

**Wisconsin Badger State Chapter
Solid Waste Association of North America
Annual Membership Meeting
September 23, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.
Zoom Meeting**

MINUTES – DRAFT

Call to Order: Start 8:34am

Roll Call

BOD: John Welch, Erik Lietz, Dave Hagenbucher, George Shereda, Chris Anderson, Lindsey Carlson, Mark Toressani, Chad Doverspike, Meleesa Johnson, Alex Thomas,

BOD Not Present: Ali Rathsack

Also Present: Susan Schuller (SWANA Admin Assistant), Nate Schneider, Gerry Neuser, Karin Sieg, Valerie Parker, Caitlin McAleavey, Kate Strom-Hiorns

Minutes of Previous Meetings [August 2021](#)

Motion by Lindsey to approve as amended the August 2021 Minutes

Seconded Chad

Approved – Motion Carries

Treasurer's Report [Meleesa](#)

Checking: \$7,257.10

Savings: -- \$20,337.86

Committee Reports

- **DNR Report** [Kate Strom Hiorns \(emailed report\)](#)
 - WA currently recruiting 3 IT staff, 3 HW specialists, Green & Healthy Schools LTE
 - LF Operator Certification rulemaking to allow online certification examinations:
 - Emergency rule is in place, permanent rule public hearing 10/12
 - Website and exam application form being updated and finalized – application can be submitted electronically with fee. Updated webpage to explain the new exam application and facilitation process
 - First online exams likely starting in October
 - Electronics management rule going to Natural Resources Board for approval 10/27; and Coal combustion residual landfill rulemaking public hearing 10/28
 - Waste characterization study online, dnr.wi.gov search "waste characterization studies"; assessing household survey info
 - Food waste focus this and upcoming years, goal to reduce food waste going to landfills by 50% by 2030
 - Solid Waste Interested Parties meeting combined with WMM Study Group on October 7 at 1:00, with DNR updates, recycling info, focus on carcass management and carcass composting project

- **Safety Ambassador Report** [Erik](#)

Didn't meet this month. No Update.

- **Membership/ Social Media Report** [Dave / Ali](#)
 - 126 Likes / 143 Follows

- Trying to get more engagement from YPs.
- Susan added to the minutes - current membership as of 8/25/2021 -- 165 members
- International *John*
 - Strong financially. In the future challenges might come because a lot of the financial support comes from hosting conferences. As we are seeing from WASTECon, attendance might be way down. They may not make as much in conferences. This event is still planned to be in person in Orlando this fall. Conferences as a whole make up a lot of the income, but they also generate a lot of expenses at the same time.
 - Strategic Planning at the national level is happening. – John is working on Safety Committee in this process.
 - New Make-up regional structure. Our rep is expected to go to WasteCon. He submitted expenses for Hotel and flight. Our expenses to him are around \$200.
- YP Report *Dave/Lindsey*
 - Met yesterday – First since June. Sent a call for student director position. No responses.
 - The committee would like to recommend that Alex serve as the student board rep for another year as we get through the pandemic.
 - Region 9 representative opening. We encourage our YPs to also serve.
 - Litter clean-up scheduled for October 15th in Madison area. More details coming.
 - Discussed intention to do a welcome event for WIRMC
 - Some submissions for newsletter came in. These will be placed on the website instead of in a formal newsletter.
 - AROW EM has an educational tour coming up on Tuesday 9/28 at 10am in Lacrosse at 7 Rivers Recycling – Contact Krystal Clark if interested in attending.
 - We saw a lot of engagement of Tetra Tech YPs. Thanks Mark for encouraging his staff to attend these meetings. If other leaders can encourage other YPs to engage, they need to hear that from their supervisors. It really helps.
 - Mark – we feel it is very important – there is an aging population in our industry, so it is very important to reach out and support YP engagement.
 - Meleesa – UWSP has a very small enrollment at this time. We might want to think about some of the engagement at universities. Maybe have some conversations with some of the university professors in our area.
- Advocacy Report *Meleesa*
 - Meleesa gave an update on the work regarding PFAS happening at the state level. Focus on last meeting was on biosolids and notification that may be going to farmers as it relates to PFAS.
 - John – comment on biosolids and PFAS Important to work with partners in Waste Water Groups not against them. Come up with collaborative solutions here.
 - At the PFAS Workgroup Meetings, we are having these conversations. She is concerned on what will be expected of landfills. She often hears landfills being grouped in as the source of PFAS. It continues to be frustrating to her.
 - National – PFAS continues to be brought up, but not a lot of traction.
 - National - Carbon Capture Tax Credits – Trying to work on capturing gas for more renewable energy tax credits
 - John Comments – as an industry, continue to watch this. It is the future of what will be expected at landfills to be a part of climate change solutions.
 - National - Compost Infrastructure—some work legislatively here.

- Seeking exemption under CERCLA– if PFAS is categorized as a hazardous substance, that proposal, if it becomes law, exempts waste water municipal. Asking that landfills to also get captured under this exemption.
 - Recent action listed dredged substance from Superior and Michigan are not designated as solid waste and can be used in other applications. They are loosely using the NR 538 rule.
 - AROW just offered a lunch and learn on the recycling rule.
- Scholarship Report *George*
No update.

