

BALANCE REPORT

Associated Air Balance Council • FALL 2024



2024 AABC Annual Meeting

Members Gather in Texas for Education & Fun

In October, the 59th AABC Annual Meeting brought together representatives from 86 member companies in Lost Pines, Texas, for three days of education and camaraderie.

The meeting commenced with the annual AABC Golf Tournament, where 7 teams teed off on the beautiful Lost Pines Golf Course. Participants competed for the team trophy, as well as individual awards for longest drive and closest to the pin. That evening, attendees gathered for an outdoor Welcome Reception, enjoying time to socialize and take pictures with Chuck, the Lost Pines longhorn.

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President's Message

by Douglas R. Meacham,
Kahoe Air Balance



Dear AABC Members,

We had a wonderful time celebrating the 59th AABC Annual Meeting in October at the amazing Hyatt Lost Pines Resort just outside Austin, Texas. Just under 200 attendees gathered for the event, including representatives from 84 U.S. companies, one Canadian company, and one international company.

At this year's Annual Meeting, Gaylon Richardson completed his term as AABC President and 10 years of service on the AABC Board of Directors. He has been a strong leader for this organization and we are so grateful for his many contributions, which include spearheading the development of multiple editions of the National Standards for Total System Balance, working with ASHRAE to include AABC in industry-

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wide conversations, and developing training content for the AABC-endorsed EAB training center in Houston. Gaylon's extensive knowledge of and passion for the industry and his constant drive for improvement have made him an incredible asset to AABC, and I am thankful to have had the opportunity to serve with him on the Board. We wish him all the best in his retirement.

This year, we also congratulate the families of Walter H. Green and Charles E. "Chuck" Fant, III, of Environmental Test & Balance Co. in Memphis, Tennessee, who are the most recent historical inductees to the AABC Hall of Fame. The two collaborated on the development and implementation of the certified technician exam, maintaining and updating the test regularly and grading more than 300 exams by hand from 1989 to 2002. It was an honor to recognize their contributions at the Annual Meeting and to present their Hall of Fame plaques to their Environmental Test & Balance family.

If you were not able to attend this year's meeting, you can go to your AABC member portal to watch recordings of the excellent educational programming shared by our expert speakers. Topics covered include relative humidity levels in operating rooms, the impact of pressure on building systems performance, field leadership & management, change orders, and more. As always, I learned a lot from our speakers and hope that you take advantage of this educational opportunity.



AABC President Douglas Meacham thanks outgoing president Gaylon Richardson for his years of service on the AABC Board.

Looking to the future, I am excited about the work our committees are doing and the new programs that AABC has in development. We will continue work on the new Critical Environments Certification Council (CECC), which will include new certifications, including a Fume Hood Certification, training manuals, and more. As we build this and other projects, we are always looking for volunteers to participate in committee work. If you're interested in being a part of these exciting developments, please let us know.

Our committee volunteers and each of our member companies work hard every day to uphold the mission and vision of AABC, and this association will continue to thrive only if we all work together and support each

other. The Board is here for you — please do not hesitate to come to me and other Board members with questions or issues that may arise. It is an honor to be your next AABC President, and I look forward to all that we will accomplish together in the coming years.



Douglas R. Meacham, Kahoe Air Balance

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Thursday's day of education and business kicked off with the General Business Session, which featured a welcome from outgoing AABC President Gaylon Richardson of Engineered Air Balance Co., Inc., who recognized Board members, past presidents, and committee members for their service to the organization.

In her welcome address, ASHRAE Treasurer Sarah E. Maston of Colliers Project Leaders gave updates on ASHRAE's strategic plan and the presidential theme. She emphasized ASHRAE and AABC's shared goals and the importance of collaboration.

This was followed by an Executive Director's Report from Ray Bert, who shared updates on AABC business and announced the induction of two new members of the AABC Hall of Fame — Walter H. Green and Charles E. Fant, III, of Environmental Test & Balance Co. in Memphis, Tennessee. They were recognized posthumously for their contributions to AABC in developing the first Certified Technician exam.

Attendees heard from several excellent speakers throughout the day on subjects such as relative humidity levels, leadership and management, and more. Three sponsors also presented their latest

products in the Sponsor Technology Theater.

