Pre-Conference Activities begin April 17, 2020

http://www.abpa.org/2020Conference
On behalf of the ABPA Board of Directors, the Conference Committee, and host Region 3, we cordially invite you to join us in beautiful Charlotte, the “Queen City”, for the 36th Annual Education Conference and Trade Show.

It is always exciting to gather annually to renew our friendships, network, and develop new bonds among us. However, it is the 2½ days of presentations, covering nearly all aspects of the backflow industry, that serve as our main educational effort. There will be 36 technical presentations pertinent to testers and plumbers, water purveyors and managers, government officials and regulators. Topics will include such diverse areas as surveys, providing customer service, test kit maintenance, irrigation green codes, the California wildfires, small business liabilities, and whether to have a containment or isolation program.

The Industries leading Exhibitors will be in the main ballroom to display their latest products and services, and the expanded break time will allow you to speak with more of these backflow professionals. Note the other activities associated with the conference for additional learning opportunities, tester and proctor certification, and to sit in a Board of Directors meeting. As an added feature this year, there will be a no-charge tour of an Apollo manufacturing facility after the conference has concluded.

If you are visiting Charlotte for the first time, it will be a lovely time of the year to expand the trip into a vacation. The Blue Ridge Parkway and Smoky Mountains are just 2½ hours west, and the Atlantic Ocean is 4 hours away. The local area is rich in history and art. The Charlotte Airport hotel is close to the airport, and provides room refrigerator, room WIFI, parking, airport shuttle service, and shuttle service within three miles of the hotel… all complimentary! Hotel rooms are very reasonably priced at $159.00 per night, plus tax.

Please make your plans now to join us in April. You will meet colleagues from across the U.S., Canada and Australia who bring their energy and experiences. We look forward to seeing you in Charlotte.

Sincerely,
Tim Brown, President, ABPA
Kathy Riley, Director, Region 3

Exhibit/Sponsorship Opportunities
Do you provide equipment or services to the Backflow Prevention industry? If so, take advantage of the opportunity to reach your target market through ABPA’s Sponsorship program, or as an Exhibitor for this event. Exhibitors receive two (2) complimentary registrations, a 10’x9’ booth, and your logo listing in the Conference program and website for $1,300. Program Book advertisements are available for an additional fee.

For more information, go to www.abpa.org/2020conferenceExpo

Certification
ABPA administers certification exams throughout the year to document that backflow prevention professionals demonstrate their proficiency according to the ABPA certification programs. Exams administered include:
- Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester
- Cross-Connection Control Specialist
- Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester Proctor

To Register for the 2020 Conference
1. Go Online www.abpa.org/2020Conference

2. Choose Your Registration
   FULL CONFERENCE $495.00 (early bird)
   • Complete access to 2½ day Conference and Trade Show
   • All sessions, exhibits, receptions, breakfast & lunches
   SINGLE DAY $295.00 (early bird)
   • Single day access to Monday or Tuesday
   • All sessions, exhibits, receptions, breakfast & lunches

3. Sign up Today
   Register by March 13, 2020 to save with Early Bird Rates

4. Questions:
   801.436.7238 • www.abpa.org/2020Conference

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ABPA Certification Exams will be Administered Wed April 22nd
9:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.: Wet Lab Practice Session
1:00 p.m.: Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester Certification Exam
1:00 p.m.: Cross-Connection Control Specialist Certification Exam
* Separate registration required by March 20:
  www.abpa.org/event/CharlotteNC4222020

Member Registration $495 $545
Non-Member Registration $595 $645
Companion Registration’ $295 $345
Member Single Day Registration
(Monday or Tuesday) $295 $345

Non-Member Single Day Registration
(Monday or Tuesday) $395 $445

*Companion Registration Includes:
  • Sunday Welcome Reception
  • Continental Breakfasts and Breaks
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• Monday Luncheon
  • Monday Vendor Reception
  • Tuesday Awards Luncheon

Download the complete agenda at www.abpa.org/2020Conference
ABPA is registering with the North Carolina Operators Program for CEUs. Attendees are responsible for applying to their respective regions for credits.

ABPA’s 36th Annual Education Conference Agenda

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2020
8:00 am - 5:00 pm Certification Committee Meeting
8:00 am – 5:00 pm Various Committee Meetings

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2020
8:00 am – 12:00 pm ABPA Board of Directors Meeting

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020
8:00 am - 5:00 pm ABPA Proctor Training and Exam (Separate Registration Required by March 20 at
  www.abpa.org/event/CharlotteNC4192020) 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm Registration Open
7:00 am - 8:00 am  |  Registration Opens – Exhibits Open – Breakfast
8:00 am - 8:30 am  |  Conference Welcome and Orientation and Meritorious Service Award – Tim Brown, President
8:30 am - 8:45 am  |  Update from Headquarters – Patti Fauer, ABPA Executive Director, AMS
8:45 am - 9:30 am  |  Keynote Presentation: Moving in the Right Direction – Daniel Wilson, Executive Director and CEO
9:30 am - 10:15 am  |  NCRWA Break – Exhibits Open

