                | Session 4<br><b>How Much Can an RP Really Dump? Design it Right!</b><br><b>Henry Chang (USC)</b>    |
| 11:00 AM Session 5<br>Smart Meters<br>Tony (Neptune Meters)  | Session 6<br>Trouble Shooting<br>Allan Wilder (Idaho Backflow Assembly Testing & Supply)            |
| 11:45 AM Lunch / Exhibits Pending-Vendor Hands on Trouble Shooting and Parts Demos                 |   |
| 12:45 PM Session 7<br>The Cost of Not Having a BF Program<br>Rich Koenig (ABPA Reg. 12 Director)   | Session 8<br>Protecting Yourself, Your Business and<br>our Industry<br>Phil Millet (Marshal Rodeno) |
| 1:30 PM Session 9<br>Certification VS Licensure<br>Paul James                                      | Session 10<br><b>Starting and/Maintaining a Business</b><br><b>Small Business Association</b>       |
| 2:15 PM Break / Exhibits / Prize Drawings Pending-Vendor Hands on Trouble Shooting and Parts Demos |   |
| 2:30 PM Session 11<br>Partnerships<br>Kimball Engineering  |   |
| 3:15 PM Session 12<br>Ethics<br>Paul Ellingson   |   |
| 4:00 PM Final Prize Drawing (Must be Present to win)/Election Results/Adjourn                      |   |
- Sessions not yet confirmed indicated by red text.**

Conference Registration Forms are available at [www.utabpa.org](http://www.utabpa.org)

