

**Wisconsin Badger State Chapter
Solid Waste Association of North America
Board Meeting
September 15 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
Zoom Conference Call
MINUTES**

Call to Order: Start 10:02 am

Roll Call

BOD: Ali Rathsack, Chad Doverspike, Alex Thomas, John Welch, Meleesa Johnson, Chris Anderson, Nate Schneider, Mark Toressani, Dave Hagenbucher

BOD Not Present: George Shereda, Lindsey Carlson

Also Present: Susan Schuller (Recycling Connections), Natasha Gwidt (WDNR), Abby Lichtscheidl (Portage County), Lee Daigle (Tetra Tech), Jessica Hanson (Winnebago County), John Peralta (Marathon Co.), Pat O'Brien (Winnebago Co), Ben Hintz (Brown Co) & Karin Sieg (Recycling Connections)

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Motion by Meleesa to approve June Minutes

Seconded Nate

Approved – Motion Carries

Election Results

Susan presented the election results. There were 5 candidates and 5 open positions on the board. 29 validated ballots casted and 24-29 votes were received by each candidate on the ballot.

Vote to accept election results – Nate accept Alex seconds Results accepted

Motion by Nate to accept election results and welcome elected candidates (John Welch, Mark Toressani, Lee Daigle, Ben Hintz, and Abby Lichtscheidl)

Seconded by Alex

Approved – Motion Carries

Election of the Board President - Abby nominates John Welch.

Motion by Nate to close nominations and accept nomination of John Welch as president.

Seconded Alex

Approved – Motion Carries

Election of the Board Vice President - Abby nominates Lee Daigle.

Motion by Nate to close nominations and accept nomination of Lee Daigle as Vice President.

Seconded Alex

Approved – Motion Carries

Treasurer - Discussion — Nomination of Abby.

Motion by Nate to close nominations and accept nomination of Abby Lichtscheidl as Treasurer.

Second by Alex.

Approved – Motion Carries

Secretary - Nomination of Nate.

Motion by Alex to close nominations and accept nomination of Nate Schnieder as Secretary.

Second by Abby.

Approved – Motion Carries

Thank you for those who have served – Chad, Meleesa, George, and Lindsey

Treasurer's Report *Meleesa*

Financial Report sent. We did not get a membership share from National this month. There was a transfer from savings to keep our checking account at the recommended \$5,000 balance.

Checking = \$5,840.74 / Savings = \$23,839.95

Motion by Nate to approve financial report

Seconded Abby

Approved – Motion Carries

Committee Reports

DNR Report - *Natasha*

- Staffing Update
 - Two hydro positions hired to fill some vacancies.
 - We are reaching some tenured positions and we are trying to plan for that. Last year we did some shifting of positions to absorb some of the workload. There will be retirements in the coming year and we will be posting some entry and senior level positions.
 - Hired a complaint coordinator (Sherry Wise retired) – Amanda Harvey starting in this position. This person handles ~ 350 complaints a year on solid waste.
- Moving to all electronic submittals. This is a big deal especially for communities who do not have the technology upgrades, but we understand it is a transition and can help move those communities forward. We are under a 5-year process to move all paperwork to be submitted electronically. This is partially to meet EPA requirements. We are in year 2 of that 5-year transitions process.
- CWD – This fall we will still have adopt-a-dumpster program for carcasses. All information is available online. There will be Facebook pushes and announcements coming out.
- HPAI – spring was busy. Thank you to all who helped us determine where material could be taking. We are experiencing more effected areas with the fall migration. Nothing major in WI, but MN has a pretty large outbreak now on a farm. There is a very large farm in OH. We are not sending people to OH, at this time, but we are advising on the project. There is a backyard farm was affected in WI, but no commercial facilities effected this fall.
- SWIP – Sept 22nd at 2pm.
- Recycling Excellence Award – Due 9/16.

