

**Wisconsin Badger State Chapter
Solid Waste Association of North America
Annual Membership Meeting
June 24, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
Zoom Meeting**

MINUTES – DRAFT

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Erik 10:04 am

Roll Call

BOD: John Welch (driving back from FL), Erik Lietz, Chad Doverspike, Meleesa Johnson, Lindsey Carlson, Mark Toressani, Dave Hagenbucher, Chris Anderson

BOD Not Present: Ali Rathsack, George Shereda, Alex Thomas

Also Present: Jennifer Semrau (DNR), Susan Schuller (SWANA Admin Assistant), Pat Obrien

Minutes of Previous Meetings [May 2021](#)

Motion by Meleesa to approve as amended the May 2021 Minutes

Seconded by Chad

Approved – Motion Carries

Treasurer's Report [Meleesa](#)

Checking: \$12,419.85

Savings: \$22,337.30

Motion by Chad to approve as presented.

Seconded by John

Approved - Motion carried

Committee Reports

- DNR Report [Jennifer Semrau](#)
 - New recycling waste management specialist, Eliza Kruszynski, started June 7. She will focus on RU evaluations and outreach, code updates, and assessing emerging waste streams.
 - New Hydrogeologist working on Beneficial Use and Low Hazard Waste Exemptions starts July 6
 - Rulemaking: Electronics recycling rule public hearing is this Monday, June 28. Please consider joining the hearing or sending comments on the rule – all input is welcome. The rule will codify and clarify policies related to the E-cycle Wisconsin program and define requirements for electronics processing facilities, including requiring a solid waste processing license for most recyclers. See below for links to the rule and details on the hearing. Encouraging people to comment even if you are happy with the way things are going. Often times they only get comments on issues and not what is working well.
 - We have received the final report for the statewide waste characterization study and one on alternative landfill liners. We will be posting online and announcing information as soon as possible.
 - DNR is planning to return to offices July 6. Those who wish to telework must have a telework agreement in place by that time.
 - Electronics: The DNR is accepting public comments on the draft rule through July 7 and has scheduled a public hearing on the draft rule for June 28 at 1 p.m. CDT via Zoom. Refer to the hearing notice below for more hearing information.

- [Public Hearing Notice \[PDF\]](#)
 - **Accessing the hearing:** [Zoom link](#) or call +1 312 626 6799 or +1 929 205 6099 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 669 900 6833 or +1 253 215 8782, Meeting ID 848 9015 6432
 - [Fiscal Estimate & Economic Impact Analysis \[PDF\]](#)
 - [Draft Rule \[PDF\]](#)
 - Mark asked about the alternative liner study by Golder. It will be posted soon.
- Safety Ambassador Report *Erik*
 - Call yesterday. Eric and John from Marathon County are going to help lead this committee. Looking to build this back up. Possible Safety Newsletter or section in the YP newsletter in the future.
 - Discuss of the newsletter as a whole - SWANA BC had a newsletter when they formed in the early 90's. It was one of the member benefits they offered as a chapter. A safety section could be added to the YP newsletter.
 - Membership / Social Media Report *Dave / Ali*
 - They met and discussed a survey that would still go out as part of or along with the strategic planning. This will give us more data to help us develop future efforts and programs.
 - Current membership: 168 members
 - International *John*
 - Waste Con is in person in December in FL
 - Finances are good. National received two rounds of PPE loans. Investments increased by \$400K. Online trainings proved to do well.
 - Overall, doing well. That is good for all chapters.
 - National Safety Awards – Nominations due June 30th. Reminder: if deadlines like this are coming up, do send to Susan and/or the social media team.
 - YP Report *Dave/Lindsey*
 - Several Tetra Tech reps attended the meeting.
 - Hope to have a YP newsletter by the next in-person meeting.
 - Looking for new leadership.
 - New YP Liaison
 - Student Board Member
 - Re-cap of our construction tour: Great turnout (~40 people). Several young professionals represented. Thank you to all the employers who allowed their staff to attend. Thanks to Foth for lunch. Pictures posted on Facebook and Linked In. Possible to have a follow-up tour as the construction progressed to see more of the process.
 - Social Media Report – Now part of membership committee. No separate report.
 - Advocacy Report *Meleesa*
 - The budget was passed with joint finance. Some of it is expected to be vetoed by the Governor. Solid Waste and Recycling did not get too harmed.
 - Issues related to CWD deer carcass disposal is still of interest in Kohls office. No specific update yet.
 - There is a possible Bottle Deposit bill coming up.

