

**Wisconsin Badger State Chapter
Solid Waste Association of North America
Annual Meeting / Board Meeting
September 21, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.**

Zoom Conference Call
MINUTES – DRAFT

Call to Order: 10:10am

Roll Call & Introductions

BOD: Chris Anderson, MaKayla Galecki, Lee Daigle, Dave Hagenbucher, Mark Torresani, Ali Rathsack, John Welch, Abby Lichtscheidl

BOD Not Present: Nate Schneider, Benjamin Hintz

Also Present: Kate Strom Hiorns (DNR), Susan Schuller (RC), Michelle Nieuwenhuis (RC), John Peralta (Marathon Co), Logan Dwyer (Tetra Tech), Aden Clark (Tetra Tech), Alex Thomas (Dane Co)

Board of Directors Elections and Election of Officers

The election results:

31 votes casted online (0 mail or emailed)

6 thrown out (either repeats or not on current member list)

25 valid votes casted.

RESULTS

Chris Anderson, Foth (I)	24.76%
David Hagenbucher, Marathon County Solid Waste Department (I)	28.57%
Julie Ketchum, Waste Management	20.95%
Allison Rathsack, Dane County (I)	24.76%
Other – 1 Write-in - Brandon Suchomel	0.95%

It was noted that although Julie lives in MN, by our bylaws current members can serve on the board as long as they are members of the Badger Chapter. Julie is a member of the Badger Chapter.

Mark moves to approve the election results.

Lee – Seconded

Motion Passes

Election of the Board President – Lee nominates John Welch. Abby nominates Lee Daigle. Lee declines nomination for himself

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

Seconded Abby

Approved – Motion Carries

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

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

Seconded Ali

Approved – Motion Carries

Election of the Treasurer - Discussion — Nomination of Abby by Abby

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

Second by Lee.

Approved – Motion Carries

Election of the Secretary - Nomination of Ali Rathsack by John Welch

Motion by Mark to close nominations and accept nomination of Ali Rathsack as Secretary.

Second by Chris.

Approved – Motion Carries

Student Board of Director Position Nate, Dave, and Lee were on the selection committee.

They recommend the nomination of MaKayla Galecki for the YP BOD Position. There were two candidates interested.

Motion by Abby to accept the recommendation of MaKayla Galecki for the YP BOD position

Seconded by Ali

Approved – Motion Carries

Minutes of Previous Meetings [August 2023](#)

Lee moves to approve August Minutes.

Abby – Seconded

Approved – Motion Carries

Treasurer's Report [Abby \(emailed\)](#)

Checking: \$ 8,510.46

Savings: \$ 19,267.20

Scholarships all cashed. One purchase for Annual Meeting.

Abby reported about some transactions this past month.

Second by Dave

Approved – Motion Carries

Committee Reports

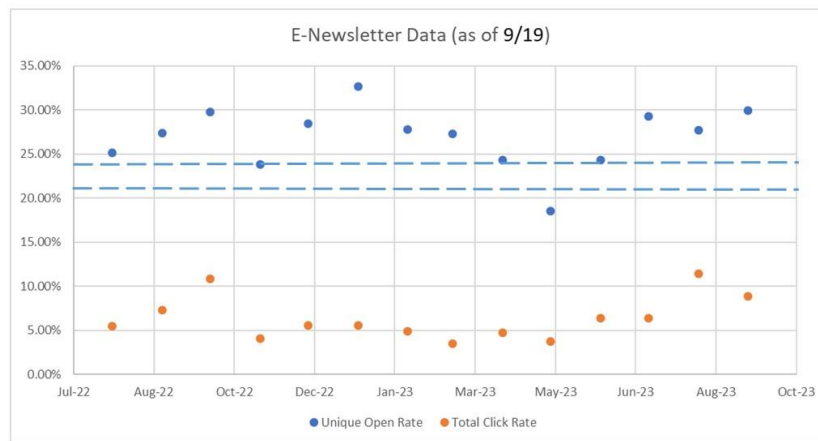
DNR Report - [Kate](#)