Safety Ambassador Report *John Peralta*

- September is National Preparedness month...When was the last time you reviewed and updated written safety plans such as your Emergency Response Operations Plans, Hazardous Material Contingency plan, or Continuity of Operations plans? Now is a good time to do that.
- Worker fatalities are up in our industry at the close of summer. The victims ranged from having decades of experience to having only a couple weeks on the job. Please remember to **stay alert, do not take short cuts, and do not assume a hazardous looking scenario is safe- ask someone who knows!** Worker fatalities are up this year – 26 fatalities this year. Goal at national is to get out of the top 10 most dangerous jobs.
- WASTE CON – Dec in San Diego. Safety Summit this year with a special Safety Summit for MRFs.

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- SWANA announced the winners of the 2022 Safety Awards. This year's winners are North Texas Municipal Water District – Solid Waste Department for Biggest Safety Improvement; Rumpke Waste & Recycling for Best Safety Innovation; and Delaware Solid Waste Authority, Henrico County Solid Waste Division, and Wasatch Integrated Waste Management District for COVID-19 Resiliency. The awards ceremony will take place on Tuesday, December 6 in San Diego, California as part of [WASTECON 2022](#). The conference also includes the [Safety Summit](#) this year.
- Membership- We are looking for new members to join our Chapter Committee! We meet 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:00am. Please email John Peralta to get on the meeting invite list! (john.peralta@co.matathon.wi.us)
- SWANA is offering a Landfill Fire Safety training through the Ontario Chapter – and its online! November 17th 8:30am-4:30pm. Cost is \$275.00. More information on SWANA.org (search keyword: Landfill Fire Safety)

Membership / Social Media Report *Ali*

- Met a week or two ago.
- Sent out Sept Newsletter with upcoming dates/deadlines – Ali highlighted some of the deadlines that were shared in the newsletter.

International *John*

- Finalized strategic plan town hall will be held to share results of this. It will be in early November or late October (check out the website for details)
- WASTE CON in San Diego, December 5-8th – John tentatively going
- SOAR April 17-20 in Atlanta
- SWANA Financial committee is coming up in 2 weeks. Finances, as a whole, are ok. The investment accounts are down, but we are still above our goals.
- Please complete the DEI survey that went out. There is a day or two left to complete that. Please take the time to fill that out.

YP Report *Abby*

- Met yesterday. We want to meet more consistently.
- Waiting on funding confirmation for the WIRMC Welcome event.
- Tour next month on Oct 13th, 1pm. Meeting at Veolia Hazardous Waste Facility (near Milwaukee). Gathering for lunch prior to the tour. Partnership with AROW ELs
- Event in November – 2nd (changed from Oct) Meleesa will present on leading meetings and Roberts Rules. Reaching out to universities to see if students would be interested.
- River Clean-up we want to do in spring 2023.

Advocacy Report *Meleesa*

- PFAS – This is something we need to pay attention to this. CERCLA designation for PFOS and PFOA. Reportable amount threshold is being stated at discharges of 1lb+ or over in a 24 hour period would be reportable. That is a lot and it might not ever happen in our situations, but take a look at the Pre-determination Report because this proposed threshold could change. The details on in this report. It goes very specifically in details. It also talks about “Responsible Party Status” for this. We saw this with PCBs.
 - It is important to follow this.

- BIL – Infrastructure bill will have provisions for recycling and for PFAS. We will see how this filters down at the statewide level. Could be a boom for increasing education efforts and upgrades for recycling.
- Governor just released a scoping statement for Groundwater standards for PFAS. GenX is included in that scoping statement. GenX was sort of the “safe” PFAS after PFOSs and PFOAs were phased out. Michigan is now monitoring GenX chemicals. This could be a very long process, but be aware of these efforts.
- Owner financial responsibilities. We need to look at the statute for owner financial responsibilities because it is locking us in investments that are losing value.
 - She shared the example in MCSWD on how they have lost a half million dollars in the first half of the year. We are locked in to the ways we are restricted to invest. This would never happen in the private sector. It will take years to rebound from this.
 - John shared his experience with this. Even in a good year, we barely break even.
- PCB Contaminated Sediment Restrictions.
 - She shared an example of Shawano County. They had a low level contaminate issue with some sediment, but they needed to go through public hearing and entire process for addressing this contaminated sediment.
 - Look at that statute to see if we can make this less restrictive.
- Phase out Non-essential Use of PFAS – Something we can start looking at is to get behind a food packaging law that would phase out the use of PFAS in Food Packaging – it would be easy to get rid of PFAS in Food Packaging and this has been done in other states.
- After the budget is released, we will know how the Environmental Fund will be used.
- NR500 Code Revisions – Mark is involved with that. He would like to be a representative to help with recommendations during this process. We are under a short-term window and Mark will volunteer to represent us on that process.
- John reminded us of the committee structure—There are 6 standing committees on SWANA WI Badger Chapter. There must be at least 3 members involved and a Board Member should be a chair. Next board meeting we will confirm the committee chairs.

