

**SWANA**  
**Annual Board Meeting**  
**Stevens Point, Wisconsin**

**October 25, 2007**

**Present**

Mike Michels	Chris Anderson	Brian Tippetts	Curt Madsen
Bob Reichelt	Chad Doverspike	Steve Keith	Jerry Mandli

**Not Present**

Joe Walter Spear  
Brenda Rhinehart

1. Curt called the meeting to order.
2. Roll Call/Introductions
  - ♦ Curt indicated and the Board agreed that Brenda R. has been doing a great job
  - ♦ Need to renew her contract
3. **Treasurer's Report** (Mike M.)
  - 2007
    - ♦ We made a little money - \$200 gain
    - ♦ Income higher than budget >\$6,000
    - ♦ ~\$26,000 income most from winter conference
    - ♦ Expense lower than budget <\$2,600
    - ♦ On budget w/ extra money spent on facilitated meeting ~\$1,000 and less than other items (i.e. website)
  - Proposed 2008
    - ♦ Discussion on timing for budget approval versus by-laws.
      - (Brian) Suggested proposed budget in August and budget approval via conference call in September. Board agreed.
      - Have annual meeting anytime.
    - ♦ MOLO falls in 2008 budget
      - Numbers are not in yet assumed to be a wash ~\$5,000 expense/income.
    - ♦ Budget includes another facilitated meeting
    - ♦ Budget assumes 3 scholarships
    - ♦ Discussion on student scholarships
      - (Brian) Like to find ways to get student members – suggests student presentations at conferences. Expense associated with students at conference?
      - (Steve) Suggests SWANA offer ~\$250 scholarship for college students to attend conference?
      - (Brian) Suggests getting proposals from someone at college to attend/present at conference.
      - (Steve) Agrees that we could develop relationship between Universities and SWANA. Multiple schools create groups of students. We should develop a list of Universities that offer Solid Waste programs. Board to ID professor contacts.
      - **STEVE** agreed to contact professors and notify them of winter conference.

- ♦ Discussion on small haulers group
  - (Brian) Suggest bringing small haulers to SWANA National event. Possible SWANA sponsorship of small hauler at National event. Budget?
  - (Mike) Proposed budget includes sponsorship budget of \$2,000.
- ♦ (Chad) Proposed budget includes money for SWANA National loans.
- ♦ (Bob) Suggests that budget should include money for hiring a legislative contact.
- ♦ (Steve) Knows someone that may be able to assist with the legislative contact slot.
- ♦ **“MOTION” Jerry moves to approve budget with \$1,000 addition for legislative contact. Chad seconds motion. “VOTE” motion carries. Board approves unanimously.**

#### 4. **Committee Reports**

##### Membership (JW Spear)

- ♦ No discussion on membership.

##### International (Brian)

- ♦ Annual Meeting in Reno
  - Sent e-mail with attached information.
- ♦ MOLO training information was bid and went to low bidder. Brian felt that the MOLO presentations were not good.
  - Problem with teaching products
  - Test did not match course information
  - Brian informed the international board about problems w/ MOLO course work.
- ♦ Brian advocates any loans to SWANA National be conditional that the money is used wisely.
  - E-commerce being paid off OK.
  - MOLO was not a good use of money.
- ♦ SWANA National focus on legislative issues
  - Railway exemption is a current issue
  - Alert e-mail to contact congressman re: this issue.
- ♦ WASTECON
  - Locations Tampa, FL in 2008, Long Beach, CA in 2009, Boston, MA in 2010.
  - The Boston Wastecon is a joint conference with APWA where you register for one and can go to both (at least the floor show).
- ♦ North American waste to energy conference is going good now.
- ♦ Brian thinks we should get the Chapter more involved in e-sessions.
- ♦ SWANA Technical Divisions are growing.
  - LFG division is the strongest.
  - Waste to Energy division is the most exciting.
  - Planning & Management is the most valuable.
- ♦ Membership is growing at a rate better than average for other professional organizations.
- ♦ E-library – SWANA National has a new IT director that will hopefully improve the e-library. Currently it has >500 documents. They need to do a better job of accessibility and adding links.
- ♦ (Jerry) Nothing has really happened with E-commerce. Not impressed with access.

##### Scholarship (Curt)

- ♦ 2007 we had 2 applicants and 2 scholarships including Steve's daughter.
- ♦ 2008 we anticipate awarding a couple of scholarships.

#### Website (Chris)

- ♦ Web space secured but site is not developed.
- ♦ Chris to call Curt about resources
- ♦ Start with base of website. SWANA willing to pay for development.

