

# AOWB NEWS

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## Renewal Season Update

I hope this article finds all of you that have renewed your license for 2018 busy! We have renewed nearly 800 of our 1100 licensees. What a busy renewal season we had. I must say however, things seemed to flow easier this season verses the past ones. That is because of those of you working so hard and diligently to follow up with CE and bonds as well as your fees. Just a reminder – if you haven't renewed I your license for 2018 please do so before February 16 or you will be charged a \$250.00 penalty fee in addition to the \$100.00 late fee per license.

## BOND NEWS!

Code of Alabama - Section 34-21A-16 Bond requirement for licensees. In order to assure financial stability and professional competence and performance of licensees, all licensees, without exception, are required to be bonded for any work performed under the license. Minimum amounts for required bonds shall be established by the board and evidence of bond shall be provided to the board before any license will be issued. In no event may the minimum required bond amounts set by the board be less than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for a basic level license, a pumper license, a portable toilet license, or a manufacturer's license, and thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for an advanced level license. Each active licensee shall maintain a current bond for each license he or she holds.

***The executive director shall immediately suspend any active license without a current bond on file. The executive director shall reinstate the license once a reinstatement fee is paid by the licensee and the bond is reactivated or replaced. In the event the licensee contends his or her license has been unjustly suspended, the licensee may request a hearing and the executive director shall hold a hearing within 10 business days of the request. (Act 99-571, p. 1265, §16; Act 2010-258, p. 453, §1.)***

During the renewal period – while auditing files, I noticed several expired bonds. Once a licensee was contacted, said bond was sent to the administrative office. One would think, as myself and you as licensees, that once you paid to have your bond renewed, the insurance company would forward the bond to the Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board. Some companies do, some don't. The majority of licensees are very compliant with follow up on their required paperwork; others not so much. I understand things happen in everyday life, however, if your bond is truly expired and you install a system or pump, or manufacture a faulty tank, this could be a severe disciplinary action towards your license.

We have implemented a program to follow bond expiration dates more closely – there will be three (3) letters sent out; one that will be done on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month that tells the expiration date; one 15-day notice letter; and the last one will be the suspension letter. {please read the section in bold above again} Once your license is suspended for the expiration of the bond – you will have to pay a license re-instatement fee of **\$104.00** – there will be a form that will have to be completed for reinstatement as well. This form will be available on our website.

**Reason?** Consistency; equality/fairness among licensees; and it's the LAW!

## MEET A FEW OF YOUR

# BOARD MEMBERS!

## **ENGINEER SEAT OF THE ALABAMA ONSITE WASTEWATER BOARD—APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE**

### **THE HONORABLE SHARON KIMBROUGH, P.E.**

Sharon Kimbrough is a graduate of Auburn University and has a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering. She is currently employed with GMC (Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc.) in their Huntsville Office and previously owned Sustainable Engineering, LLC for 10 years. She is a registered and practicing engineer in the State of Alabama specializing in municipal, utility and environmental engineering and civil site design. Prior to working in engineering design, she worked for the Alabama Department of Environmental Management performing engineering reviews of consultant design, system inspections and assistance with educational activities.

She is a State Board Member of the Alabama Society of Professional Engineers (ASPE) and is the Scholarship Committee Chairman. ASPE promotes the profession of engineering and the importance of math and science in education.

Sharon loves gardening and recently completed the Alabama Master Gardener Program through the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service. She also enjoys reading and writing.

Sharon resides in Madison, Alabama with her husband, Bobby Dennis, their dog, Duchess, and blind cat, Sweetie.

## **INSTALLER SEAT OF THE ALABAMA ONSITE WASTEWATER BOARD—APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR**

### **THE HONORABLE MR. DAVID MASTIN**

David graduated from Robert E. Lee High school in Montgomery in 2003. Following graduation he joined the Montgomery Police Department. He spent thirteen years in law enforcement, the last nine years being with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department. During his time at the Sheriff's Department he served on the SWAT team for five years. David has also volunteered several years with the Catoma Volunteer Fire Department.

David has been involved with the wastewater industry his entire life. He had an early start to his onsite career when his father would take him along to work sites as a young child, then eventually working / helping during school summer breaks as he became older. In 2011, David unexpectedly lost his father who had been in the wastewater industry for over 40 years. David took over the family business as a second job in order to support my mother at the time. On August 1, 2016, he resigned from the Sheriff's Department to grow his own company and spend more time with his wife and children. David is licensed as an Advanced Level II installer and a pumper.

David's wife Ashley is an engineering supervisor at the Alabama Department of Environmental Management. They have two boys ages four and six. Mr. Mastin currently serves as the District 7 representative for the Alabama Onsite Waste Water Association. David and his family attends Centerpoint Fellowship Church in Prattville and resides in Montgomery.

## **REGULATOR SEAT OF THE ALABAMA ONSITE WASTEWATER BOARD—APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE**

### **THE HONORABLE LEIGH WILLIS**

Leigh Willis graduated from Prattville High School in 1993 and earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Alabama in 1997.

She began her career in Public Health as a Public Health Environmentalist in 1999 in Montgomery County. Since then, she has worked in multiple counties. In March 2016, Leigh was promoted to Environmental Director for the East Central District which includes Autauga, Elmore, Chambers, Coosa, Tallapoosa, Lee, Russell, Macon, Bullock, Montgomery and Lowndes Counties. In March 2017, Leigh resumed the responsibilities for the Director of Community Environmental Protection with the Bureau of Environmental Services, in addition to the ECD Environmental Director. Leigh has extensive knowledge of onsite sewage systems throughout her career as well as being a Certified Site Evaluator.

Leigh is married to Joe Willis, has one son and 2 step children. In her spare time, she enjoys watching her son play basketball, football and travel baseball. She is also an active alumnae for Sigma Kappa Sorority

# IMPORTANT INFO YOU MAY CAN USE!

**AOWB OFFICE NUMBER: 334-353-9250**

**AOWB FAX NUMBER: 334-353-0122**

**AOWB QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING—APRIL 24, 2018**

**UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

**AOWA TRADE SHOW—MARCH—28-29, 2018 CALL AOWA TO GET REGISTERED @ 334-396-3434**

**KEEP TRACK OF THE EXPIRATION DATE OF YOUR BOND!**

**TURN IN YOUR PAPERWORK TO LOCAL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS IN A TIMELY FASHION!**

# ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING RULINGS FROM OCTOBER, 2017

**GEORG BALDWIN—LICENSE SUSPENSION AND \$1,000.00 FINE**

**JASON HUDDLESTON—CEASE & DESIST AND \$3,000.00 FINE**

**RON ROBERTSON—CEASE & DESIST AND \$2,000.00 FINE**

**TIMOTHY BRITT—REMEDIAL INSTRUCTION AND \$1,000.00 FINE**

**JOSH PESNELL—2 YEAR LICENSE SUSPENSION AND \$1,000.00 FINE**

**CLARENCE CROOK - REVOCATION OF LICENSE AND \$2,000.00 FINE**