

# ABPA's 31st Annual Education Conference & Trade Show

May 18 - 20, 2015

Nashville, Tennessee



# ABPA's 31st Annual Education Conference

## FRIDAY, May 15

8:00—6:00 PM ◀Committee Meetings (*Schedule Posted on the ABPA Website*)

## SATURDAY, May 16

8:00—12:00 PM ◀ABPA Board of Directors Meeting #1

## SUNDAY, May 17

8:00—5:00 PM ◀ABPA Proctor Training **\*\*\**(Must pre-arrange)***

6:00—8:00 PM ◀Pre-Conference Reception (*Must pre-register using the registration form*)

## MONDAY, May 18

### TECHNICAL SESSIONS

8:00—8:15 AM ◀Welcome  
8:15—9:00 AM ◀Federal Involvement in Cross-Connection Control  
9:00—9:45 AM ◀Cross-Connection Control in the South

### Break / Exhibits Open

10:15—11:00 AM ◀Backflow Prevention and Plumbing Codes—What's there and What's Needed?  
11:00—11:45 AM ◀Is Tester Certification part of your Cross-Connection Control Program?

### Association Luncheon / Business Meeting Exhibits Open

#### ◀SPLIT SESSIONS▶

1:00—1:45 PM ◀License versus Certification—What is the Difference  
1:45—2:30 PM ◀Insurance; How Does it Work?

◀Backflow Incidents; Trouble in Paradise  
◀System Flushing and its Hazards

### Break / Exhibits Open

2:30—3:00 PM ◀Adding Value through ongoing Employee Training  
3:00—3:45 PM ◀Do you have a Business or a Hobby?

◀Chemical Additives in Fire Sprinkler Systems  
◀Residential Fire Systems

### Vendor Reception—Exhibit Hall

## TUESDAY, May 19

### TECHNICAL SESSIONS (CONTINUED)

8:00—8:45 AM ◀What Contractors need to know about Hydraulics  
8:45—9:30 AM ◀Dealing with Thermal Expansion

◀Conducting an Effective Cross-Connection Control Survey  
◀Sydney, Australia's Approach to Backflow Prevention

### Break / Exhibits Open

9:30—10:00 AM ◀Backflow Prevention Products - Beyond the RP and DC  
10:00—10:45 AM ◀Field Test Kits - Care and Construction

◀Cross-Connection Control Survey of a Medical Facility  
◀Boiler Design and Application

### Lunch / Exhibits Open

1:00—1:45 PM ◀Lead Free and its Affect on Repair  
1:45—2:30 PM ◀Special Tools and their use in Repair

◀Training Content and Techniques  
◀Wet Lab Equipment; Design and Usage

### Break

2:30—3:00 PM ◀Underground Piping Materials and Design  
3:00—3:45 PM ◀Enclosures; Proper Application

◀Challenges in a Rural Water Cross-Connection Control Program  
◀Finding Support for your Rural Water Cross-Connection Control Program

### Annual Awards Dinner Banquet

## WEDNESDAY, May 20

### TECHNICAL SESSIONS (CONTINUED)

8:00—8:45 AM ◀Backflow Prevention Assembly Extreme Conditions  
8:45—9:30 AM ◀The Cost of Not Having a Cross-Connection Control Program

### Break

9:30—10:00 AM ◀Public Relations and Outreach—Panel Discussion  
10:00—10:45 AM ◀Public Relations and Outreach—Panel Discussion  
10:45—11:30 AM ◀ABPA Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester and Cross-Connection Control Specialist Certification Exams and Re-certification Exams **\*\*\**(Must pre-arrange)***  
1:00—6:00 PM ◀ABPA Board of Directors Meeting #2



\*\*\* Information about the ABPA Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester Certification, Cross-Connection Control Specialist Certification and Proctor Training can be obtained by contacting:

ABPA Certification Program  
342 North Main Street, Suite 301,  
West Hartford, CT 06117  
Phone: (877) 227-2127  
Fax: (979) 846-7607  
E-mail: certification@abpa.org

### CHAPTER LEADERSHIP TRAINING

◀ABPA LEADS - Part 1 (Chapter Leadership Training)

◀DC Field Test Procedures

◀PVB Field Test Procedures

◀SVB Field Test Procedures

◀RP Field Test Procedures

◀Why Testers Fail Their Performance Examination

◀What is the ABPA Proctor Training?

◀Repair of Backflow Prevention Assemblies - Part 1

◀Repair of Backflow Prevention Assemblies - Part 2

**Wednesday  
4 Hours**

**ABPA Field Testing Procedures  
Hands-On Wet Lab  
Practice**

**8:00 AM—12:00 PM**

*(Field Test Kit provided or  
bring your own)*

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**Sheraton Music City Hotel Nashville**  
**777 McGavock Pike • Nashville, Tennessee**  
**Reservations Department: (888) 627-7060**  
**\$129.00 per night**

**Reservations must be received on or before April 17, 2015.**

### Attendee Registration

Important Reminder: Registration fees are subject to verification based on member status and other qualifying factors. If discrepancies occur in check payments, the check amount will be applied to conference fees, and the registrant will be billed for remaining fees. If payment is made by credit card, the full effective rate will be charged to the credit card. Registrations are accepted only with accompanying check or credit card payment (no purchase orders). **Refund Policy:** Refund requests must be submitted in writing to ABPA by April 17. A \$50 administrative fee will be deducted from all refunds. NO Refunds granted after April 17.

