

**Wisconsin Badger State Chapter
Solid Waste Association of North America
Annual Membership Meeting
November 19, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.**

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Call to Order: 10:08 am

Roll Call

BOD: George Shereda, Alex Thomas, John Welch, , Chris Anderson, Chad Doverspike, Ali Rathsack, Mark Torresani

BOD Not Present:, Meleesa Johnson, Lindsey Carlson, Dave Hagenbucher, Erik Lietz,

Also Present: Susan Schuller (SWANA Admin Assistant), Karin Sieg, Jennifer Semrau (DNR)

Minutes of Previous Meetings [October 2020](#)

Motion by Alex to approve October 2020 – two small edits

Seconded by Chad

Approved – Motion Carries

Treasurer's Report [Meleesa](#)

Checking \$6,206.53

Savings \$22,336.18

Tax exempt filing documents completed.

Motion by Chad to approve

Seconded by Alex

Approved – Motion Carries

Committee Reports

- DNR Report [Jennifer Semrau](#)
 - Upcoming WA meetings:
 - December 1 – 10:00-12:00 WA-17-18 Coal Combustion Residuals Rulemaking Public Feedback Meeting (not sharing rule language, but discussing concepts)
 - December 3 – 9:30-12:00 Waste and Materials Management Study Group Meeting (agenda to be posted likely this week)
 - December 3 – 1:00-3:00 Council on Recycling (LAB Report is on the agenda, ADS and GDL Transition will also be discussed. Agenda posted)
 - December 9 – 9:00-11:00 WA-11-19 Electronics Recycling Rulemaking Public Feedback Meeting (not sharing rule language, but discussing concepts)
 - December 14 – 9:00-12:00 Material Recovery Facility Stakeholder Meeting
 - LAB report: NR 544 starting with a scope statement in next year or two. DNR appreciates the News Release the 3 solid waste organizations submitted in support of recycling in WI. WDNR is committed to opening NR544. This is a priority – with scope

statement starting in the coming years. If you haven't read this report yet, it is important that you do so. Please see DNR comments

- Update on waste sort: continues through December, and final report is still expected by the end of March
- The Water Quality program is leading a rulemaking effort to allow third-party proctored online certification exams. This would include exams for landfill operator and manager certification. This will likely change the fees involved with exams as well – but no further details are available yet. They are just finishing wording on the scope statement and plan to do emergency and permanent rules. This came to light this year when the agency was unable to offer in-person certification exams.

QUESTIONS:

- Mark – regarding Opening NR500. When might that happen? That was our first priority before NR544 was pushed forward as a result of the LAB report.
 - Jennifer indicated that there is not an updated timeline yet, but at the next meeting there could be an update on that.
 - Chad mentioned that “Technology review” is an agenda topic on Dec 3rd meeting
- John gave response to LAB report – the News Release summarized comments. In reality, DNR lost staff and this was not reiterated enough in the report. DNR staff went from 17 staff down to currently 10 staff (this includes just 1.5 education and enforcement staff only) statewide. Legislation cut funding 50% for recycling several years ago. They didn't emphasize this huge cut in funding received. They didn't identify where the funds come from in the first place and how those are not going to where it is intended. The formula is from 1990 and that calculates funding to a community.
- This report puts pressure to change things in DNR including the need to update outdated statutes.
- John added that we will continue to be strong advocates in this work and will work to support efforts moving forward.
- Jennifer also added that group evaluations with RUs were very valuable, but LAB didn't include it in the report. None-the-less, MRF reps see these group reviews useful and hope they will continue.
- Beneficial Reuse rule was identified as an issue. If DNR cannot use this designation and ruling, then we will need how to different funding source for this program.
- John asked: Environmental Management Fund is used for all sort of funds not related. Any chance funds from this account could be used for funding the beneficial use program?
 - Jennifer said it might be possible, but it might not be the approach DNR takes. Not sure if the agency will take that approach to funding this.
- Safety Ambassador Report *Erik -- absent*
 - No report
- Membership Report *Chris*
 - Chris contacted Phil.
 - No meeting yet.
 - We are at 164 members with ~44% YPs

- International *John*
 - SWANA -- virtual WasteCON is coming up after the new year.
 - MI became a provisional chapter. Our region chapter reps will meet soon to modify the regional MOU to add MI. Instead of paying 25% to pay for rep to attend meetings, we will be paying 20%, so that is good.
 - Swanapalooza is now S.O.A.R – hoping by June we can do a live event.
 - Finances are challenged but overall manageable.