Scholarship Report *Chad*

- Scholarships were awarded, the checks sent out, and cashed.
- We will need a new chair for this committee.
- Jenna won category 2 national award as well as our scholarship.

The timeline was reviewed--shared by Susan

Website Updates	September	Website Chair
Ballots Approved	September	Nominating Committee/Admin
Ballots Sent	September	Admin
Review goals	September	Board
Annual Meeting: Election of Officers, Service Provider Agreement	September	President/Admin
Review bank statement	September	Treasurer
Check Balance to make sure it's not under \$5,000	September	Treasurer
Update Board Member List & Send To Members with appointed committees	October	Admin
Inform National of New Officers with appointed committees	October	Admin

Unfinished Business

1. Student Board of Director Position (Alex)
 - a. Pushing more involvement – will send out call for applications
 - i. Send to university related folks.
 - ii. We want to get more students engaged.
 - iii. One-year term tied to the academic year.
 - iv. Students graduating in December would be able to serve in this role.
 - v. We are the first chapter in the national to have a student board member.
2. Approval 2022-2023 Meeting Schedule. The schedule was shared with all prior to this meeting. The schedule follows previous years being that the monthly meetings remain the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Motion by Nate to approve schedule
Seconded by Abby
Motion Carried.
3. Budget Approval (Meleesa)
 - a. Meleesa presented a proposed budget.
 - b. Discussion on Office-Administrative line. Suggested to increase to \$5,000
Motion by Alex to approve the proposed 2022-23 budget.
Seconded by Dave
Motion Carries
4. Service Agreement for Approval
 - a. One change is to bump budget to reflect the budget approved just a minute ago.
Motion to approve John with slight amendment to contract – up to \$5,000
Seconded by Abby
Motion Carries
5. Chapter-wide Strategic Planning
 - a. Thanks to all who worked on this. The goal is that this doesn't sit on a shelf but it is used by each committee.
 - b. Both draft document shared and the results of a survey.
Motion by Abby to Approve.
Second by Nate
Motion Carries
6. Possible Fall Social Event (John)
 - a. Have a social event after the WCSWMA meeting. October 28th in Stevens Point.
 - b. Looking for financial support from all three organizations.
Motion by Abby to approve the support of a fall event and contribute to the event
Ali Seconds
Motion Carries

Chris motions to put a \$500 budget cap for fall gathering
Seconded by Alex
Motion Carries
7. WIRMC Conference Planning – Chad (Susan and Karin)
 - a. Call for Presentations closed Monday. 28 submissions. The committee will be selecting presentations and programming soon.
 - b. Sponsorship is at ~ \$17,000

- i. Foth and GFL may be interested in sponsoring. Susan will follow up with Chris and Nate.
- c. Abby will serve on the planning team as the 3rd representative for SWANA WI.
- d. YPs are planning a nice welcome event and are seeking funds for a photographer. Last meeting we approved contributions to this activity. SCS is also contributing \$250 to it on top of their Silver Sponsorship.

Next Board Meeting – October 20, 2022 at 10:00am (Zoom)

Motion to adjourn by Nate

Seconded by Abby

Adjourn – 11:51 am

Minutes recorded by Susan Schuller, SWANA BC Administrative Assistant