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

Representing: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ABPA Member # \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Companion Name (if attending): \_\_\_\_\_

#### Member Registration Fees

	EARLY On or Before April 2	April 3 to On-Site	Subtotals
FULL REGISTRATION: Includes Technical Sessions, Monday and Tuesday Lunch, Tuesday Night Banquet, AM & PM Breaks and Exhibitor Reception	<input type="checkbox"/> \$450	<input type="checkbox"/> \$475	\$ _____
Monday One-Day: Includes Technical Sessions, A.M & PM Breaks, Lunch and Exhibit Hall	<input type="checkbox"/> \$240	<input type="checkbox"/> \$265	\$ _____
Tuesday One-Day: Includes Technical Sessions, AM & PM Breaks, Lunch and Exhibit Hall	<input type="checkbox"/> \$240	<input type="checkbox"/> \$265	\$ _____
Companion Conference Registration: Includes Sunday Welcome Reception, Monday Exhibitor Reception, Monday and Tuesday Lunch & Tuesday night banquet	<input type="checkbox"/> \$240	<input type="checkbox"/> \$265	\$ _____

#### Regular Registration Fees (Non-Member Rates)

	EARLY On or Before April 2	April 3 to On-Site	Subtotals
FULL REGISTRATION: Includes Technical Sessions, AM & PM Breaks, Monday and Tuesday Lunch, Tuesday Night Banquet, and Exhibitor Reception	<input type="checkbox"/> \$510	<input type="checkbox"/> \$535	\$ _____
Monday One-Day: Includes Technical Sessions, AM & PM Breaks, Lunch and Exhibit Hall	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300	<input type="checkbox"/> \$325	\$ _____
Tuesday One-Day: Includes Technical Sessions, AM & PM Breaks, Lunch and Exhibit Hall	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300	<input type="checkbox"/> \$325	\$ _____
Companion Conference Registration: Includes Sunday Welcome Reception, Monday Exhibitor Reception, Monday and Tuesday Lunch & Tuesday night banquet	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300	<input type="checkbox"/> \$325	\$ _____

#### Payment Method

Check One:  Check  Money Order  MasterCard  Visa  Discover  American Express **ABPA FED TAX ID# 74-2395100**  
 Card No: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVN Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Registration Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ + Meal Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = Total Amount Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **(U.S. Funds) Please**

#### Extra Meals

If not included with registration fee

Monday Luncheon ..... \$50  
 Tuesday Luncheon ..... \$50  
 Tuesday Night Banquet ..\$60

Subtotal \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Sunday Pre-Conference Reception

Will you be attending the Pre-Conference Reception?  
 Yes  No  
 Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

**return this form with payment to:** ABPA . 342 North Main Street Suite 301, West Hartford, CT 06117-2507 or **Fax:** (979) 846-7607 or Email: [conference@abpa.org](mailto:conference@abpa.org)

**Special Accommodations:** If you have a disability and require special accommodations to fully participate in this event, please call Shane Dillard, ABPA Headquarters at least 3 weeks before the conference at (979) 846-7606.

# Schedule at a glance

## FRIDAY, MAY 15

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### ABPA Committee Meetings

Kingsley Room, Edgewood Room, Belmont Room and Cheekwood Room

The ABPA Committee meeting schedule will be posted on the ABPA website.

## SATURDAY, MAY 16

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### ABPA Board of Directors Meeting #1

Allegheny Room

## SUNDAY, MAY 17

8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

### Proctor Training - (Must pre-arrange)

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

### Pre-Conference Reception – Courtyard - Name Badge Required

The American Backflow Prevention Association and ABPA Tennessee Chapter invite you to be our guest for a selection of hors d'oeuvres and a hosted bar. This reception is open to all registered attendees who want to attend to visit and catch up with old friends. Plan a get-together with colleagues or simply hangout and meet new people.

## MONDAY, MAY 18

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### Technical Sessions - Name Badge Required

11:45-1:00 p.m.

### Association Luncheon – Hermitage ABC - Name Badge Required

(Included with full registration - \$50.00/Person for extra tickets)

The ABPA luncheon provides not only an update on ABPA business, we will also be presenting National and Chapter awards at this time.

1:00-2:30 p.m.

### NEW THIS YEAR - ABPA LEADS (Leadership Education And Development Session)

Part 1 - Getting the Most out of the ABPA Website. The ABPA Webmaster Rick Marvel will explain and demonstrate how the Chapter can use the ABPA website as a communication tool to grow and maintain their membership.

Part 2 - Organizing a chapter or regional conference.

4:30-6:00 p.m.