While members attended the meeting, spouses and guests enjoyed a paint & sip class and explored the many activities that Lost Pines has to offer. On Thursday evening, members and families took to the great outdoors to try their skills at archery, tomahawk throwing, and trap shooting, before wrapping up the night at a picnic complete with lawn games and line-dancing lessons.

Members got back to business on Friday for more educational programming, and spouses and families enjoyed a falconry presentation from wildlife educators. The day's sessions ended with a lively giveaway of donated items from meeting exhibitors.

The meeting came to an end at the Closing Reception and Celebration. During dinner, attendees enjoyed a video commemorating the service of Gaylon Richardson, who completed his term as AABC President and passed the title to Doug Meacham. Other Board members were recognized for their service and golf awards were announced. Once dinner ended, The Nightowls band took the stage, and everyone gathered on the dance floor to close out another fantastic annual meeting.

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New AABC Continuing Education Requirement

Requirements are for all certified individuals (TBEs and Techs), program begins in 2020

The AABC Board has approved new mandatory continuing education requirements for all AABC-certified personnel. The requirement will ensure that individuals continue to keep current with the industry and that AABC certifications continue to be seen as the industry gold standard.

Continuing Education Cycle

The standard cycle will be 3 years, with 60 required points per 3-year cycle for TBEs, 30 for certified techs. For newly certified personnel, who are doing significant studying as they prepare for the certification, AABC staff will apply CEU credits based upon which year of their zone's cycle they receive their certification.

ZONE 1

(Eastern):

Next Due Date: December 31, 2026

(60 points for TBEs, 30 points for Techs).

ZONE 2

(Central):

Next Due Date: December 31, 2024

(60 points for TBEs, 30 points for Techs).

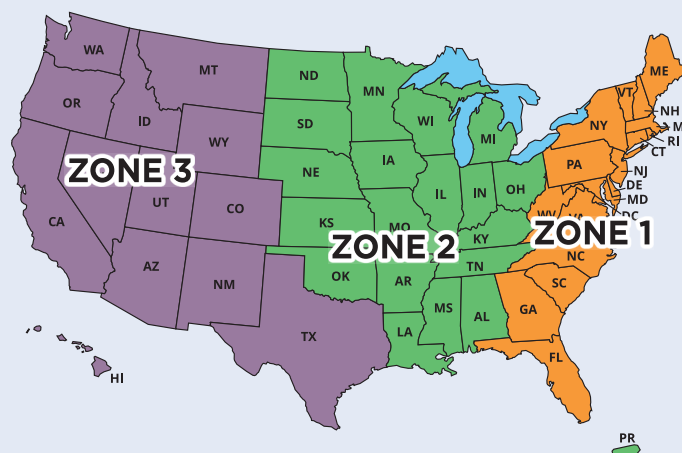
ZONE 3

(Western + International):

Next Due Date: December 31, 2025

(60 points for TBEs, 30 points for Techs).

For reference, the map of the Zones is as follows:



Eligible Education Topics & Sources

Acceptable topics include, but are not limited to, testing and balancing, commissioning, design, installation, construction, project management, code enforcement, safety, operations, and other HVAC and building science education areas. Acceptable educational providers include, but are not limited to, AABC, ACC, EMA, ASHRAE, SMACNA, and other recognized industry sources.

Enforcement: Certified individuals who have not completed their CEU requirements by the deadline will not receive annual certificates until they do.

Submission/Recording/Tracking of Points: CEU information and any required documentation (such as in-house training log forms) must be input through the new AABC member portal at members.aabc.com.

