

**Wisconsin Badger State Chapter
Solid Waste Association of North America
Annual Meeting / Board Meeting
January 18th, 2024 at 10:00 AM
Zoom Conference Call
MINUTES – DRAFT**

Call to Order: 10:02 AM

Roll Call & Introductions

BOD: MaKayla Galecki, Lee Daigle, Dave Hagenbucher, Ali Rathsack, Abby Lichtscheidl, Julie Ketchum, John Welch, Benjamin Hintz Chris Anderson,

BOD Not Present: Mark Torresani

Also Present: Kate Strom Hiorns (DNR), Michelle Nieuwenhuis (RC), John Peralta (Marathon Co), Susan Schuller

Minutes of Previous Meetings [December 2023](#)

Abby moves to approve December Minutes.

Lee – Seconded

Approved – Motion Carries

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

Checking: \$ 5,741.73

Savings: \$ 14,268.18

Abby reported about some transactions this past month.

Makayla motions to approve.

Julie seconds.

Approved – Motion Carries

Committee Reports

DNR Report - [Kate](#)

- Public hearing was held yesterday, 1/17/24, for the DNR’s recycling rule. Minimal comments, generally in support except for requirement that MRFs obtain proof of owner financial responsibility. Written comments are due by next Wednesday, 1/24/24. The rule, economic analysis, and information on how to comment can be found here, under WA-13-21:
<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/news/input/ProposedPermanent>
- Landfill design and solid waste fees rulemaking advisory committee met last week, last scheduled meeting, but will likely have one more related to economic impacts of the rule elements. Code changes were shared with committee members and responses are requested by the end of the month. Next step will be finalizing documents and the economic impact comment period in late spring/early summer. Any questions or comments to share, please contact your SWANA reps on the committee or Kate Strom Hiorns kathrynm.stromhiorns@wisconsin.gov
- The next Waste and Materials Management Study Group meeting is on February 1 at 9:00. Agenda and Zoom link can be found here:
<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Waste/StudyGroup.html> We have one opening for a Study Group member and have received two nominations so far. Anyone

interested in nominating yourself or others, please let Kate know. Will close nomination period January 31.

- New Engineer, Emily Storm, started in Northeast Region on Monday.
- Most likely posting recruitment on 1/22 for an Organics/Food Waste Management Specialist under our SWIFR grant. Will send out notice on listservs.
- Busy time at Legislature on bill proposals. DNR providing initial input if asked, conducting fiscal estimates on proposed bills, and giving testimony at public hearings. Bills include:
 - **Proposal: [SB906 \(-4840\)](#) [View Bill History](#) relating to: education about rechargeable batteries and providing grants for collecting and recycling rechargeable batteries**
 - **Proposal: [AB492 \(-0632\)](#) [View Bill History](#) relating to: method for establishing proof of financial responsibility for municipal solid waste facilities; payments for closure, long-term care, and corrective action costs for certain solid or hazardous waste facilities; extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures; providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures; granting rule-making authority; and making an appropriation**
 - **Proposal: [SB866 \(-5411\)](#) [View Bill History](#) relating to: changes to the electronic waste recycling program and granting rule-making authority**
 - **Proposal: [SB876 \(-5362\)](#) [View Bill History](#) relating to: funding for education on solid waste reduction, recovery, and recycling and making an appropriation**

Safety Ambassador Report *Dave/John Peralta*

- January is radon awareness month. Municipalities may have reduced rates and fees on tests.
- Continued work on Safety Resource Center for WIRMC and created timelines for both of the projects they're working on.
- B.L.S. has the national census for fatal occupational injuries from 2022 and the waste and recycling industry is at number 7 and getting out of top 10 which is a goal of SWANA.

Membership / Social Media Report *Ali*

- Good response rate from e-newsletter survey response sent out to membership.
- Memberships are slightly down from last year, Ali reached out to members who are expiring this month and most will continue to be members.

International *John*

- Still transitioning into new executive director on the national level, continuing to meet monthly.
- SWANA doing well financially, above target level of reserves.
- Next in person meeting is April 2nd in Niagara Falls.
- S.O.A.R is April 15th – 18th in Arizona.
- Call for applications for SWANA officers.

YP Report *Abby*

- Potential initial planning “Waste Camp” at Marathon County will be starting soon. There would be CQA classes during the day and then afterwards an optional social event camping at a local campsite.
- Tying up details of the two welcome events at WIRMC: laser tag and “musical networking”.
- YP of the Year applications were due and being scored. A new YP of the year will be selected next week by the committee.
- Contemplating working with AROW by merging meetings in hopes to raise attendance.

Advocacy Report *John*

- Landfill rulemaking process will be moving forward; the economic analysis will be coming up next.
- The rulemaking to recycling programs is wrapping up.
- The comment period for revisions NR439 regarding air permits and NR140 regarding setting groundwater quality standards for PFAs constituents are wrapping up.
- Two proposed bills LRB5411-1 related to e-waste programs and AB492 related to owner financial responsibility.

Scholarship Report *Lee*

- Invited last year’s scholarship winners to WIRMC. Two will attend, one will be attending through working with Recycling Connections.

The timeline was reviewed.

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| Check Balance to make sure it's not under \$5,000 | January | Treasurer |
| 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 – New Business

- Committee Meetings
 - i. Ben will be joining the scholarship committee.
 - ii. Julie will be joining the advocacy group.
 - iii. All other committees will be staying the same.
- YP of the Year
 - i. Covered in YP report.
- Solid Waste 101 Course Update
 - i. Susan presented the dashboard for the course and shared updates on progress.
 - ii. Discussed possible sites for the MRF and landfill tours for the course.
- WIRMC Update
 - i. 132 registrants, 6 exhibitor spots left, around \$48,000 in sponsorships.
 - ii. Recycling Connections is asking the 3 involved organization for raffle prizes for attendees.
 1. John motions for SWANA to spend up to \$400 for raffle prize, Abby seconds. Approved - Motion carries.

Next board meeting is February 28th, 2024 at 9:45 AM

Motion to adjourn by Lee
Seconded by Ben
Approved

Adjourn – 11:42 AM

Minutes recorded by Michelle Nieuwenhuis, SWANA BC Administrative Assistant