

**Wisconsin Badger State Chapter
Solid Waste Association of North America
Stevens Point, WI
October 25, 2018, 10:00 a.m.**

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 10:25 a.m. by John Welch.

Roll Call

Board Members Present

Chris	George
Meleesa	John
Dave	Chad
Phil	Erik
Roxanne	

Absent

Larry

Also Present Lindsey Carlson, Rob Michitsch, Chelsea Huckbody, John Peralta

Agenda Motion by John second by Phil to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes of Previous Meeting The meeting minutes were not included. They will be approved at the next board meeting.

Treasurer's Report Meleesa provided the treasurer's report. The treasurer's report was reviewed. ARF funding was discussed. The board is leaning towards cutting the funding for the recycling research portion of ARF. ARF has decided to research plastic to fuel. Motion by Erik second by Chris to approve the treasurer's report. All in favor, motion carried.

Committee Reports

DNR Report John read the DNR update from Joe.

Safety Report There is a new member to the safety committee, John Peralta. Erik mentioned there have been a lot of near misses. The Safety committee will be presenting at WIRMC.

There is a growing problem with needle sticks with waste collectors. Meleesa suggested to research this issue.

Membership Report There are over 150 members, over 60 are YP's. Student membership has plateaued.

International Report National has been working on reinventing WasteCon. There is a consulting company that specializes in creating successful trade shows. It was recommended to get rid of Gaylord and move it to later in the year.

The Board discussed the reorganization. Michigan does not have a vote because they do not have a Chapter. The Regional Representative will be responsible for checking in with each state's chapter in their region. If the Representative does not check in, that state will not have to reimburse expenses.

The states in the region will split the representative's costs for mandatory meetings up to \$4,000 per year.

The representative will serve for two years. Each state will vote for their representative to sit on the congress board/advisory committee. The congress board will decide who is the regions representative between the four members on the congress board.

Meleesa stated that the MOU should include that "in the event of Michigan forming a chapter".

Motion by Chad second by Meleesa to approve the MOU with recommended language in regards to the potential for Michigan becoming a chapter. All in favor, motion carried.

YP Report The YP group will start discussing the YP event at WasteCon.

Social Media Report Chris let everyone know that anytime anyone wants something posted or shared we can do that.

Advocacy Report The Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) has a 2019 legislative agenda which includes a couple of items of interest for the SW/recycling industry. The WCA does have a long-standing policy position in support of using Recycling Fee money for recycling, waste reduction and Clean Sweep funding. However, in the past they have also lobbied in support of increasing grant funding for county conservation programs. This funding comes from the Environmental Management Fund and in 2016 increased funding for conservation grants negatively impacted the amount of money available for recycling grants.

In addition to the conservation grant funding, WCA is supporting a request from La Crosse County to waive DNR fees for residuals coming from the Excel Energy waste to energy facility. The WCA proposal is unclear about what is meant by residual, nor is there any cap on the amount of residual exempted. Another problematic portion of the proposal is that it is equating incineration with energy recovery with recycling and equating incineration residuals with MRF residuals, which are currently exempt from most DNR fees (for up to 10% of residuals tonnage).

AROW and WCSWMA have concerns about the proposal and ask SWANA to again partner on this topic. Meleesa will draft a letter on behalf of the 3 organizations.

Programs Report The programs committee has been focused on the Road-E-O. The event did not take off. There was a lot of progress made though. The committee felt that with the number of participants it would not be fair to the sponsors.

Scholarship Report YP nominations should go out very soon. It was agreed to put the YP of the year work onto the laps of the YP group.

Timeline Reviewed The timeline was reviewed. The budget will be approved in November.

Unfinished Business

New Business

- a. SWANA Scholarship in Recognition of Brenda Quinnell
 - a. John mentioned that SWANA legal counsel stated that organizations should stay away from naming awards after people at all costs. Their reasoning is that eventually people do not know who that person was and it has happened where an award has been named after someone and then details about their past come out that are unfavorable. John wanted to discuss. Meleesa advocated that the scholarship should be named after Brenda. Brenda was a vital person to the chapter. A motion to name one of the scholarships after Brenda Quinnell was made by Meleesa and seconded by Chris. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. Student Organization – SWANA National is encouraging the Badger Chapter work closely with UW-Stevens Point as an organization. Rob M stated that this is a two way relationship for networking and ideas. Industry professionals would be welcome to present to the student organization at meetings.
- c. Meleesa stated that the board may want to look at creating a student representative position on the board. There would need to be an agreement between the Chapter and school regarding this. Issues may come up regarding what school should the liaison come from? At this point Stevens Point has been the most interested and active and it would make sense for the student to come from this school.

Erik stated that we could create a Memorandum of Understanding, we would need to amend the by-laws to allow a student board member. John will check with the legal council to make sure there would be nothing to prevent a student board member the right to vote at a Chapter level. It was agreed that the students should choose their own representative on the board.

When other student organizations come along and would like to be a part of this. How will these student organizations work together to come up with a student representative? John stated that it should be treated the same as a YP representative. Those who are interested submit their nomination and voting is done electronically to decide.

What contact or content does the student group want? The student group will discuss at the next meeting. Mock interviews, mentoring and presentations were suggested.

Ballot

The following SWANA members were nominated for election of directors; John Welch, Meleesa Johnson, Chad Doverspike, Phil Gearing, Pat O'Brien, Lindsey Carlson. Those who were voted as directors include; John Welch, Meleesa Johnson, Chad Doverspike, Phil Gearing and Lindsey Carlson. John stated that committee appointments will be assigned at the next meeting.

Election of Officers

Meleesa nominated John Welch for president, Chris seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
Meleesa nominated Erik Lietz for vice president, Chris seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
John nominated Meleesa John for treasurer, Roxanne seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
Meleesa nominated Chris Anderson for secretary, Chad seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Budget Approval

Budget will be reviewed in November.

Service Agreement

A new request for proposal is complete and will be sent out. The individual/group that applies will have to have a business, llc, incorporation, etc. The deadline for applying is

Approve Meeting Calendar 2018-2019

The meeting Calendar was reviewed.

Approve Timeline

Other Business

Next Meeting The next meeting is scheduled via teleconference for November 15, 2018 at 11:00 am.

Adjourn Motion by Chris, second by Chad to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

Shelby Jensen, Administrative Assistant
Approved