

**SWANA
Wisconsin Chapter
Teleconference Meeting
October 15, 2008**

Call to Order President Chad Doverspike called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present

Chad Doverspike	Curt Madsen	Chris Anderson	Bob Reichelt
Brian Tippetts	JW Spear	Mike Michels	Larry Hougom

Absent

Jerry Mandli

Also Present

Administrative Assistant Brenda Rhinehart

Cynthia Moore, WDNR

Bob moved to suspend the agenda in order to meet with Ms. Moore. The motion was seconded by Chris; all were in favor, motion carried.

Cynthia Moore, DNR Report

Ms. Moore agreed to join the meeting in order to discuss the electronics waste bill. She addressed the concerns regarding enforcement of the landfill ban and whether the products would be actually recycled, or simply shredded and then landfilled anyway. She reported that electronics waste will be treated as currently banned items, with enforcement through DNR's stepped enforcement process under the "absolute ban" concept. If a partial or "perilous to remove" item is found, this will not be considered an infraction. If one or two are found and the operators are using "due diligence" to keep the waste out, the department will ask the landfill operator or owner to resolve the matter and make improvements, including negotiations with haulers on how to improve collection oversight. However, if many are found, the citations will proceed as with other violations of the recycling law. It will be illegal to shred these items to use as "shredder fluff", because the items are not being properly recycled.

Ms. Moore then explained that the Department hopes to deter sham recyclers through various approaches. The Department will recommend revisions to the current draft of the electronics bill that: recyclers abide by a detailed matrix of federal and state recycling mandates; health and safety to be safeguarded through OSHA Standards; recyclers be required to track and report where the materials are shipped; recyclers be required to abide by State and Federal export laws; and a voluntary certification process for recyclers be developed. She noted that even though the State cannot limit where materials are exported to, they can require compliance with existing state and federal regulations and standards. For example, the EPA requires notification when waste CRT's are shipped overseas, and enforcement of this law may spurn more state-side markets if materials are denied by importing countries. Ms. Moore stated that the revised bill is similar to the Minnesota model, (where they collected 6.5 pounds per person with minimal fees). She also noted that the Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce (WMC) supports the bill.

Minutes Motion was made by JW, seconded by Brian, to approve the minutes from the annual meeting held on September 17, 2008, as corrected. All were in favor; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Treasurer JW gave the financial report. The Chapter checking account has \$20,936.45 and the money market account \$12,066.60, for a total of \$33,003.05. JW reported that he is working on the budget and annual report. Curt moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Chris and all were in favor; motion carried.

Brian left the meeting.

Committee Reports

Membership: JW reported that he will forward the new members to Brenda so that they can be added to the mailing list.

International: No report given.

Scholarship: Nothing to report.

Website: Chris reported that the conference dates were added to the website, and that the registration forms will be added when they are completed.

Newsletter: Chad reported that he is collecting articles for the next issue, and asked members to forward to him potential items. The question was raised whether the newsletter was limited to SWANA members or if it should be forwarded to interested parties?

Old Business

Logo Development Proposal: Chris proposed scheduling a meeting on October 29, 2008 with Dan Greene to begin the logo development process. He will follow-up with all members to arrange the meeting. Since the new logo will not be available in time for the conference mailings, Jericho will forward the revised national logo to Brenda for this use.

Conference Planning, Tour, Speakers and Workshop: Brenda reported on the conference planning meeting and tour held that morning at Chula Vista. Chad will contact Maria Edmond regarding her availability as a speaker. Curt, Chad and Mike will form a committee to make the session/speaker selections.

Resolution Opposing Revocation of REI Grant: Corrections were made to the Resolution. Chris moved to send the revised resolution with a cover letter, signed and dated by the current President, to the Governor and Joint Finance Committee members. The motion was seconded by Bob. All were in favor, motion carried. (Still present were Curt, Chris, Chad, Bob, Larry, JW and Mike.)

Waste Composition Study: JW reported on the request from the Wisconsin Dept of Natural Resources for an NGO to act as contractor for a Waste Composition Study. There are currently two NGO's proposing for this contract. He researched the insurance policy, which currently covers the officers and directors for liability only. Business liability and worker's compensation insurance would be required, costing approximately \$1500.00 initially, with a possible \$300.00 refund. Mike moved to authorize JW to move ahead with the project and to pursue the proposal, with the understanding that JW will report to the board after: 1) quotes are received from at least two firms; 2) insurance quotes are received; and 3) the proposal to be submitted is reviewed. Chris seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried.

Larry left the meeting.

New Business

International Report on Small Haulers Project: This item was deferred to the November meeting.

Other Business

UW-System: Bob reported that Dr. Razvi contacted him regarding probable funding cuts in the waste water degree programs offered at the Universities in Stevens Point, Green Bay and Madison. The Professor was asking for a letter of support for these courses, as they are in jeopardy.

Electronic Waste Bill: Chris will re-visit the letter of support for the revised electronics waste bill that includes adequate funding and reasonable inspection.

The next meeting will be by teleconference on November 19, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Brenda Rhinehart, Administrative Assistant