

**Wisconsin Badger State Chapter
Solid Waste Association of North America
Board Meeting
March 17, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
Zoom Conference Call
MINUTES**

Call to Order: Start 10:02 am

Roll Call

BOD: Nate Schneider, Chris Anderson, John Welch, Meleesa Johnson, Ali Rathsack, George Shereda

BOD Not Present: Chad Doverspike, Lindsey Carlson, Mark Toressani, Alex Thomas, Dave Hagenbucher

Also Present (15): Susan Schuller (SWANA Admin Assistant), Pat O'Brien, John Peralta

Minutes of Previous Meetings [February 2022](#)

Approval of minutes will be moved to April's meeting. Only a few board members were in this meeting that were able to attend.

Treasurer's Report [Meleesa](#)

Financial Report sent – Checking = \$5,792.42 / Savings = \$20,338.90

Motion by Nate to approve financial report

Seconded Chris

Approved – Motion Carries

Committee Reports

DNR Report - *Kate Strom Hiorns* –

Absent but would like to know if the information she shares is helpful to this group. Yes, the group feels it is very helpful to have a report from the DNR each week. Thank you!

Safety Ambassador Report –[John Peralta](#)

- Fatality in Florida – Porta Potty accident. The group discussed some ideas on proper and safe porta potty placement.
- Battery Survey – 19 people participated in the survey. Slight increase from conference (13 from conference) 10 from Landfills. A lot from Northern/West Central. We could use more representative from South.
- Is there a list of Waste Industry professionals for the State? Does SWANA National have this?
 - DNR has a list for all the landfills – Meleesa can get that to the team
 - DNR has a list of all the MRFs and Transfer Stations – Meleesa will get this to the team
 - APWA Department – Meleesa feels this would be a good group to share the survey.
 - Susan can put that on the website – It is pop-up right now for the strategic planning survey, but she can switch this to link to the Battery survey when we wrap-up the strategic planning survey, if the safety committee has some time to collect more data.

Membership / Social Media Report *Chris*

- No meeting but Chris sent out a meeting invitation to the group.
- Membership email of those who will soon lapse in membership will be forwarded by Chris.

International *John*

- Great job by national staff to make it through COVID without a major financial hit.
- Region 9 meeting was a week ago. We received updates from other states. They are also just returning to in-person events. They were interested in how our event went.
- SWANA International received the second draft strategic planning. Subcommittees are working on that draft now.

YP Report *Lindsey*

- No update, but Susan thanked the group for their work at WIRMC with the welcome social. That is a very good event every year and very important to get people together meeting each other. It is a great way to start of conference.

Advocacy Report *John*

- Not much activity in Madison. Many things were rejected. End of legislative session. Focus will be shifting to elections
- National – The infrastructure bill. Some money coming to states for recycling and composting. Guidance will be coming from national. Execution will be determined at the state level. National is working hard on that, particularly Jesse Maxwell and David Biderman.
- PFAS – Meleesa talked with EPA’s Affluent Standards Office. They didn’t know we had public facilities managed by landfills. It was very important to meet them. They want some leachate numbers. Meleesa has received heard from 3-4 public facilities with data on their leachate volumes. Nationally, they are trying to set standards but they didn’t base their standards on considering public facilities. Please respond to Meleesa’s request for data. She does not want testing data. No names will be attached to the data. She just wants the typically volume and average miles traveled.
 - Susan will send this out again to all members.
 - Ali will send some leachate numbers to Meleesa for Dane Co.
 - Chris will send notice to BOW counties.
- Office of Management and Budget for Federal are working to help advise EPA – It is important that we provide our story (solid waste story). There is consideration to put PFAS under CERCLA. In a 30 minute meeting with the feds, there were representatives from Waste Management, Republic, SWANA National (Dave Biderman), and Meleesa. The group provided insight into our industry on this issue. The SW repr shared a lot of questions to the group if they indeed listed PFAS as a hazardous waste material under CERLA, such as: What would be required for reporting? How would this impact biosolids spread?

Scholarship Report *George*

- The application is updated and posted online. Little changed. George revised the instructions for us.
- Email will be sent out soon – George will work with Alex to get this out.

The timeline was reviewed

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
Website Updates	March	Website Chair
Review goals	March	Board
Wisconsin Non-Stock Corp Annual Report Form	March	Treasurer
Tax Form 990	March	Treasurer
Check Balance to make sure it's not under \$5,000	March	Treasurer
Review bank statement	March	Treasurer
Place conference info on national site	April	Admin
Check Balance to make sure it's not under \$5,000	April	Treasurer
Review bank statement	April	Treasurer

Unfinished Business

1. Chapter-wide Strategic Planning
 - a. 35 people have completed the survey so far.
 - b. No committee activity at the moment other than encouraging people to complete the survey.
 - c. Susan shared initial results from the question asked at WIRMC. An image with the results was emailed to the Board.
2. Post WIRMC 2022 Update (Susan/Planning Team)
 - a. Susan shared that it seemed to go well – We had 250 participants. (Normally we get about 300). Evaluations went out. Sponsors were really high this year. That was great. We are just getting the receipts from the hotel and other entities. It is too early to know the finances, but we should know more by next meeting.
 - b. Rob Greenfield went over well
3. Committee Goals
 - a. Susan will send out reminder to the chairs. Next month each committee should bring at least one goal they have for the rest of the year.
4. Sponsoring Envirothon 2022 Theme: Waste to Resources
 - a. Discuss on about this event.
 - b. There will be about 15 middle/high schools participating.
 - c. The winner goes to the national Envirothon.
 - d. They are seeking sponsorship and since it is highlighting our industry, some waste organizations and businesses may want to consider sponsoring this year.
 - i. Discuss on sponsoring.

Motion by Meleesa to sponsor at the \$500 level
Seconded by Nate
Approved – Motion Carries
5. Other Comments:
 - a. George recently attended an Engineering conference in Detroit – It was a great conference, but he noticed very few YPs in attendance. He wanted to share how important it is to keep encouraging young professionals to be involved.

- b. John shared that the Region 9 YP Rep. reached out to all the YP state reps and received no responses from them. It is a struggle to keep YPs engaged in most states. WI continues to have a high student and YP membership rate compared to others. We are proud of that. We are also looked to as an example. Half our board are YPs and that is unique.
- c. Nationally, they are taking notice of YPs. A former exec director put personal funds to engage young professionals and help them get involved. It is so important.

Next meeting March 21, 2022 at 10:00AM

Adjourn – 10:55 AM

Minutes recorded by Susan Schuller, SWANA BC Administrative Assistant