Continuing Education Point Requirements

Test & Balance Engineers (TBEs)	60 required total points every 3 years
ACTIVITY	POINT VALUE
TAB Projects	10 points/project (max 30 points/full cycle)
Conferences, webinars, training classes, online videos, etc.	1 point per hour (2 points per hour for presenter/instructor)
Technical paper submitted to AABC (500+ words)	5 points
Read & pass quiz - TAB Journal	1 point/issue (max 12 points per cycle)
AABC committee service	1 point/hour of meetings/conference calls (max 5 points/full cycle)
Leading structured, documented In-house training	2 points/hour (max 10 points/cycle)
EXAMPLE: a typical TBE could earn their 60 points as follows: Participating in balancing 3 projects over 3 years:.....30 points Attending 2 AABC Annual Meetings:.....20 points Watching 2 AABC webinars and passing 3 TAB Journal quizzes:.....5 points Conducting in-house training of technicians for 3 hours:.....6 points TOTAL: 61 points	
Certified Technicians	30 required total points every 3 years
ACTIVITY	POINT VALUE
TAB Projects	5 points/project (max 15 points/full cycle)
Conferences, webinars, training classes, online videos, etc.	1 point per hour (2 per hour for presenter/instructor)
Technical paper submitted to AABC (500+ words)	5 points
Read & pass quiz - TAB Journal	1 point/issue (max 12 points per cycle)
Structured, documented In-House Training	1 point/hour
EXAMPLE: a typical Certified Tech could earn their 30 points as follows: Participating in balancing 3 projects over 3 years:.....15 points Viewing 5 hours of AABC videos through the member portal:.....5 points Receiving 10 hours of in-house training:.....10 points TOTAL: 30 points	

(There are many other possible combinations, but these examples show that you have many readily available options.)

Forms: AABC has developed an in-house training documentation form for use by both those receiving and delivering training. There will also be a "statement of understanding" that must be signed by the company owner or responsible TBE, confirming understanding of the CEU requirement and that all firm submissions will be accurate.

For additional information about the requirement, please call AABC headquarters or email info@aabc.com.



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GOLF



29 golfers teed off for the AABC Annual Golf Tournament this year.

WELCOME RECEPTION

At the Welcome Reception, attendees got to meet Chuck, one of the Lost Pines longhorns.



Martina Dry and TJ Stewart, *ETB Arizona*



Mike Morwin, *Mechanical Testing, Inc.*; and
Knox Hardy, *Augusta Air Balance Co., LLC*



Sandra and Glenn Miller Jr., *Synergy Test & Balance*



Chuck and Amy Adams, *Air Solutions, Inc.*

WELCOME RECEPTION



Albert Granillo and Heather Imeson; Kimberly and Adrian Gonzalez, *Matrix Air & Hydronic Balancing*



Brenda and Phillip Hoyt, *TAB Technology, Inc.*; Tia and Wade Handley, *Phoenix Test & Balance*; Robert Kolnes, *TABITT*



George and Maci Teasdale, Kristi Underwood, *Engineered Air Balance Co., Inc.*



Art and Lupita Olivares; Bryce Hurlbut; Sara and Rob Coalier, *Testing & Commissioning Services*



Rebecca Sabatini and Drew Fisher of NABCO sit for their caricature portrait.



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WELCOME RECEPTION



Eddie and Lisa Alejandre, *Los Angeles Air Balance Co., Inc.*; Dawn Mohammed, *Air Movement Services*; Lisa and Robert Kolnes, *TABITT*



Huzeifa and Yusuf Essaji, *Air Technology Consulting*; Noe Villegas, *National Precisionaire LLC*



Doug Meacham, *Kahoe Air Balance*; BJ Link, *United Testing & Balancing, Inc.*; Ray Bert, *AABC*; Knox Hardy, *Augusta Air Balance Co., LLC*; Justin Garner, *Engineered Air Balance Co., Inc.*



Katie and Mike Wozniak, *Air Systems Engineering*; Josh Green, *Environmental Test and Balance Co.*



Thomas Sockwell, *TAB Services, Inc.*; Gary and Katy Moran, *Kahoe Air Balance*; Mike Aleksich, *Sauermann KIMO Instruments*



Young attendees enjoy a game of cornhole.

TECHNICAL SESSIONS

The Annual Meeting provided two days of expert speakers, discussion opportunities, and the latest developments from exhibitors.





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THURSDAY PICNIC & ACTIVITIES

In true Texas fashion, attendees and families tried out trap shooting, tomahawk throwing, archery, and line dancing at Thursday evening's picnic.



EXHIBITS AND DEMONSTRATIONS



SPOUSE EVENTS



Spouses got creative in a paint & sip class.

At the close of the falconry presentation, the raven collected tips from young attendees.

AWARDS



The winning golf team collects their trophies.

Thanking Robert Kolnes for his service as Zone 3 Vice President.

Sean and Josh Green of Environmental Test and Balance Co. accept Hall of Fame awards on behalf of Walt Green and Chuck Fant, this year's historical inductees.