The timeline was reviewed

Website Updates	September	Website Chair Nominating
Ballots Approved	September	Committee/Admin
Ballots Sent	September	Admin
Review goals	September	Board
Annual Meeting: Election of Officers, Service Provider Agreement	September	President/Admin
Review bank statement	September	Treasurer
Check Balance to make sure it's not under \$5,000	September	Treasurer
Update Board Member List & Send to Members with appointed committees	October	Admin
Inform National of New Officers with appointed committees	October	Admin
Check Balance to make sure it's not under \$5,000	October	Treasurer

Unfinished Business

- Board of Directors Election
 - Results: 21 members voted (20 online and 1 in person)
 - All five candidates move forward: Chris Anderson, Dave Hagenbucher, Allison Rathsack, Nate Schneider, and George Shereda.
 - There was one write-in.
 - Motion to close voting and accept results by Alex
 - Seconded by Mark
 - Approved unanimously – motion passes.
- John - Diversity on the board is important. Discussion on having more than 2 people from an organization. With Lindsey taking position at Dane, there are 3 reps from Dane on the board. Discussion. This board has a goal to avoid this, but it isn't officially in our bylaws to do so.
 - Mark – it is important to have diversity. Some board limit the number of terms a member can serve.
 - John has 1 year in his term. He can step down or he can stay on for 1 more year. The group discussed.
 - Meleesa supports a deliberate transition, not just a quick change. Diversify on all levels beyond public/private.
 - Chad agrees, an interim period is good. Then address at next election in one year.
 - John – with the strategic planning coming, this can be a part of the strategic plan.
 - Dane will not have more than 2 members after the next election.
- Student Board Position
 - Recommendation: Alex Thomas serve another year as the Student Board. Alex accepts nomination
 - Motion to accept by Meleesa

- Motion to second by Chris
 - Approved unanimously – motion passes.
- Election of Officers – Discussion on process and procedure for elections of officers. Motion to amend bylaws to suspend 2-year term to elect officers. Normally they are done every other year. But with Erik transitioning out, we need to re-elect that VP position.
 - Chris motion to select officers for one-year term
 - Chad seconds with the point that we need to start some planning now to create a transition period.
 - Approves unanimously, motion passes.
 - President:
 - Nominations – Mark Nominates John Welch. No other nominations
 - Motion by Chris to close nominations and accept John as President –
 - Second by Meleesa
 - Approved – Motion Carries
 - John abstains
 - VP:
 - Nominations - Meleesa nominates George Shereda. No other nominations
 - Motion by Meleesa to close nominations and accept George as Vice President
 - Seconded by Chad
 - Approved – Motion Carries
 - George abstains
 - Treasurer:
 - Nominations: John nominations Meleesa. No other nominations
 - Motion by Chad to close nominations and vote for Meleesa as Treasurer
 - Seconded by Mark
 - Approved – Motion carries
 - Meleesa abstains
 - Secretary:
 - Nominations. Meleesa nominates Chris Anderson. No other nominations.
 - Motion by Meleesa to close nominations and accept Chris as Secretary
 - Seconded by Chad
 - Approved – Motion carries
 - Chris abstains
- Approve 2021-2022 Meeting Schedule

Motion to approve by Meleesa
 Seconded by Chad.
 Approved unanimously – motion passes
- Budget Approval
 - Reviewed and discussed each line.
 - Some discussion on the scholarship amount.
 - Meleesa is comfortable leaving this target as long as there is discussion right after conference seeing what type of include we make from the conference.
 - John - Something to consider – tied one of these scholarship with the student director position in the future.
 - Motion by Meleesa to accept the budget as presented.

- Seconded by Mark
- Approved unanimously – motion passes
- Service agreement for Approval -
 - Motion by John to accept the service agreement with the change item to \$4,600 to reflect the budget passed for the year.
 - Seconded by Chad
 - Approved unanimously – motion passes
- WIRMC 2022 Update (Susan/Planning Team) –
 - Susan shared -- There were 39 presentation proposals received. We have had great sponsor support with \$21,000 sponsor contributions from 9 businesses. Our next planning meeting is coming up and we will have a schedule, registration, and mailings out in October/early November.
 - Karin mentioned that the Hyatt has some COVID19 protocols and procedures that can be implemented for precautions on-site for protection of participants.
 - Mark – please consider the ethics training that was cancelled today as part of WIRMC conference.
 - Susan – the planning team really needs to make this decision. Perhaps consider the technical training that was scheduled today as offering as a workshop style at WIRMC on Wed afternoon or Friday morning. There are 3 hour blocks of time, so some modification of this workshop could be made and offered at WIRMC if the planning committee reps of SWANA want to bring that to the full committee.
 - Lindsey – SCS might not be able to participate in a workshop like this at WIRMC. Maybe look at offering the training in the spring separate from conference.
 - Chad and George will take this with committee for further discussion and decision.
 - Send any comments for consideration to our committee reps if you have comments or suggestions – Chad, George, and Dan Roche
 - There was a question on how WIRCM decides if it needs to change format to online or cancel? Discussion. Be sure presidents of each organization are invited to the October 4th meeting at 1pm.
- Chapter-wide Strategic Planning – meetings are being set-up.
 - If anyone would like to be on this team, let John know.
 - Meetings will start up in October
 - Transition of officer positions will be part of the discussions.
- PFAS Website – <https://www.wisolidwastepfas.org/>
 - Susan shared this with the board. It is a resource for you all that represents our industry perspective on the issues of PFAS. Please use and share. It will be added to our website as a link/resource.

Next meeting October 20, 2021 at 10:00am

Susan will send out a note to all board members to find their preferences to serve on committees for selection at the next meeting.

Adjourn – 10:32 am

Minutes recorded by Susan Schuller, SWANA BC Administrative Assistant

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