#### Newsletter (Chad)

- ♦ Published 1 newsletter in 2007.
- ♦ Expecting to publish another newsletter after the winter conference. Board brain stormed some ideas.
  - Budget update
  - Winter conference
  - Announce National capabilities
  - Scholarships – deadlines
  - Letter from president
  - CWD/Prions

### 5. Old Business

#### MOLO

- ♦ Broke even.
- ♦ (Brian) Suggested that we could probably make money on MOLO if we partnered with another state chapter.

#### Small Haulers Group (Brian)

- ♦ Surveyed small haulers group for what topics they are most interested in. The biggest issues they are interested in include.
  - Roundtable discussion to share concerns
  - OSHA/Health & Safety
  - Single stream recycling
  - Insurance issues
- ♦ Brian indicated that they don't know what they don't know (ex. Asbestos). They need easy access, meeting times and places. Get access to SWANA National.
  - (Brian) Suggests set-up of a conference call with National.
  - (Mike) Will they join SWANA?

#### National Swana Training Investment Loan Amount

- ♦ (Mike) Current interest rates are low. Suggests loaning SWANA National \$10,000 and put the remaining 2/3 in CDS or other better investments.
- ♦ (Brian) Suggested that we loan the money with the restriction that the money be used in certain areas?
- ♦ (Curt) Should we even loan SWANA any money?
- ♦ (Mike) Interest is 5% for 5-years.
- ♦ **“MOTION” Brian moves to issue a \$10,000 loan to SWANA National –send check with a letter expressing concerns with the quality of training programs – Letter to be drafted by Mike M. and reviewed by the Board prior to sending it. Jerry seconds motion.**
- ♦ Discussion on what should be in the letter.

- ♦ **“VOTE” Motion carries. Board approves unanimously.**

## 6. New Business

### Administrative Assistant Service Agreement

- ♦ **“MOTION” Steve moves to approve contract with Brenda R. for next year. Mike seconds motion.**
- ♦ Discussion regarding giving Brenda R. a bonus.
- ♦ **“AMENDED MOTION” Steve amended motion to add \$200 gift for services performed. Bob seconds motion. “VOTE” Motion carries. Board approves unanimously.**

### 2008 Joint Winter Conference Schedule & Tour

- ♦ (Curt) Tour Valley Trail – AROW/WCSWMA SWANA meeting did not think it was a good tour location. Meeting group suggested.
  - Fun (bowling)
  - Compost
  - Industrial Plant
- ♦ (Mike) Options for tours – why not have 2 tours a SWANA sponsored tour and a WCSWMA/AROW tour?

### 2008 Joint Winter Conference Speakers/Workshops

- ♦ (Curt) SWANA is responsible for 5-slots.
  - SW Managers Roundtable
  - Siloxane Removal
  - Small Haulers Session
  - 2 more slots.
- ♦ Possible topics for 2 slots.
  - (Chris) C&D waste recycling and/or Fox River Dredging presentations
  - (Brian) Time/Management Presentation.
- ♦ SW Managers Roundtable (1 hr 15 min)
  - 3 or 4 managers
  - **CHRIS** to contact John Rabe
  - **MIKE** to contact Bart Sexton
- ♦ Siloxane removal OK
- ♦ Small Hauler Session
  - (Brian) Will ask small haulers to coordinate this session.
- ♦ C&D Recycling (1 hr)
  - **CHRIS** to check w/ Keith Officer.
- ♦ Fox River Dredging (1 hr)
  - **CHRIS** to check w/ Denis Roznowski
- ♦ Keynote Speaker
  - (Chad) “Hello my name is Scott”
  - (Curt) Jim Devorick.
  - (Curt) AROW bringing in a speaker SWANA to share the cost.

### Election of Officers

- ♦ Results –
  - Secretary – Chris Anderson
  - Treasurer – JW Spear

- International Director – Brian Tippetts
- Director – Bob Reichelt
- Director – Mike Michels\
- ◆ **MOTION” Curt moves to accept ballot results as listed. Jerry seconds motion. “VOTE” Motion carries. Board approves unanimously.**

7. **Other Business**

- ◆ (Brian) WDNR checking on topics for Winter Conference
- ◆ (Mike) Suggest update on LF stabilization.

8. **Next Board Meeting**

- ◆ (Jerry) Request that Wednesday conference call be changed to Wed. morning.
- ◆ (Curt) He will check with Brenda on changing the conference call time. He will have Brenda set-up conference call meeting for next week to finalize speaker.

9. **Adjourn**

- ◆ **MOTION” Chad moves to adjourn meeting. Brian seconds motion. “VOTE” Motion carries. Board approves unanimously.**