- Funding issues this past year and several open positions posed some challenges. They have hired the Lead Solid Waste Engineer. This position will be filled by Tess Brester. Now her previous position in the DNR will need to be filled in addition to a couple more positions that are open.
- SWIF grant announcements – \$551,000 received by WI DNR (only one in WI awarded). They will be hiring a project position for this grant. The main focus area will be on a food waste management plan for the state and policies to make improvements on food waste. They will be seeking assistance to help business, schools, local government, etc. with food waste issues and diversion opportunities.
- Rules updates – Recycling Rule for MRFs and RU's. Economic impact analysis is in process. The WI DNR welcomes input/feedback. There is a 21-day comment period.
- Solid Waste Fees Rule – potential need for change on this rule. October 18th is next meeting. In person or Zoom. All are welcome 9:30-12:30pm. NR507 is a big focus.
 - Question: Mark – Will there will be a comment period on this? Kate said there would be on official comment period late 2024. She added, they welcome input anytime in the process.
- Next week Solid Waste Interested Parties (SWIP) meeting – on Zoom – Thursday 9/28. The link and agenda have been sent out. They will have updates on program financials. Recycling Data updates. Environmental Enforcement staff will be there to inform how the process of compliance works and enforcement. Batteries will be discussed.


Safety Ambassador Report [Dave/John Peralta](#)

- National Preparedness Month – Be prepared as the weather changes as we move into fall/winter.


E-Newsletter Data




SWANA WI - Badger Chapter's Young Professionals
Monday, Oct 2, 2023 at 2 PM
A Chat with Karin



Karin Seig is the executive director of Recycling Connections. She shares her experience of working more than 30 years with a nonprofit organization in the solid waste industry.



To join the discussion, email Abby.Lichtenstiel for more information.



ASGARD AXE AND TAP

Where: 714 Oak Street
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
When: TODAY! Between 1:30 and 3:30 PM

Discussion: It would be interesting to get the yearly membership data over the course of 5 years to share at WIRMC.

International *John*

- John is the incoming regional rep. He went to CO in the summer. This chapter allowed reimbursement for incoming rep cost-share.
- Finances are good. Change at the National Level – 3 of 4 higher level leaders recently left SWANA. There is a interim CEO who brings 30+ years of running membership-based organizations at the national level. He made it clear he only plans to be interim.
 - Hiring process for the New CEO – the goal is to have them be at Waste CON next week. Unknown if we will make that deadline.
- At the recent meeting, there were discussions of higher costs for the organization being in DC. Discussion on cost benefits of this. They signed the new lease, smaller office (2,000 – 4,000 sq ft vs 10K sq ft). They signed a 3-year lease vs 10-year lease saving \$180K a year just by the lease.
- Meeting next week to assess the larger picture of office needs.
- SWANA has 30-35 full time staff across the country. More and more work remotely.

YP Report *Abby*

- Guest Speakers at recent YP meetings:
 - There is an upcoming presentation by Karin Sieg – Education/outreach view point
 - Mark presented last month – technical view
- Started revamping the YP of the Year application as an effort to get more nominations. We want to make it more clear and easier for interested YPs

- Welcome Event Planning – Need a basketball court area.
 - Laser Tag is an idea being discussed.
- Revisit the goals
- Ax throwing after this meeting

Advocacy Report *Mark*

- NR500 Rulemaking is active and ongoing process – comments accepted anytime. Don't need to wait for the open comment period.
- Mark would like to get more of a committee formed again. Seeking interest from others to join the committee.
- RNG Conference was last week in Nashville. A lot of discussions on Waste to Energy and eRINs Likely to not to go forward during upcoming election year. RNG Vehicles – Market is going to shift more toward electric vehicles. As a result, solutions for electric car battery recycling are needed. Additional discussion on the topic.
- Discussion on on the follow-up of the letter SWANA WI approved to support regarding the Owner Financial Responsibility letter from Rep Mursau. John will follow up with this.
- There is another letter regarding CERCLA exemptions. WCSWMA wrote a letter of support already to push the need to create exemptions for passive receivers of PFAS in potential CERCLA designation of this material.
 - Discussion on SWANA WI to create a similar letter and have it two letters instead of one together.