### Vendor Reception – Hermitage D/Tulip Grove Ballroom - Name Badge Required

Meet the exhibitors and hear about what is available in the backflow industry. A cash bar will be open with light finger food from 4:30-6:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to visit with the exhibitors and other conference participants.

## TUESDAY, MAY 19

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### Technical Sessions - Name Badge Required

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### Lunch - Plantation Lobby - Name Badge Required

(Included with full registration—\$50.00/Person for extra tickets)

This lunch is to provide the attendees with quality networking time with friends and colleagues from the industry.

5:30-9:00 p.m.

### Reception - Plantation Lobby - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

### Annual Awards Dinner Banquet - Hermitage D/Tulip Grove Ballroom - 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.—Name Badge Required

(Included with full registration—\$60.00/Person for extra tickets)

Come join us for the 31st Annual Awards banquet honoring the best in Backflow Prevention! Cash bar begins at 5:30 p.m. with the meal and activities beginning at 6:30 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

8:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.

### Technical Sessions - Name Badge Required

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

### ABPA Board of Directors Meeting #2

Belle Meade Room

1:00 - 6:00 p.m.

### ABPA Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester & Cross-Connection Control Specialist Certification and Re-certification Exams (Must pre-arrange)



# Conference Hotel Information



## Sheraton Music City Hotel Nashville

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Nashville, Tennessee 37214  
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<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1408127859&key=1EAF2D45>

Enjoy a warm, southern welcome at the Sheraton Music City Hotel.

Connect with the heart of downtown Nashville at the Country Music Hall of Fame or experience the awe of The Grande Ole Opry. Spend a relaxing day at one Nashville's beautiful state parks, the Adventure Science Center, or the home of President Andrew Jackson – The Hermitage. The Nashville International Airport is also just minutes away.

Gather with friends for a relaxed conversation in the beautiful open-air courtyard. Or swim to your heart's content in the indoor and outdoor swimming pools. As evening falls, retreat to your spacious guest room or suite and step into the fresh air on your private balcony or patio.



## Hotel Reservations

ABPA's 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Education Conference and Trade Show will be taking place at the Sheraton Music City Hotel Nashville. ABPA is pleased to offer a room rate of \$129.00 for single or double rooms. To make your hotel reservation online please visit the ABPA website [www.abpa.org](http://www.abpa.org) conference page for housing links or call the hotels toll free number (888) 627-7060. Be sure to reference the ABPA Annual Conference to receive the discounted group rate. We expect the room block to fill up, so be sure to make your reservation early!

- Complimentary wireless internet access in all guest rooms and public areas
- Complimentary parking
- Complimentary airport transfers
- Complimentary Health Club access

Reservation cut-off date is **Friday, April 17, 2015**. After this date, (or once our reserved rooms have been sold) the group rate cannot be guaranteed. We strongly suggest you book your room early.

## Free Transportation

The hotel offers complimentary airport shuttle service to and from the Nashville International Airport (BNA).

## Nashville

Nashville's earliest settlers celebrated in the late 1700s with fiddle tunes and buck dancing after safely disembarking on the shores of the Cumberland River, a spot now commemorated on First Avenue North with a replica of the original Fort Nashborough. Nashville's first "celebrity," the noted frontiersman and Congressman Davy Crockett was known far and wide for his colorful stories and fiddle playing.

## THE NAME MUSIC CITY

As the 1800s unfolded, Nashville grew to become a national center for music publishing. The first around-the-world tour by a musical act was by the Fisk Jubilee Singers from Nashville's Fisk University. Their efforts helped fund the school's mission of educating freed slaves after the Civil War – and also put Nashville on the map as a global music center. In fact, upon playing for the Queen of England, the queen stated the Fisk Jubilee Singers must come from the "Music City."

## HISTORIC VENUES

In 1897, a group of Confederate veterans chose Nashville as the site of a massive reunion. The event was held at the former tabernacle that would later become known as the Ryman Auditorium. So many former Confederate soldiers poured into town that a new balcony was built inside the tabernacle to accommodate their great numbers. It was dubbed "The Confederate Gallery," a designation still visible today as the Ryman continues to host an array of musical events.

Before even the Ryman became known as the downtown home of the Grand Ole Opry, it already enjoyed a national reputation. Enrico Caruso, John Phillip Sousa and the Vienna Orchestra gave roof-raising performances there that earned the Ryman the nickname "Carnegie Hall of the South." The Ryman's unrivaled acoustic qualities continue today – it has received Pollstar magazine's prestigious "Theater of the Year" award four times in the past ten years as the best auditorium in the nation to experience live music.

In 1925, the establishment of radio station WSM and its launch of the broadcast that would be called the Grand Ole Opry further secured Nashville's reputation as a musical center and sparked its durable nickname of Music City. The Opry, still staged live every week, is America's longest-running radio show, in continuous production for more than 85 years. It ignited the careers of hundreds of country stars and lit the fuse for Nashville to explode into a geographic center for touring and recording. The modern-day empire of Music Row, a collection of recording studios, record labels, entertainment offices and other music-associated businesses, populates the area around 16th and 17th Avenues South.

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