

**Wisconsin Badger State Chapter  
Solid Waste Association of North America  
Board Meeting  
Jun 16, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.  
Zoom Conference Call  
MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** Start 10:05 am

**Roll Call**

BOD: Mark Toressani, Dave Hagenbucher, Ali Rathsack, George Shereda, Chad Doverspike, Alex Thomas, John Welch, & Meleesa Johnson

BOD Not Present: Chris Anderson, Nate Schneider, Lindsey Carlson

Also Present: Karin Sieg (Recycling Connections), Kate Strom Hiorns (WDNR)

**Minutes of Previous Meetings** [May 2022](#)

Motion by Mark to approve May Minutes

Seconded Alex

Abstained John

Approved – Motion Carries

**Treasurer's Report** [Meleesa](#)

Financial Report sent – Checking = \$10,780.01 / Savings = \$26,339.40

Meleesa emailed the report stating, "Please note that I transferred \$6000 from the checking to the savings. It is good practice to keep money in savings, rather than checking. The savings is harder to access in a breach and is not at all tied to the checking debit card. Let me know if you have any questions." In the further, we may need to increase the staff budget due to additional assistance with the strategic planning process

Motion by Ali to approve financial report

Seconded Chad

Approved – Motion Carries

**Committee Reports**

**DNR Report** - [Kate Strom Hiorns](#)

Report emailed: New E-Cycle WI rural grant program:

DNR has awarded more than \$85,000 in E-Cycle Wisconsin Electronics Collection Grants for 15 projects in 13 counties that will host an electronics collection site or event in 2022 or the first half of 2023. The grants will help fund three permanent electronics collection sites and up to 16 one-day collection events. The grant program gives priority to projects in counties that do not have any permanent collection sites registered under E-Cycle Wisconsin. For this round, the DNR was able to award grants to all applicants.

**Safety Ambassador Report** [Dave](#)

No major updates. Made announcement about Amanda's email about liability issues. Still working on battery safety issues.

**Membership / Social Media Report** [Ali](#)

Met last week, discussed sending out monthly emails with updates and news, starting in August.

**International** [John](#)

Meeting again next week. They received good financial report. They recommend a 10-15% increase in dues. WASTE CON in December in Orlando (?). Planning on offering some leadership training for Chapter leaders, so attendance rate reduced for chapter leaders.

YP Report *Alex*

Last month didn't meet, need to get a time for the most people. Regrouping to meet next month.

Advocacy Report *John/Meleesa*

- John mentioned the EPA announcement yesterday about PFAS limits in drinking water. The recommendations for limits well beyond what people thought. It is something like 4 parts per quadrillion, well beyond what any test can test for. This would have wide range impacts on many industries.
- WDNR is interpreting code much more differently than in the past years/decades ('drastic change' per John) especially regarding permitting for waste facilities regarding exemptions. This is causing a lot of confusion and issues. But we are talking with higher ups in WDNR and having some positive conversations. Secretary of the DNR toured Dane County to learn more and help work through these issues.
- Mark: he has talked with DNR as well on these interpretations. He agrees that private and public workers would be important to engage on this issue.
- Meleesa: signing on letter from National SWANA regarding their position on signing on to a paper by the US Chamber of Commerce that is asking for a narrow exemption regarding PFOA's and PFOS's if they are listed under CERCLA. Based on this, she strongly agrees that SWANA WI support this. She believes David Biderman signed on to this.
- Brought up recent news about recent First Amendment 'audits' at the solid waste facilities. Meleesa just purchased signs today to post in and around MCSWD areas to indicate which areas are NOT OPEN to the public. If there isn't a sign, they are restricted from entering private areas.
- John: Remember, this is also a safety issue for visitors. We can't have some people coming in and around areas for safety reasons.

Scholarship Report *George*

- Completed the process, notified recipients. John, Pat, Chad on the Scholarship Committee – Thank you!
- All \$6,000 was allocated.
- For next year, review how we ask for applications for the Brenda Quinnell scholarships and what is requested. Will discuss more later.

**The timeline was reviewed**

Meet in person at various locations, hosted by different member	June	All
Website Updates	June	Website Chair
Review goals	June	Board
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Pursue conference speakers/ideas for sessions	June	All
Check Balance to make sure it's not under \$5,000	June	Treasurer
Review bank statement	June	Treasurer
No meeting	July	None

Begin Budget Prep	July	Treasurer w/assistance
Check Balance to make sure it's not under \$5,000	July	Treasurer
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 Nominating
Call for Nominations for Board Members	August	Committee/Admin
Check Balance to make sure it's not under \$5,000	August	Treasurer

- Let Board know if interested in Waste Con.
- Next meeting in August. Will need to prepare a new budget – Meleesa

### **Unfinished Business**

#### 1. Chapter-wide Strategic Planning -- Draft sent. Please comment

In progress, but moving along. Rough draft shared: 75% done? Get input from board. Committee meets one more time, and hope to have final version for approval at August meeting.

Discussion:

- a. Chad: Appreciates all the work and effort. First saw that it was a SOAR (?)like the strengths including the RC relationship. Like the long history of the SWANA badger chapter and its past members (with multiple people behind the scenes that are an asset / strength for the chapter). Large private companies are less engaged in WI. The membership is strongly focused on municipality and state employees.
- b. Meleesa: We are still missing local officials as stakeholders and federal legislators. Perhaps add that to the document.
- c. John: He shared how the facilitator was able to show us a graph of the feedback from the survey that showed that people are overall satisfied with work we are already doing for social events and things like that. It indicated that there are more opportunities for education and training events.
- d. Meleesa: Thank you to the team working on this.
- e. George: He glanced at the document and will pass some written comments on the document.
- f. Ali will follow up with Nathan about when the next meeting is.

#### 2. Elections upcoming

- a. John, Chad, Meleesa, Mark, and Lindsey are up for re-election. 4 of them (John, Meleesa, Lindsey, and Chad) indicated that they will not be going for re-election. John would be willing to stay if Lindsey is truly leaving. We also have a one-year BOD position that will be vacant from George leaving this year. Mark (per John) is willing to stay.
- b. Will be looking for new President, VP, and Treasurer.
- c. George encourages people to step up to be involved with committee, they don't have to serve on the board itself.
- d. Official Nomination Committee: Meleesa, Chad, George will be this committee. Announce and individually recruit!
- e. Discussed that need a description of what being on the board involves- Don't have one?!

- f. Encourage looking for opportunities for diversity representation, on all different fronts such as industries
  - g. Interested people should contact Susan.
  - h. Ongoing discussion...
3. WIRMC Conference Planning – replace George?
- a. Meeting tomorrow to confirm the planned schedule, sponsorship levels, and budget plan.
  - b. Call for Presenters just went out today.
  - c. Nate, Chad, and \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Susan should put out a call to members asking if someone else wants to join

Next meeting August 18, 2022 at 10:00AM

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Minutes recorded by Karin Sieg, Recycling Connections, and Susan Schuller, SWANA BC Administrative Assistant