

**Wisconsin Badger State Chapter  
Solid Waste Association of North America  
Annual Membership Meeting  
April 15, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.  
Zoom Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by John Welch 10:04am

**Roll Call**

BOD: John Welch, Dave Hagenbucher, Erik Lietz, George Shereda, Alex Thomas, Ali Rathsack, Mark Toressani, Chris Anderson, Chad Doverspike, Meleesa Johnson, Lindsey Carlson (excused late arrival)

BOD Not Present: None

Also Present: Karin Sieg (filling in for Susan Schuller), Valerie Joosten, Pat O'Brien

Absent: Susan Schuller (SWANA Admin Assistant)

**Minutes of Previous Meetings** [March 2021](#)

Motion by Mark to approve as amended the March 2021 Minutes. Under International it should say "7", not "17"

Seconded by Ali

Approved – Motion Carries

**Treasurer's Report** [Meleesa](#)

Deposit from National just arrived today.

Checking: \$5,320.73

Savings: \$22,337.30

Meleesa just wrote check to Abbie Liedtke for "Lunch on Chuck" prize at WIRMC.

Motion by Alex to approve as presented

Seconded by George

Approved - Motion carried

**Committee Reports**

- DNR Report [Valerie Joosten](#)
  - Staffing: recruitment in progress for certain positions: Hydro Geologist in Green Bay, Haz Waste Specialist, and Recycling LTE (interviewing) for policy and outreach.
  - Working w/ Legislatures on dredge removal of Great Lakes
  - E-Cycle legislation: in progress
  - Working on coal combustion Rule. Hoping it will be done in May
  - Working on Emergency Rule for various Operator Training in hopes to ending report in June
  - No plan yet for WDNR staff to return to offices – still doing limited in-person inspections.
  - Meleesa asked Valerie about Hazardous Index regarding when potable water locations will need to be established (discussed at PFAS meeting yesterday). Valerie will look into it further.
  
- Safety Ambassador Report [Erik](#)

- No update this month
- Membership Report *Dave / Ali*
  - They had a meeting this morning, now with the Social Media Committee
  - Ali gave some updates. They discussed Strategic Planning, but mostly discussed the survey they want to do. Maybe combine the Membership Survey with the Strategic Planning survey? Decided to propose to keep theirs separate, but it could help guide/be useful to the Strategic Planning process. Do NOT want to duplicate the efforts
  - How to send this? Maybe via email, but Dave thought maybe have brief call conducted by the YPs.
  - They need to develop a budget, may come to full board at next meeting for approval.
  - Ali: what is the update on the status of Strategic Planning process? First ‘touch base’ w/ Extension is in June, with most being completed in July – Aug.
- International *John*
  - Not much to share. They’ll be meeting again next week. Doing fine financially. Applying for second round of PPE loans.
  - National Events: virtual Summits coming up Sustainable Materials Management June 15<sup>th</sup> & Landfill Challenges June 17<sup>th</sup> <https://swana.org/events>
  - Still planning for in-person WasteCon in FL, in November 1-4<sup>th</sup>.
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- YP Report *Dave*
  - Met yesterday, talked about scholarships and newsletter later summer 2021 for next newsletter
  - Brown Co. Landfill construction tour: still planning on this. Waiting to see how the weather and construction is going.
  - River clean-up is still being discussed, no plans yet
  - Succession Planning for next student director discussed
  - Chapter liaisons for next fall- discussed
  - Trying to get at least 10 YPs on each call. Last meeting had just 4 or 5.
  - Alex – Student Director: When looking at WIRMC attendance, most students represented UWSP. Sent scholarship notification to university listservs. Having a hard time to keep students updated. I hope to send more advance notification of meetings to encourage their engagement.
- Social Media Report *Ali*  
Reported with Membership Report
- Legislative Advocacy Report *Meleesa*
  - Recent issues with Deer Carcass Legislation; sent letter to Natural Resource Board and to Sen. Cowles office – he then reached out to ask for input and assistance.
  - State Budget: Proposes using funds from Environ. Mgmt. Fund for fire fighting foam. Possible ‘concern’ about increase use of the Fund for Conservation Dept. activities because the amount budgeted for Recycling Programs has not changed—still \$19million. Also, wondering about a reference to “auxiliary containers” that would allow communities to dispense/cease collection of certain items (i.e. ban on banning bags, but it could interfere with WI’s Recycling Law and the role of RUs.) AROW Exec. Comm. is thinking we need to reach out to the Gov.

- Infrastructure Bill: We need to watch where recycling fits in this, but may still have time on this one.
- Note: Mark Walter, Brown County is the new Chair of the Council on Recycling. This is a good thing!
- Scholarship Report *George*  
Applications are due May 1, will be forwarded to Committee once they're received.  
No applications received yet, but has been interest so expecting them.

### **Timeline Reviewed**

March Items: Done

Place 2022 conference info on national site	April	Admin – (DONE)
Check Balance to make sure it's not under \$5,000	April	Treasurer
Review bank statement	April	Treasurer
Assess Administrative Assistant Contract	May	Board / Admin
IB Rep attends IB meeting	May	IB Rep
Decide who attend WasteCon	May	Board Vote
Decide Scholarship winners & report to Board Chair	May	Scholarship Chair
Check Balance to make sure it's not under \$5,000	May	Treasurer

### **Unfinished Business**

#### 1. Fall In-Person Meetings

- Mark: is interested in an in-person meeting in October (or for Annual mtg. in Sept.?) so we can have a lunch and invite a speaker. Board would like it to be a hybrid so people can attend virtually as well.
- Discussion: could decide on the details closer to the date. If this happens, where would it be? Discussion maybe at the site of the Conference site.
- Consensus: Keep this in-person event in October. It will be separate from the Annual Meeting that will be virtual and in September.
- Mark will start putting something together for this. Meleesa encouraged him to connect with RC if this can be combined with WIRMC agreement or it could be anywhere.

#### 2. WIRMC 2021 Final Report

- Karin gave an overview.  
Meleesa motions to approve reports as presented,  
Seconded by Chad.  
Motion carried
- 2022 WIRMC Discussion:
  - Karin shared screen of the Anticipated Scope of Services. No additions
  - Meleesa; find out if municipal leaders are having budget cuts for trainings?  
Maybe look into this....
  - Alex: WIRMC was the exception in their ability to deliver in an online platform compared to other events.

#### 3. Chapter-wide Strategic Planning:

- Initial meeting in June, with bulk happening in July and August
- Looking for 1 more from private sector on this committee.

- Lindsey wondered if invitation went out to the whole membership about being involved? Yes, it was sent. Lindsey will also post this on social media.

Next meeting May 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am

Motion to adjourn by Chad  
Seconded by Chris Anderson  
Adjourn –11:10 am

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Minutes recorded by Karin Sieg. Standing in for Susan Schuller, SWANA BC Administrative Assistant