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020

7:00 am - 8:00 am  |  SPLIT SESSIONS
8:00 am - 8:45 am  |  Registration – Exhibits Open – Breakfast

Session A  |  Isolation/Containment Protection – What is Correct for your Facility/Jurisdiction? – Sean Cleary, IAPMO BPI

8:45 am - 9:30 am  |  Tester Workshop

Session A  |  ABPA Certification Programs – Mike Ahlee; Brittany Laswell, ABPA Associate Director -Certification

9:30 am - 10:15 am  |  SPLIT SESSIONS

Session A  |  Green Codes and Standards Impacting Outdoor Water Use – Mike Temple, Irrigation Association

10:15 am - 11:00 am  |  To Test or Not to Test? – Jesse Bockhouse, Backflow Consulting, Inc. ABPA Region 5 Director

Tester Workshop  |  Strategies for Repair of Backflow Assemblies, Part 1 – Jim Purzycki, BAVCO

11:00 am - 11:45 am  |  Providing the Best Customer Service – Kathy Riley, Charlotte Water; ABPA Region 3 Director

Session B  |  Proper Care of Test Kits – Mike Lueck, Mid-West Instrument, ABPA At-Large Director

11:45 am - 1:30 pm  |  Tester Workshop

Session A  |  When Field Enclosures No Longer Meet ASSE 1060 Standards – Bob Buatto, Lewis Marketing, Inc.

1:30 pm - 2:15 pm  |  Water Loss Associated with Inspection and Testing of Fire Sprinkler Systems – Stephen Bitely, VSC Fire & Security

Session A  |  ABPA AWARDS LUNCHEON – Exhibits Open

Sessions B  |  Strategies for Repair of Backflow Assemblies, Part 3 – Jim Purzycki, BAVCO

2:15 pm - 3:00 pm  |  Tester Workshop

Session A  |  Military Base Inspections – Is There a Need? – Steve Fox, South Carolina DHEC

9:00 am - 10:15 am  |  Exhibits Open

10:15 am - 11:00 am  |  ABPA Luncheon with Business Meeting – Dale Dawson, ABPA Past President

11:00 am - 11:45 am  |  Update from Headquarters

11:45 am - 1:30 pm  |  Exhibits Open – Keynote Presentation: Moving in the Right Direction – Daniel Wilson, Executive Director and CEO

1:30 pm - 2:15 pm  |  Session B – To Test or Not to Test? – Jesse Bockhouse, Backflow Consulting, Inc. ABPA Region 5 Director

2:15 pm - 3:00 pm  |  Session B – Proper Care of Test Kits – Mike Lueck, Mid-West Instrument, ABPA At-Large Director

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm  |  Session A – Providing the Best Customer Service – Kathy Riley, Charlotte Water; ABPA Region 3 Director

3:30 pm - 4:15 pm  |  Session B – When Field Enclosures No Longer Meet ASSE 1060 Standards – Bob Buatto, Lewis Marketing, Inc.

4:15 pm - 5:00 pm  |  Session A – Water Loss Associated with Inspection and Testing of Fire Sprinkler Systems – Stephen Bitely, VSC Fire & Security

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2020

7:00 am - 8:00 am  |  Tester Workshop

8:00 am - 8:45 am  |  Understanding Liabilities and Insurance Protections in a Small Business – Nathan Gillespie, Specialty Valve & Control

8:45 am - 9:30 am  |  ABPA Luncheon with Business Meeting – Dale Dawson, ABPA Past President

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<td>Irrigation Hydraulics – Mike Temple, Technical Program Director, Irrigation Association</td>
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<td>Tour of Apollo Facilities in Pageland, SC (requires separate registration with <a href="mailto:kriley@charlottenc.gov">kriley@charlottenc.gov</a>)</td>
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THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2020

ABPA Tester and Specialist Certification Examinations (Separate Registration Required by March 20 at www.abpa.org/event/CharlotteNC4222020)
Pre-Conference Activities Fri April 17th - 19th
Conference Technical Sessions Mon April 20th – 22nd

Register at
www.abpa.org/2020Conference

Charlotte Airport Hotel

Our conference hotel is under renovation and rebranding to a Hilton property. It will be sparkling new for us - but in the meantime - it has a temporary name of “Charlotte Airport Hotel” this will change when the rebranding is complete. You can keep watch at abpa.org/2020Conference for the latest hotel information and the room reservation URL coming in early February or call the number below to make your room reservations now.

Please be patient during this process and we advise simply verifying the property address of 2800 Coliseum Centre Drive when making your reservation at 704-627-5003 with Armon Hazziez.