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Closing Celebration



Thomas and Mary Stewart,
ETB Arizona



Eddie, Lisa, Mitch, and Conrad
Alejandre, *Los Angeles Air
Balance Co., Inc.*



Steve Young and Bernadette Dahill,
The Phoenix Agency; Vanessa and
Rafail Mebel, *The Phoenix Agency
of North Carolina*



Doug and Sarah Meacham,
Kahoe Air Balance



Carmeline and Henry Dsouza,
Shurouq Al Hamra Est.



James Kreiss, Katie and
Bob Conboy and family,
American Air Balance Company



Tony and Dawn Mohammed, *Air Movement Services*;
Casey and Samantha Kolnes, *TABITT*



Celebrating a successful meeting at the closing dinner.



Ray Griffiths, *Online Air Balancing Company*;
Byron and April Seed, *Arizona Air Balance Company*



Eric and Alyssa Grundmeier, Nichole
and Joel Johnson, *RSAnalysis LLC*

Closing Celebration



Brandi and Travis Campbell, Paul Janus, Jimmy and Christy Pelezo, Engineered Air Balance Co., Inc.



Jeremy, Carey, and Brooklyn Johnson, American Testing, Inc.



Eric Jespersen, Todd and Cheryl Yates, Sandra and Glen Miller Jr., Synergy Test & Balance.



Anna Kosova, Cassie LaJeunesse, Simran Maurya, Ray Bert, Elizabeth Duggar, and Valerie Shuford, AABC Staff



Outgoing president Gaylon Richardson addresses the crowd.



Incoming AABC president Doug Meacham raises a glass to toast next year's 60th anniversary.



William and Amanda Gargano and their daughters enjoy dressing up for the photo booth.



Bonnie and Gaylon Richardson, Lisa Kolnes, and Doug and Sarah Meacham celebrate with a group photo.



Some of the youngest attendees hit the dance floor.



Celebrating with the help of the Nightowls Band!



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Some of the giveaway winners accept their prizes from AABC exhibitors.



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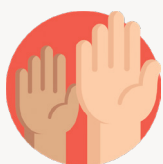
2024 HISTORICAL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



**Walter H. Green, TBE &
Charles E. Fant, III, PE, TBE**

Environmental Test & Balance Co.
Memphis, Tennessee

Browse more photos in the
AABC Photo Album:
www.flickr.com/photos/aabc/albums



Volunteer Opportunities

AABC member volunteers are needed to assist with the following:

- Cleanroom/Critical Environment Committees
- Marketing Committee (to present webinars and write articles)
- Recruitment Committee
- TAB Report Quality Assurance Program

Please email AABC HQ at info@aabc.com to learn more about how you can get involved.



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Air Movement Services, Ltd.

Executive Director

Raymond R. Bert



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AABC Mission & Vision

Mission:

AABC establishes industry standards for Total System Balance of building environments, and is the only association that exclusively certifies independent agencies. Members receive certification, technical training, continuing education, marketing, business resources, professional networking, and industry advocacy.

Vision:

AABC members are the trusted Total System Balance providers of choice for every building owner and design professional.

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CHARLOTTE, NC



Tuesday, April 30, 2025

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Vital-Canada Group Inc.

Ahmed Abusamra
Vital-Canada Group Inc.

Ruthdin Aguilar
Palmetto Air & Water
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Vital-Canada Group Inc.

Matthew Boggs
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Air Balancing Company, Inc.

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Joshua Vincent
PHI Service Agency, Inc.

Chris White
Air Balancing Company, Inc.

Abdel Zourob
Vital-Canada Group Inc.

Congratulations New Certified Technicians!

Matt Bates
Engineered Air Balance Co., Inc.
(Houston)

Derrick Bell
Mechanical Testing, Inc.
MidAtlantic Region

Jack Bell
C&W – TESCO

Jesus Beltran
Matrix Air & Hydronic
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Arizona Air Balance Company

Macz Woods
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(Houston)

Max Wright
Engineered Air Balance Co., Inc.
(Houston)

Robert Young
Test and Balance Corporation

Congratulations New Member Companies!

Balance America Inc., San Marcos, California
Pangea Consulting Group, Higley, Arizona
Seneca Balance of Maryland, Edgewood, Maryland

New Branch Office: Molden Technical & Consulting Projects Co. W.L.L.,
Al Yasmeen, Saudi Arabia



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