

**Wisconsin Badger State Chapter
Solid Waste Association of North America
Teleconference**

**May 16, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.
DRAFT minutes**

1. Call to Order – 11:02
2. Roll Call
 - a. John W, Lindsey C, Meleesa J, Chris A, Phil G, Dave H, Roxanne W, Erik L
 - b. Angie Lemar – SWANA Admin, Casey Lamensky - DNR
3. Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a. Made various additions to the agenda
 - b. Review and approve February edited minutes.
 - Approved April and Feb minutes (with edit to Feb mins)
 - Meleesa motioned; Roxanne seconded; motion carried
4. Agenda Amendments/Additions
 - a. Letter for legislation support
 - b. Potential scholarship partnership
 - c. Waste Management/Advanced Disposal merger
 - d. UW-Madison SWANA student group
 - e. Discuss by-laws amendments coming down from national
5. Treasurer's Report *Meleesa*
 - a. Talked with Associated Bank about savings account being visible.
 - b. MJ shared report via email. No questions
 - c. Roxanne motioned; Phil seconded; motion carried
6. Committee Reports
 - a. DNR Report *Casey*
 - Recapped from yesterday's Solid Waste Interested Parties

(SWIP) meeting on PFAS, reviewed 4 new recent hires & recruitments; update on proposed budget – no changes at this time; ACT 369 compliance update; June 7th next study group meeting; mentioned webinar series through the rest of the year; Two Bills in the works; SW Co-Chapters repeal update; have been providing data to the DOJ with information for merger.

b. Safety Ambassador Report *Erik*

- Did not meet in April
- Quiet on the safety front right now
- New “Slow Down to Get Around” decals are still available

c. Membership Report *Phil*

- Still hovering around 150 members total - YP 60, Students 22
- Met this last month, working on a call list, some YPs are helping with our call effort
- Meeting the second Friday of the month
- UW-Madison student (Adam Gorski) interested in starting student group. John talked with Adam about it. Adam is looking into it, meeting with students and potential advisors.

d. International *John*

- Mid-year meeting at end of this month in Maryland, last meeting of current board. John will be going. Next meeting happens with new board at WasteCon in October.
- Amendment of by-laws update. Some effects to our timing of decision making that we’ll need to address. We will work on this over the summer as it needs to be done before October.
 1. John planning to do the first draft of changes.
 2. Meleesa J mentioned that we should all look at the by-laws closely to see if there are any changes we want to make at this time. Have any thoughts/changes submitted to John before July.

a. By-laws are posted on the website.

e. YP Report *George – not present*

- Lindsey reported on River Cleanup – 20 people signed up.

f. Social Media Report *Chris*

- Met in early May
- YPs interested in helping with social media efforts
- Grow our LinkedIn presence
- Created a matrix of events/meetings that will get posted on the website.

g. Legislative Advocacy Report *Meleesa – off the call*

- John W brought up the letter (Meleesa J shared via email) from 3 orgs (AROW, SWANA, WCSWMA) on Bill regarding ban

on banning single use waste streams in WI.

1. Erik motioned; Chris seconded; motion to signing on and approving letter. Motion carried.

- Update on Bill about getting exemption to state tipping fees for waste to energy facilities: We've been working with WCA on the language but they did not use the language we suggested. Continue to call waste to energy facilities MRFs. Continuing the conversation to make it something we can support.

h. Programs Report *Chad*

- Chris A reviewing ARP research – Resetting Curbside Collection Programs in the wake of China ban.
- RoadEO Final Discussion & Decision
 1. We agreed to return funds, need to check in with Meleesa J/Chad D about if that process has been started.

i. Scholarship Report *Roxanne*

- Process moving forward. Roxanne W shared an update via email.
- 7 applicants
 1. 6 applicants receiving \$650, 1 applicant receiving \$1500 in Brenda's honor.
 2. Sending 3 students on to Nationals
 3. John W motioned, Meleesa J seconded, motion approved (Chris A abstained from vote)
- We will create a Scholarship folder in the google drive and Roxanne W will upload files to it.
 1. Angie L set up folder and work with Roxanne W
- Roxanne W would like to submit a letter to national about the fact that applicants have to pay for documentation as part of the application and does not agree with it. Request to eliminate the requirement for these docs. Meleesa J agrees and supports this.
- Partnering w/ WCSWMA on scholarship programs
 1. Would provide opportunity to give stronger scholarships.
 2. Wondering about how this would work with SWANA

national part.

3. Some of the requirements are different so will need to look into that.

a. Roxanne W will look at WCSWMA's application and compare and then start the conversation with their committee.

7. Timeline Reviewed

a. We are on track with everything ☺

8. Unfinished, New, Other Business

a. Waste Management/Advanced merger

• John W received a call from a lawyer about fair/unfair competition / anti-trust with this merger. Mentioned AROW and WCSWMA, and would like to mention other entities that should be discussed with. Do we need to have further discussions among our group?

1. Meleesa J thinking that WCSWMA might be the best to take the lead on this. Others agree.

b. Interested in WasteCon? Talk to Meleesa J or John W before July to request funding support

9. Next Board Meeting *May 16, 2019*

10. Adjourn 12:14pm.

a. Chris A motioned; Erik L seconded; motion approved

Minutes Approved: 6.20.19