- Funding recycling. No update on how they are going to do this. Maybe a new formula for funding, but not out yet.
- There has been some discussion regarding PFAS. Possibly create a program like Green Tier to encourage sites to voluntarily address PFAS. John mentioned that Green Tier didn't create the desired results for action. So, it might not do much.
- The PFAS Solid Waste Work Group submitted comments on economic impact as DNR creates rulemaking regarding groundwater standards.
- Scholarship Report *George/John*
 - Letters sent out to scholarship awardees. Funds will be sent in July. Asked for headshot and bio to put on website.

Timeline Reviewed

May Items: Done

Meet in person at various locations, hosted by different member	June	All
Website Updates	June	Website Chair
Review goals	June	Board
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

Board Elections coming up: This is a good time to review bylaws on elections to be sure announcements and voting is sent out early enough for confirming new board members at the in-person, September member meeting. The Call for nomination for student board position should be added to the timeline in June. There is a nomination committee for the student board member and they make recommendations for the student board member. Mark asked about process for getting new members and shared ideas on some best practices for recruiting new board members.

Action Items for Election:

- Nomination committee (typically those who are not up for election). Mark and Chad agreed to be on this committee. Susan just asked to keep her posted on this from an administrative standpoint.
- Susan will reach out to those up for re-election and ask them their intent.
- Susan adjust the timeline – add election discussion to June as opposed to August.
- When ready send announcement out about upcoming election. Lindsey prefers flyers for these types of announcements.

Unfinished Business

1. Fall In-Person Training/ September BOD Meeting - (Mark) Discussed the proposal from Mark to have a training in association with the annual member meeting in person. Mark sent proposal to all and discussion amongst the group. Key points of discussion:
 - Discussion about COVID and liability. There is a liability form available from SWANA National that was used at the Brown County Tour last week. It is a liability release form for when chapters offer live in-person events. The group discussed what type of accommodations should be made, if any, for people who want to attend virtually. The general consensus was the training is preferred to have face-to-face. For the board meeting, it would be good to have a conference call option.

- Motion by Mark. Move to approve the proposal for the SWANA Badger Chapter to offer a training at the Millford Hills location and a revised schedule as discussed to accommodate the board meeting prior to the training.
- Lindsey seconded.
- Discussion:
 - What's the max capacity? Mark thinks it is around 50. Members may pay a partial fee depending on sponsorships received.
 - Reminder. We have already allocated \$250 for the annual meeting.
 - A planning team should gather more details and sponsors then give an update on the budget to the board via email.
 - CEUs will be offered. We hope to get approved CEU credit from both DNR and SWANA National.
 - Action Item: The planning team will be Lindsey, Chad, Mark, George, and Susan (for admin needs): They will outline details, get a flyer, and layout registration for this. They will give a status update to the board by July 9th.
- Motion Passes anonymously.

2. Chapter-wide Strategic Planning (John). Planning to start in July. An email went out to see if anyone else would like to join this team. No response, so moving forward with the strategic planning team. John expects to meet with or reach out to UW Extension to plan next steps soon.

Next meeting August, 19, 2021 at 10:00am.

Motion to Adjourn by Lindsay
 Seconded by Meleesa

Adjourn 11:31 am

Minutes recorded by Susan Schuller, SWANA BC Administrative Assistant