- YP Report *Dave--/Lindsey – Report given by Alex*
 - Met yesterday
 - They are working on plans for WIRMC Happy Hour Event
 - Bi-annual Newsletter to have to the board for approval in Dec
 - YP Goals are being discussed
 - More talk about the new student board member position and goals with that were also discussed.

- Social Media Report *Chris*
 - No change or updates.
 - Followers on FB are about the same. Susan continues to post WIRMC posts and Safety Mondays.
 - Some changes with Facebook might allow an easy way to add an Instagram account in the future.

- Legislative Advocacy Report *John*
 - LAB report – we will continue to take a lead on response to that. The News Release was sent out. Encourage people to get this out to local news outlets. Developing key points for people to talk on this. Also looking on more technical response to send legislators.
 - PFAS – recommendations came out and we responded to that report. We feel the report treated us more as sources vs receivers of PFAS.

- Scholarship Report *George*
 - No Report

Timeline Reviewed

Call for nomination in December for YP awards. – timeline

Molo CEU pre-approval	November	Conference Chair
Check Balance to make sure it's not under \$5,000	November	Treasurer
Ask for YP Award nominations	December	Programs Committee
Review goals	December	Board
Check Balance to make sure it's not under \$5,000	December	Treasurer
Annual Progress Report	Dec 31	Admin
Annual Financial Report	Dec 31	Treasurer
Review bank statement	December	Treasurer
Website Updates	December	Website Chair

Unfinished Business

1. Approval of Service Contract with RCC – A lot of discussion this past month. Suggesting that we simplify the contract. John shared the changes proposed.
In performing services under this Agreement, the SERVICE PROVIDER shall be and have the status of an independent service provider/contractor and shall not be or have the status of an employee of the CHAPTER. All of the SERVICE PROVIDER'S activities will be at his/her own risk, and the SERVICE PROVIDER shall not be entitled to worker's compensation or similar benefits or any other employment related insurance protection provided by the CHAPTER.

As an independent contractor, RC is responsible and liable for paying any and all Local, State and Federal taxes on compensation paid for services by SWANA, carrying sufficient liability, worker's compensation and other insurance necessary for doing business as an independent contractor.

The CHAPTER will not withhold funds from the monies paid to the SERVICE PROVIDER and will not make any remittance to local, state or federal revenue authorities.

Chris made a motion to accept the proposed language change and make the contract effective since October 1st

Seconded by Ali

Approved – Motion Carries

2. Confirm Committee Assignments & Identify Committee Chairs

Chad made a motion to approve committee assignments

Seconded by Alex

--- Discussion: Committees need to send Susan the final person selected as the committee chair. She will assume the first person on that list is the chair if she doesn't hear from you. This is reported to SWANA National in our annual report that is due at the end of next month.

Approved – Motion Carries

3. WIRMC 2021 Update (Susan) /

- WIRMC committee member open let John or Susan know if you want to serve on this.
- 4 Keynotes and 24 Presentations
- 10 Confirmed Sponsors: 3 Platinum, 1 Gold, 4 Silver, 2 Bronze (1 Exhibitor)
- Registration – NOW OPEN
- Populating the Online Conference Platform
- Mailing went out this week
- Bi-weekly email promotions
- Social Media

4. Continuity of Operations Planning in event of COVID19 (ongoing item of discussion)

- Case counts are rising and a big impact on health workers and also on our industry.
- Continue to be very diligent with staff. Follow recommendations.
- Masking and social distancing is working for us at work. No spread at work itself. It is mostly coming from the community.

- Mark has been on a lot of project sites. Office work is safe, but going out on project sites are really needing to use safety precautions. Require anyone working on constructions sites and job site trailers to follow recommendations.
5. Chapter-wide Strategic Planning – No updates. John will touch-base with Meleesa. We will probably have a small core team to help move this forward. Let John know if you want to serve on this.

Next meeting December 17 at 10am.

Adjourn - 11:05 am

Minutes recorded by Susan Schuller, SWANA BC Administrative Assistant