

**Wisconsin Badger State Chapter
Solid Waste Association of North America
Board Meeting
January 20, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
Zoom Meeting**

MINUTES

Call to Order: Start 10:01 am

Roll Call

BOD: John Welch, Lindsey Carlson, Nate Schneider, Chad Doverspike, Mark Toressani, George Shereda, Chris Anderson, Alex Thomas

BOD Not Present: Dave Hagenbucher, Meleesa Johnson, Ali Rathsack

Also Present: Susan Schuller (SWANA Admin Assistant)

Minutes of Previous Meetings [December 2021](#)

Motion by Nate to approve

Seconded Lindsey

Approved – Motion Carries

Treasurer's Report *Meleesa sent report. John presented.*

Just an update: Checking \$5,536.81 Saving \$20,338.90

Motion by Mark to approve

Seconded Nate

Approved – Motion Carries

Committee Reports

- DNR Report - No Report
- Safety Ambassador Report – *Lindsey gave report on behalf of Dave*
 - o Safety committee would like to get more information on lithium ion batteries. They are organizing a survey. They will be sending this out for board review and approval soon.
 - o The committee is deciding on the survey software to use. SWANA WI currently has a free version of Survey Monkey that is limiting. Susan asked if anyone has access to a more robust survey tool that we can use other than the free version of Survey Monkey or Google Survey, please let her know.
- Membership / Social Media Report *Chris*
 - o The committee didn't meet this month.
 - o National has started to send an email to our swanawi@gmail.com account showing those members who are expiring soon. Susan asked if the board would like her to do anything with those emails. Discussion. In the future, Susan will share those emails to the whole board in case someone has a personal contact with a member soon to expire to help encourage them to renew.
- International *John*
 - o SOAR this spring
 - o Second PPE Loan was forgiven, so SWANA is in good financial situation.

- YP Report *Lindsey*
 - o The call for nominations for the YP of the Year Award is out. Please share with your networks. Nominations due Feb 11th.
 - o The social at WIRMC is being planned. It will be kept more “low key” this year. People will be invited to participate in networking bingo with some prizes to be given out.
 - o Meeting next week.

- Advocacy Report *John*
 - o Not a lot going on.
 - o Finalizing some rules on PFAS, but still a lot of steps to take to make any action happen there.
 - o Mark added that legislation related to alternative liners is expected to start a long process of legislative approval. This could take 30 months or more. He will be talking more about this at WIRMC.

- Scholarship Report *George*
 - o The committee is getting some things prepared for this. They are waiting on National to post the updated forms for this year.
 - o George sent Susan bios from last scholarship awardees. She will post this information online soon.
 - o Lindsey reminded us that she would like the Scholarship committee to once again help with the YP Award selection once nominations come in.

The timeline was reviewed

Ask for YP Award nominations	December	Done
Review goals	December	Each committee should think about and come up with a goal(s) for the year.
Check Balance to make sure it's not under \$5,000	December	Done
Annual Progress Report	Dec 31 (deadline is Jan 25 th)	In progress will be submitted on time.
Annual Financial Report	Dec 31 (deadline is Jan 25 th)	Treasurer
Review bank statement	December	Done
Website Updates	December	Ongoing
Check Balance to make sure it's not under \$5,000	January	Done
Send reminder via email regarding scholarships	February	Admin
Meet in person at conference	Feb/March	President/Admin
Check Balance to make sure it's not under \$5,000	February	Treasurer

Unfinished Business

- Chapter-wide Strategic Planning (John)
 - o Continue to meet with Nathan with UW Extension
 - o Finalizing a membership survey to have ready for WIRMC. Digital survey and a short 2 question poster survey. Some prizes for those who complete the survey.
 - o We are hoping to develop leaders and keep people from burnout

- WIRMC 2022 Update (Susan/Planning Team)
 - 129 signed up/registered for conference or exhibit booth (slightly down from 2020 registration at this time but still 91% of 2020 #s at this time)
 - Conversations with Hyatt to minimize any potential/possible penalties, especially as it relates to the decreased number of rooms needed/blocked. The board presidents will hopefully be meeting with the Hyatt staff to see if they can negotiate the contract and make some changes to reduce our potential penalties.
 - 16 Sponsors.
 - Discussion about COVID. Masks are required.
 - Susan asked the board to notify her for planning purposes if there is any change in policy for allowing staff to travel, or not, that could impact attendance at the conference. It helps with planning.
 - Susan asked George to let her know who the speaker will be for the workshop.
 - Prizes: Discussion on what the board would want to do or contribute for prizes at WIRMC.
 - Motion:** George made a motion to allocate \$200 from SWANA revenue for conference prizes.
 - Discussion: There are three areas for prizes. Lindsey asked if we could allocate more to cover each activity – survey prizes, YP event, and door prizes.
 - Amendment to the Motion:** George amended the motion to increase the total of \$600 to cover any prizes from SWANA during WIRMC.
 - Seconded** by Chris
 - Approved** – Motion Carries
 - Susan mentioned that some speakers are asking about presenting remotely for their sessions. She said that we will not be allowing regular registrants to shift and attend remotely. That will not happen. But for speakers, there MAY be a possibility. Although, presenting in-person at this in-person event is still encouraged and preferred, there may be accommodations available for speakers. The final decision and logistics of this option is to be determined later.

Next meeting February 23, 2022 at WIRMC 9:45AM

Let Susan know if you want or plan to connect remotely to this meeting. Some technology needs to be added to allow dialog in the meeting for those coming in remotely to hear and participate in discussion effectively.

Adjourn – 10:50 AM

Minutes recorded by Susan Schuller, SWANA BC Administrative Assistant