

**Wisconsin Badger State Chapter
Solid Waste Association of North America
Holiday Inn, Stevens Point
February 27, 2019 at 9:45am**

Minutes

1. **Call to Order** 9:46 by John W.

2. **Roll Call** : sign up sheet going around. Quick introductions.
Note which board members weren't able to attend: Roxanne, Phil

3. **Minutes of Previous Meetings** January 17, 2019: Meleessa / Chad motion to approve

4. **Treasurer's Report _ Meleesa:**

Provided the report. Budget is the colorful one. (list the details, get copy from MJ). Little green squares are what snipped from the account as of Monday shows some outstanding checks. Shelby submitted the Annual Report to Intl., MJ described issues with sending a 1099 form to the IRS. Was late, because of govt. shut down, but now is done.

Nonstock report was filed too. Chad/Erik motion to approve. Motion carried.

5. **Committee Reports** : John sent out meeting assignments prior to the meeting

A. **DNR Report** : *Jennifer*

Staffing: filled Business support & section chief. David Mediino(?) Recruitment for HW in progress?

NR538code: Economic impact is in progress. Supporting transition for new Administration. Annual reports "season".

Guidance documents is on hold; and they are doing inventory of current guidance documents.

PVAS: key DNR staff went to MN for a meeting, and working with MN for their standards and procedures... But ask Joe VR about this more. Brief discussion about PVAs...

B. **Safety Ambassador Report** Erik

Actually 2019 IS a bad year. Per SWANA Int., 17 fatalities in January which is the worst! A lot of it is haulers on the road, but a little uptick at MRFs but more so for injuries/illnesses. In WI we haven't had any fatalities in a while.

Safety Comm. are doing a presentation tomorrow at the conference.

Also been working on compressed gas containers, and needle sticks... If interested in participating on their monthly meetings, let him know.

C. **Membership Report** Phil not here, submitted report:

Slight dip in membership from record high, but still steady: 165 members, 40% are YPs. Sends out emails, trying to keep engaged to attract or retain membership. Described current membership fees especially for YPs and Students.

D. **International John**

Intl. board going on a major change. New bylaws recently passed, will take effect this summer at WasteCon. Chapters will be within (13) regions. WI, OH, IL, IN would be our region. If Michigan gets a chapter, they'd be in this region. Badger Chapter passed a MOU with Intl.,

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Chapter Reps. meet to select Chad / Erik motion to have John put his hat in to be the Rep. from the new Chapter. Brian Tippetts (former SWANA intl. president) provided a background on this, and for discussion provided his support for John. Meleesa expressed concerns about the financial transaction of this new Chapter system, i.e. Badger Chapter would pay for sending John, but the Motion passed unanimously.

E. YP Report - George

Over 60 in the group. First event is happening tonight for the Welcome Event. Then, YP newsletter came out. Notice the articles written by members, as well as highlight what the Committee is working on. Next large event is the Living Lands Water river clean up with AROW's EL on 6/8 in Beaver Dam. There will be a lot of new YP at this conference, so for everyone really welcome them and help them meet people. Dave H. pointed out that YP's are actively giving presentations at WIRMC.

F. Social Media Report Chris

Not here, but provided report. Working with AL to make more social media posts.

G. Legislative Advocacy Report Meleesa

SWANA national has been working with ISRI and others working on bill for Congress to help w/ recycling infrastructure. MJ has some issues with the proposal and submitted those. i.e definition of recycling (scrap dealers), how the \$ would be distributed, but still not sure if it will get any traction at the federal level. Funding amount is NOT enough, is a grant-based program. Also: been working on Paint Legislation w/ Sen. Cowles (w/ AROW and WCSWMA?). Also: Xcel incinerator situation. She gave overview. LaCrosse Co. asking for exemption for 100% of its residual. MJ, John, worked on a revised proposal.

H. Programs Report Chris

Not here, Lyndsey shared that Badger Chapter is sponsoring YP week in Madison. On 4/20 sustainable brewery tour. 55 spots available... filling fast ☺ Chad shared about the Road EO project that they were trying to get organized last year, didn't happen, but still have Sponsor \$ that either need to be used for a 2019 event, OR, needs to return to sponsors. Maybe partner with Amer. Public Works Assoc.?

I. Scholarship Report Roxanne

They will be announced at lunch tomorrow. Call for scholarships out.

J. Timeline Reviewed

We're good ☺

6. Unfinished Business :

- a. Statewide Education Campaign: ITO: Gerry N. gave overview of project and how it will be distributed. Flash drives available Now! ☺.
- b. Student Board Member Bylaws Change: previously passed a motion on this, but now Erik working with Rob M. at UWSP to implement it. John will provide an 'edited'

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possible version of bylaws that the board can review. Would like to wrap this up the spring/summer so a student could join fall 2019

7. New Business

8. Other Business

OH Buckeye chapter is sponsoring a conference, asking other chapters if they want to help join their efforts to make it more of a regional conference. 9/16-17/19 in Akron OH. Discussion: MJ and JW felt we have enough on our plate. And MJ, don't want it to affect WIRMC. Brian shared that other regional conferences (two of them!) have not worked out well.

Betsy Powers: EPA bioreactor comments? Do we want to comment? There has been some discussions, and encourages a small group discussion on this topic. (ask Betsy or MJ for more details). Deadline is 3/26 for report

9. Next Board Meeting *March 21, 2019 via Teleconference*

10. Adjourn: Chad/Erik motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:53am

Minutes Approved: 5.16.19