

**Wisconsin Badger State Chapter
Solid Waste Association of North America
Board Meeting
March 16, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
Zoom Conference Call
MINUTES**

Call to Order: 10:03am

Roll Call & Introductions

BOD: John Welch, Abby Lichtscheidl, Lee Daigle, Mark Toressani, Nate Schneider, MaKayla Galecki, Ali Rathsack, Chris Anderson, Benjamin Hintz

BOD Not Present: Dave Hagenbucher

Also Present: Jennifer Semrau (WI DNR) & John Peralta (Marathon Co)

Minutes of Previous Meetings [February 2023](#)

Motion by Abby to approve February Minutes with suggested minor edits

Seconded Nate

Approved – Motion Carries

Treasurer's Report [Abby](#)

Shared our annual standing for our budget. Regional rep requesting some \$222.16. This is an equal split between region reps. (IL, OH, MI, WI, IN)

They want John to attend the June Meeting (in-person).

Checking: \$5,360.64

Savings: \$19,566.10

Motion by Chris to approve the financial report

Seconded Nate

Approved – Motion Carries

Committee Reports

DNR Report - [Jennifer Semrau, DNR Rep](#)

- Landfill and solid waste fees rulemaking underway. External advisory committee members were notified last Friday of their “appointments” and the first public meeting will be April 19 at 9:30 using Zoom. Any questions, please contact Kate Strom Hiorns kathrynm.stromhiorns@wisconsin.gov – John Oswald, John Welch, Betsy Power and Mark Torresani are SWANA reps on this advisory committee.
 - Question/Discussion – Structure and review of the rules. The charter said the comments should come from committee members during the charter rulemaking. Clarification – yes there will indeed be public comment period. Discussion on when that comment period opens (after the draft is done or during the process).
- Annual landfill tonnage reporting data should be finalized soon for 2022; first quarter tonnage report to be emailed ~April 3
- MRF self-certification reports due March 31; RU annual reports to be sent out likely next week
- We continue working on updates to our administrative code related to municipal recycling programs and MRF requirements. Proposed changes include determining

“adequate” recycling service at multi-family residences, updating education and reporting requirements for MRFs, and possible per person collection standards (ideas welcome).
Send comments to Jennifer Semrau

- Electronics recycling code updates hopefully finalized soon; includes requirements for electronics recyclers to obtain a processing license.
- Proposed Permanent Admin Rules
<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/news/input/ProposedPermanent.html>
- No news on hiring in the Waste Program yet, assessing workload with a few vacancies

Safety Ambassador Report *John Peralta*

- National –
 - No new fatalities. Meeting coming up – Monday, April 17th @ 2pm Safety Ambassador meeting.
 - Reminder – March 23 @ 1pm CST is live webinar on Safety Town Hall
- SWANA WI Safety Committee Met yesterday –
 - Safety Reminder – Check tread on your equipment. Ensure good working order.
 - Discussed SRC from WIRMC
 - Comments on Safety Bylaws to vote later.
 - Chair and Vice Chair (allow co-chairs but align with our bylaws on requiring Chairs to be SWANA WI BOD)
 - How are they selected? Something to clarify. There are criteria for being a board member. John will add clarifications.
 - Requirements for attending ½ of the meetings. Add comments –members may be removed at the discretion of the chair.
 - We cannot have voting in committee. They bring recommendations to the full board for voting. John will add this.
 - John will update. Send to Susan. She will share with the group for final vote next meeting.

Membership / Social Media Report *Ali*

- Reached out to memberships expiring this month.
- Didn't meeting this month.
- E-news went out
- Working on getting national to get membership list to work without needing to request from national every time. This is still an issue.
- Ali talked with Betsy on possible joint effort for e-news with AROW.

International *John*

- Big change – ED David Biderman is no longer CEO. Searching for an ED/CEO to be filled, ideally, by WasteCon.
- We are over 11,000 members – good.
- Financials are good.
- Strategic Plan goals are moving forward
- Full board voted on 12.5% of all member dues to chapters. This goes into effect July 1st.
- SOAR – Atlanta - April 17-20, 2023

- WasteCon – Boston Sept 27-29
- SOAR Phoenix – April 15-17, 2024

YP Report *Abby*

- Welcome event done and was fun.
- Brainstorming ideas:
 - Equipment Rodeo maybe or do an event where people can try heavy equipment.
 - Possible tour again.
 - Logan offered ideas for river clean up in May. Teaming up with the Capital Waters Trail Group – 7 people noted they can make the proposed dates.
 - Question: If we go to these events with a +1s, how does that work if SWANA supplies lunch or sponsors? Members are covered, not +1s.
 - Ideas for WIRMC Social Next year, remote control vehicle ideas. Speed networking ideas.

Advocacy Report *Mark*

NR500 Advisory Committee – stress that this is advisory to DNR. There are many things covered in NR500 that effects our industry. Main topics includes Alternative Liners. Share comments to advisory committee member. Mark shared list of members. Meeting dates shared as well. Public can view meetings, but not allow to participate. As an industry if you have comments, be sure to talk with representatives – advisory committee. It is a 30-month process and we are already about 6 months in.

EPA CERCLA for PFAS – They have listening sessions out and public comment period going on. EPA will not take action with the following parties-- Not pursued under CERCLA are:

- Community Water Utilities and Publicly owned treatment works POTWs – May treat PFAS contaminated sources of water or wastewater
- Publicly Owned/Operated Muni SW Landfills
- Farms may apply Biosolids to the land – biosolids are treated sewage sludge from POTWs
- State – Tribal – Muni Airports and fire departments

Mark notes - This will likely lead to a lawsuit from the private sector to EPA.

Green Fire – PFAS is an issue they focus on. Early May PFAS Info Event – WCSWMA is a sponsors May 2nd in Wausau – Towns Villages, and Munis. Education on PFAS. Invite only.

Scholarship Report *Lee*

No updates, waiting on applications. None yet.

The timeline was reviewed.

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
Send SWANA National next WIRMC	April	Admin

Unfinished – New Business

1. Safety Committee Bylaws – Discussed above. Vote next month.
2. WIRMC 2023 Update (Susan/Planning Team)
 - a. We had about 250 registered. About 50 no shows or cancelled due to weather.
 - b. More traffic in the Expo Hall would be nice. Booth for 8 hours.
 - c. Discuss on evaluations and feedback to presenters.
 - d. Next month we will have more updates on cost share results and final report to the committee.

Additional Comments

- Change time for YP Meetings - First Monday of every month at 2pm. Abby with confirm
- Next meeting April 20th at 10am on Zoom

Motion to adjourn by Abby

Seconded by Nate

Approved

Adjourn – 11:12 am

Minutes recorded by Susan Schuller, SWANA BC Administrative Assistant