

**Wisconsin Badger State Chapter
Solid Waste Association of North America
Board Meeting
October 20, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
Zoom Conference Call
MINUTES**

Call to Order: Start 10:03 am

Roll Call

BOD: Ali Rathsack, Alex Thomas, John Welch, Chris Anderson, Lee Daigle, Ben Hintz, Abby Lichtscheidl

BOD Not Present: Nate Schneider, Mark Toressani, Dave Hagenbucher

Also Present: Susan Schuller (Recycling Connections), Kate Strom-Hiorns, Pat O'Brien (Winnebago Co), John Peralta (Marathon Co)

Minutes of Previous Meetings [September 2022](#)

Motion by Alex to approve September Minutes – One noted edit.

Seconded Abby

Approved – Motion Carries

Treasurer's Report *Abby*

An update provided.

Checking 5,333.38, Savings 22,490.55 -- RC paid for Q4 Services. Credit on the account of \$292. Abby will check with Meleesa on what this was for, but it is likely our chapter shares of membership dues received.

Committee Reports

DNR Report - *Kate*

- Two new hydrogeologists starting with Waste Program, in Northeast Region and West Central Region
- New E-Cycle Program Specialist started in September focusing on inspections and technical assistance
- Working on draft language of rulemaking related to statewide recycling efforts, will discuss draft proposals at WIRMC
- Landfill design and operation scope statement to begin rulemaking still under review at governor's office
- Three hazardous waste scope statements at the 10/26 Natural Resources Board meeting, info and links to scope statements at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/About/NRB/2022/Oct>
- DNR Waste Program still busy with avian influenza, assisting with composting onsite and landfill connections
- MRF Stakeholder meeting this Monday, 10/24, at 9:00. Agenda and more info here: [Requirements for materials recovery facilities \(MRFs\) | Wisconsin DNR](#)
- Waste & Materials Management Study Group meeting November 3, 9-noon. More info at [Waste and Materials Management Study Group | Wisconsin DNR](#)
 - John W. asked if there be possible discussion on exemptions? Kate seems to think so.

Safety Ambassador Report *John Peralta*

- Eye injury prevention month
- OSHA is now offering online training for large equipment

- WIRMC – They are encouraging different safety related companies to become vendors at conference this year.
- November 17th Safety Training online. They encourage people to attend.
- Safety Resource Center at WIRMC is in the planning stage.

Membership / Social Media Report *Ali*

- Ali gave an update. No meeting this month, but there is discussion on email.
- Currently we have 149 members – 20 students – 20 YPs
- Lee asks if we have a calendar for Social Media and Website – Susan shared that we have a Safety Monday post every Monday for the topic of the week. It is also put on our website. We have a calendar, but haven't used it too much.

International *John*

- WasteCon and John will be going to San Diego in Dec. Employer pay for Registration and split costs for travel.
- Lee is also going. His expenses are all paid by Tetra Tech.
- They would like to get board members to attend special meetings and events for state chapter board members. They would like two people at least from each board to go.
- Financially, investments are down by about 10%. This is not too concerning. Overall SWANA is in good financial standing.
- Sponsor Commitments for WASTE Con and Exhibitors have met conference goals. Registration is still low for attendants.
- Question for Chapter Boards – Remittance -- \$32 coming back to the board for membership. This rate hasn't changed in over a decade. How do we feel about this? Should we request an increase coming back to Chapters?
 - Costs are increasing with everyone. (Chris)
 - Seems it is fair to increase income to chapters if National is increasing. (Abby)
 - Perhaps set a percent remittance going to chapters, so it is automatically going up when rates go up. (John)
- Membership Nationally is doing well at about 10,000 members. All time high was 11,000. During Pandemic it dropped to 9,000.

YP Report *Abby / Alex*

- YP Tour event with Veolia Facility in Menomonee Falls – 5 attendees. Nice event.
- Met this month.
- Meeting with Meleesa in November who will be presenting on Roberts Rules
- Applications for Student Board Director. Will be shared soon.
- Logan D. checked into UW Madison to find out if they have a club directly related to waste. They do not.

Advocacy Report *John*

- Not a lot going on because out of session at state.
- Proposal for EPA regarding PFAS. That is important to watch and could have implications for landfills. Meleesa Johnson has been very active sharing information on potential impacts to landfills.
- Code updates related to compost are happening. Something to keep an eye on.

Scholarship Report

- Discussion on timeline. We will need a committee chair from our board.

The timeline was reviewed

Website Updates	September	Website Chair
Ballots Approved	September	Nominating 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
Molo CEU pre-approval	November	Conference Chair
Check Balance to make sure it's not under \$5,000	November	Treasurer
Ask for YP Award nominations	December	Programs Committee
Review goals	December	Board
Check Balance to make sure it's not under \$5,000	December	Treasurer
Annual Progress Report	Dec 31	Admin
Annual Financial Report	Dec 31	Treasurer
Review bank statement	December	Treasurer
Website Updates	December	Website Chair

Unfinished Business

1. Committee Chairs – John shared the status of our committees and listed current members. Each committee should confirm the chair and start thinking of annual goals. John will send out the committee list soon. Here is those interested in the committees so far.
 - a. Scholarship – Abby, Ben, Nathan, Pat
 - b. YP – Abby, Ali, Ben, Alex, student board member
 - c. Safety – Abby, Ben, John P., Dave
 - d. Membership – Lee, Ali, Chris, student board member, Susan
 - e. Legislative – Alex, Mark, Nathan, John
 - f. WIRMC – Abby, Chad, Nate

Reminder to Committees -- base committee goals on strategic plan goals.
2. Student Board of Director Position – A few applications were received. The YP Committee selected MaKayla Galecki, a sophomore from UWSP, to fill this roll.
 - a. Alex Noted: This position represents students across the state. We want to try to diversify student representative across the state, not just from Stevens Point.
3. [Fall Social Event](#) – Stevens Point on October 28th – Please [RSVP](#) by 10/25
4. WIRMC 2023 Update (Susan/Planning Team)
 - a. Sessions have been selected and speakers have been notified.
 - i. Abby provided a summary on how sessions were selected.
 - ii. 28 proposals received.
 - iii. Discussion on how we tailor our sessions to reach the needs of the attendees.
 - iv. Lee shared how SOAR has adjusted and targeted presenter

- b. Keynote will be Jasmine Crowe-Houston.
- c. Field Trip will be to Brown County Landfill and the BC Organics biorefinery (operated by Dynamic Renewables) being built near their site.
- d. Sponsorship update -- \$32,800 raised + \$1,500 to cover the photographer.
 - i. Comparison to past years. 2022: \$39,400 | 2021(virtual): \$26,000 | 2020: \$32,900.
- e. Registration Opened – 4 exhibitors right away
- f. Promotions –
 - i. Bi-weekly electronic promotions will be sent out to 775 people on the email list
 - ii. Postcard mailing went to 288 contacts for Exhibitors
 - iii. Attendee mailing will go out this week/early next week to 680 contacts
- g. Recognize board members who have served for a long time.
 - i. Motion to approve get plaques for those who have served the board a long time
 - ii. Seconded by Ali
 - iii. Motion Passes.

Next Board Meeting – November 17, 2022 at 10:00am (Zoom)

Motion to adjourn by Abby
Seconded by Chris
Adjourn – 11:16am

Minutes recorded by Susan Schuller, SWANA BC Administrative Assistant