

**Wisconsin Badger State Chapter
Solid Waste Association of North America
Board Meeting
August 18, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
Zoom Conference Call
MINUTES**

Call to Order: Start 10:02 am

Roll Call

BOD: Ali Rathsack, George Shereda, Chad Doverspike, Alex Thomas, John Welch, Meleesa Johnson, Chris Anderson, Nate Schneider, Lindsey Carlson, Mark Toressani, Dave Hagenbucher

BOD Not Present: None

Also Present: Susan Schuller (Recycling Connections), Valerie Joosten (WDNR), Abby Lichtscheidl (Portage County), Lee Daigle (Tetra Tech), Matt Holub, Jessica Hanson (Winnebago County)

Minutes of Previous Meetings [June 2022](#)

Motion by Chad to approve June Minutes

Seconded Ali

Approved – Motion Carries

Treasurer's Report [Meleesa](#)

Financial Report sent – Checking = \$5,405.74 / Savings = \$23,839.95

Motion by Chad to approve financial report

Seconded Nate

Approved – Motion Carries

Committee Reports

DNR Report - [Valerie Joosten](#)

- The DNR recently finalized the Landfill Gas and Air Emissions Guidance. This is a joint guidance document between the Air Management and Waste and Materials Management Programs. It has been posted on the Air program's webpage and will be added to the Waste program's webpage soon. This is an update of guidance created in 2006. Federal air rules have since been updated, so that is reflected in the new guidance.
- Currently in the hiring process for 2 new hydrogeologists in DNR's northeast and west central/northern regions; an e-cycle compliance specialist and a complaints coordinator/waste management specialist. All of the recruitments for these positions have closed and they are in the interview stage or final stages of hiring.
- Wisconsin's CCR landfill rule became effective August 1st. DNR is working on providing information on it's webpage. The rules are currently available on-line. DNR is working on internal training and outreach.
- The NR 500 scope related to landfills and fees has been signed by the DNR secretary and has been submitted to the Governor's office. This stage may take a few months. The rule drafting stage would not start until a scope is approved by the NRB. There are still a number of steps to go through for scope approval.
 - Question from Mark – When does it start? It still needs to go through the NRB before it actually starts. It would be after that.
- Solid Waste Interested Parties (SWIP) meeting planned for September 22 at 10:00. Casey Lamensky is currently preparing an agenda. The meeting will be virtual.

Safety Ambassador Report *Dave*

No meeting recently. They have rescheduled their meeting for next week to continue work on the batteries.

Membership / Social Media Report *Ali*

- Met last month. Sent out the first E-Newsletter. That came out from the SWANA Survey results on what membership would like to see and feedback.
- Please let us know what you liked or didn't like for this.
- E-News – Went to our 157 members. Result: Reach was 25.2% (37 people) opened and 5.4% (8 people) clicked, 10 bounces, and 1 unsubscribe. (fixed/updated 5 email addresses from the bounced emails)
- We will continue with this format to keep members updated periodically – about monthly. Please send Susan any links or announcements to share.

International *John*

- Strategic Plan with National is a unique strategic planning process using a futurist to plan. That has been finalized and approved.
- WasteCon is in December – John has meetings scheduled on Sunday on 12/4 and plans to attend the conference. Our chapter has some budgeted to support his attendance for that conference.
- Safety Issues: Recently there has been an uptick on fatalities reported in our industry – 16 in recent weeks! 7 of those were fatalities. Chad requested that John send that report out to the board.
- Overall national is in good financial standing.

YP Report *Alex - Abby*

- The group met a couple times this summer.
- YP Event at WIRMC Planning was discussed. A proposal will be brought up later in the meeting.
- They YPs are also organizing a tour coming up to Veolia Oct 13th to see their Haz Waste Management. The tour will be in the afternoon.
- Meleesa will be offering information at the October YP meeting on an overview of Robert Rules of Order. She is not declaring herself as an expert but has years of experience on various boards who conduct meetings using these rules in varying degrees.