Scholarship Report *Lee*

Checks are cashed
 Call for applications will come out this winter
 Kristen sent a hand written thank you.

The timeline was reviewed.

Add August timeline items.

Send scholarship monies to students	August	Scholarship Chair
Prepare budget for approval at annual meeting	August	Treasurer
Prepare meeting schedule for approval at annual meeting	August	Admin
Call for Nominations for Board Members	August	Nominating Committee/Admin
Check Balance to make sure it's not under \$5,000	August	Treasurer Nominating
Ballots Approved	August	Committee/Admin
Website Updates	September	Website Chair
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
Check Balance to make sure it's not under \$5,000	October	Treasurer

Unfinished – New Business

1. Student Board of Director Position Approve of nominating MaKayla Galecki for the YP BOD Position. Done.

2. Approve 2023-2024 Meeting Schedule
 - Lee makes a motion to accept schedule to move the December meeting to the 14th.
 - Abby seconded
 - Discussion – About the fall meetings – move to 11am for October, November, Dec for allowing MaKayla to attend.

 - Motion by Ali to amend the original motion to add these next three meetings starting at 11am
 - Abby seconded
 - Approved – Motion Carries

3. Budget Approval
 - Abby presented the budget proposal for 2024. Discussion.
 - Suggestion to make advertisements different for the 101 Course
 - Discussion on insurance invoice. National sent us an invoice to be paid. \$984.

 - Mark moves to approve budget with the one change to make separate line item for 101 Course.
 - Chris – Seconded
 - Approved – Motion Carries

4. Service agreement for Approval
 - Lee moves to approve this contract as written.
 - Abby – Seconded
 - Discussion regarding some details of the contract and limits.
 - Approved – Motion Carries

 - Discussion on adding more detail of the expenses detail of extended \$500 expenses without prior written expenses. (SUSAN note this suggestion and make contact amendment for next year.

5. WI Counties Magazine – Special Edition on Solid Waste/Recycling (call for articles) (John)
Due October 12th
Topics of interest that is being asked to be covered by SWANA WI:
 - Dumps to Landfills – evolution of waste management - Mark Torresani and Ali Rathsack
 - Disposal of Lithium Ion Batteries and Fires – SWANA Safety Committee (John Peralta and Dave Hagenbucher are Committee Chairs)
 - Emerging Technologies – Lee Daigle
 - Creative Ways Closed Landfills are Being Used – Chris Anderson and Dave HagenbucherOther Topics include.
 - How Solid Waste is Funded in WI.
 - Wish cycling - AROW
 - Composting - increased interest (DNR – Casey is doing this one)
 - Waste management contracting – what to be aware of, what to ask to your waste hauler.

800-1200 words estimate – Include any high res photos, min. 300dpi, preferred to not email them but to send a link to a download to avoid decrease in image quality. Submit to Sheri Krause
Good articles in the past in the YP Newsletter. We can pull some of these and offer to Sheri.

6. WIRMC 2024 Update (Susan/Planning Team)

The committee met yesterday. The presentations were selected. This is always done by the actual committee members with SWANA, AROW, and WCSWMA representatives deciding on the presentations.

Regarding the RFP for 2026-27, the committee selected their top picks of venues. We do not have a contract yet.

7. Solid Waste 101 Course – Susan gave update. Writing by Meleesa Johnson and Karin Sieg this fall. Chris Anderson is also willing to provide content in specific areas when needed. Susan is researching the platform. Reviews will be requested in January.

Next board meeting is October 19th Zoom 11:00 am

Ax Throwing Social Event coming up after this meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Abby

Seconded by Ali

Approved

Adjourn – 12:10 pm

Minutes recorded by Susan Schuller, SWANA BC Administrative Assistant