Advocacy Report *John/Meleesa*

- PFAS -- There was a discussion nationally 8/17/22 with the office of management putting PFOS/PFOA under CERCLA and the implications if this class of chemicals were added. A regulatory impact analysis will need to be done because of the replications of this designation financially. This will create a much longer timeline.
- Assembly Member (state) A bill proposed to have a PFAS Landfill in the state. This bill will likely not go anywhere.
- The CLEAR Act is in its 3rd rendition.
- AROW Submitted comments on the Recycling Grants for Community and Education.
- Governor put \$10 million for clean water to pay for well replacement. A wide array of contaminations was included to be qualified for these funds. Money came from ARPA funds, not environmental management funds.

Scholarship Report *George*

- Category 2 winner for our chapter – Jenna Springer received the national award. That is very exciting and great news for us.
- Congratulations to the award winners and those who help with this program.

The timeline was reviewed

Send scholarship monies to students	August	Scholarship Chair
Prepare budget for approval at annual meeting	August	Treasurer
Prepare meeting schedule for approval at annual meeting	August	Admin Nominating
Call for Nominations for Board Members	August	Committee/Admin
Check Balance to make sure it's not under \$5,000	August	Treasurer
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

Annual Budget Proposal was sent out for board to consider at our annual meeting -- \$1,000 for our regional rep to attend national. \$2500 for board support to go to WasteCon or SOAR

Unfinished Business

1. Chapter-wide Strategic Planning
 - a. The team (board reps and members) put a lot of time on this. A survey went out to get feedback from members. That helped.
 - b. We worked with UW-Extension to guide the process.
 - c. In the end, we have a good document in the end.
 - d. Susan will send the final draft to the board for final approval at the next meeting.
 - e. Discussion on next meeting – Our annual meeting will be September 15th in Green Bay at the Hyatt.
2. Elections upcoming
 - a. Finalize Ballot
 - b. Susan shared - We have 5 candidates to fill 5 positions.
 - c. Online voting will change from Survey Monkey due to change in their fee structure. She received a lot of ideas from other states on how they do their voting. We will likely use QuestionPro or Google form. Susan will set this up and post candidate info on our website.
 - d. Must send ballot information out 15 days notice to membership for voting.
 - e. Student director position. – how do we get the word out to all potential candidates
 - i. YP committee to make a recommendation
 - ii. Alex can send out to college contacts
 - iii. Scholarship committee help recruit
 - iv. A selection committee will make a recommendation.
3. WIRMC Conference Planning –
Student YP proposal – Abby Lichtscheidl presented

- a. The YP Committee is planning for the YP Social at WIRMC and would like to hire a company who puts on a Casino Night activity. They provide dealers and staff to run the tables. Cost is \$2,000
 - i. Additionally, food for the event -- \$2,100
 - ii. Ali shared a budget spreadsheet of expenses and breakdown option for splitting costs with partner orgs.
 - iii. Meleesa shared that this should be treated more like a conference expense.
- b. Photographer – Light Room media has a good package option -- \$2,000 up to 200 photos with editing. Discussion among the group on this offer.
- c. Discussion on sponsors and how we can get others to sponsor this. Susan said it is possible to solicit funds designated for this event. It can be a little messy or sensitive with some sponsors, but we can do and find a good way to make the offer for further sponsorship and recognition.

Motion by Meleesa to approve the presented YP Budget for photographer to take headshot photos at WIRMC and pay up to \$750 for SWANA. Friendly amendment added.

Additionally, we would seek sponsorship to support the event to help fund this expense.

Seconded Alex

Discussion: Chad made a friendly amendment to add that we should seek sponsorship to support the event. Meleesa accepted the friendly amendment.

Approved – Motion Carries

Motion by Meleesa to support a casino night as entertainment at WIRMC as part the YP Welcome event as presented by the YP group.

Seconded Chad

Approved – Motion Carries

- d. Reminder to all: Call for Presenters for WIRMC is due September 12th. We have received 6 proposals so far.
- e. Our current committee representing SWANA WI is Nate and Chad. We have 3 positions available. Dave Dennison from BOMAG contacted Susan interested in learning more about serving in this role. Does anyone know Dave? It isn't clear if he is in WI. The address is SC, but that could be the business address. John suggests we wait until new board members come on to see if they want to serve before confirming his commitment here.

Next meeting September 15, 2022 at Hyatt in Green Bay at 10am and will include lunch.

Motion to adjourn by Chad

Seconded by Meleesa

Adjourn – 11:40am

Minutes recorded by Susan Schuller, SWANA BC Administrative Assistant