

**Wisconsin Badger State Chapter
Solid Waste Association of North America
Board Meeting
June 15, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
Zoom Conference Call
MINUTES**

Call to Order: 10:05 am

Roll Call & Introductions

BOD: John Welch, Abby Lichtscheidl, Ali Rathsack, Chris Anderson, MaKayla Galecki, Lee Daigle, Benjamin Hintz

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

Also Present: Kate Strom Hiorn (DNR), Susan Schuller

Minutes of Previous Meetings [May 2023](#)

Abby moves to approve May Minutes with edits. Suggestion to be sure those who need links to google folders should have that. Update eRINs.

Lee – Seconded

Motion Passes

Treasurer's Report [Abby](#)

Checking: \$13,758.32

Savings: \$22,619.67

Ali moves to approve the Treasurer's Report

Ben Seconded

Motion Passes

Committee Reports

DNR Report - [Kate Strom Hiorns](#)

- Landfill and solid waste fees rulemaking advisory committee meeting is next week, June 21 and is open for anyone to attend. We will be briefly discussing draft code changes made so far to NR 500 and 504 and having a lengthy discussion on landfill liner code and potential alternative options. There will be time for public comments as well. Any questions or comments to share, please contact your SWANA reps on the committee or Kate Strom Hiorns kathrynm.stromhiorns@wisconsin.gov
- Meeting info: DNR office, 101 S. Webster St., Madison, Room G09 or [Zoom link](#) or by calling 312-626-6799, meeting id 88173895123#
- We were notified by the WI Department of Agriculture (DATCP) that a plant pathogen was found at several stores in the southeast and northeast region of the state. Because of limited options for burning or other disposal, it's likely that landfills will be asked to take this double-bagged yard waste material that is typically banned from landfill disposal. DNR will be sending out a notice to landfill operators later today. [The pathogen is *Phytophthora ramorum* found on 5-gallon posts of 'Holden' rhododendron. DATCP authority allows landfilling plant pests and pathogens and invasive plant material under s. [94.02\(1\)\(a\)](#), Stats.]
- DNR is keeping in touch with the city of Milwaukee and Waukesha County since a fire damaged their MRF. With WM's Germantown MRF also down for upgrades and the fire at

the Columbia County MRF, Milwaukee and Waukesha are working daily to find places that will take recyclable materials. DNR is working with them to determine if a landfill ban waiver would be need – only as a last resort. There is authority to allow the landfilling of recyclables in an unexpected emergency situation.

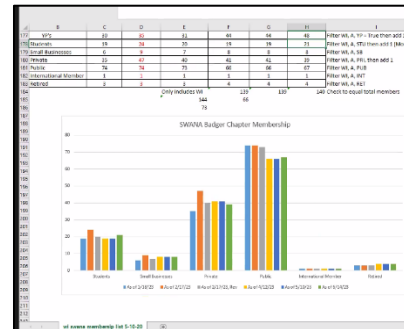
- Waste Program staffing: we have received approval to hire one position so far with available funding and the start of a new fiscal year in July. We're still working with HR, but hope to get a notice out fairly soon to fill the Engineer-Lead position (Valerie Joosten vacancy). We have vacancies in all areas and hope to hire more in the near future.

Safety Ambassador Report *Dave/John Peralta*

- Meeting next week. Safety Monday was Forklift Safety.
- More and more facilities are having issues with fires with lithium batteries.
- Brown Co, 1 large fire and 6 small ones this week (all because of batteries)
- Milwaukee and Waukesha fires
- Germantown Fire at MRF
- 500 Rule Change discussion on lithium batteries being addressed one way or another.

Membership / Social Media Report *Ali*

- Met yesterday.
- Ali shared data
- Members – 140
- E-News reach data reported out.



International *John*

- Finance committee met and recommended a budget for approval. DEI efforts included. No recommendations in increase membership. Reminder: chapters will be receiving 12.5% of membership dues to their chapters.
- Region Rep Position – John Welch. He will attend the July meeting in Colorado using own fees since he is the incoming rep.
- Discussion: MOU being amended to allow regions to split cost for allowing the incoming rep to attend the national meeting.

John moves to approve this amendment to the MOU to (1) require the incoming regional rep to attend the national meeting before they take on the role officially and (2) split the cost for travel between all regions represented so the incoming rep can attend and overlap with the outgoing regional representative.

Lee Seconded
Motion Passes

- The SWANA Interim Director has good communication so far. They are starting the process for the search for the permanent person. The interim director does not intend to apply.

YP Report *Abby*

- BC Organics and UW Oshkosh. May 26th -- 4 people attended.

- Spotlight hour – Breanne. Discussed the permitting process. It was very good. They are looking for an EP for Aug or Oct to talk about their work to our YPs.
- Looking for a fun activity and social do to at our annual meeting in the Dells. Open to ideas.

Advocacy Report *Mark*

- Governor’s Budget included PFAS. Those funds were stripped from the budget. A letter was sent to advocate for using Environmental Management Fund for our industry.
- Policy paper went out and published to highlight those tonnages going into WI landfills is down by 25%. Tipping fees went up to slow the waste from other states coming to us.
 - WI Policy Forum [report](#) & WPR [article](#) on the report
 - Discussion: In Portage Co and Marathon Co seems to be going up. Dane Co is also up. BOW County tonnage is also up. So that is interesting.
- New state grant related to PFAS is coming out. Coming from Federal spending bills, through EPA, through DNR, and they will give it out as a forgivable loan to help manage PFAS. Landfills qualify for this grant program. Will come out in August.
- eRINs ruling was expected to come out from EPA. Delaying the release of this rule by 2 weeks.
- May 18th the Enviro Integrity Project – Methane from Landfills came out on major media. Points to landfills as major climate change contributor. Consider reading this report. It is interesting and really talks negatively about landfills. [LINK to article](#).

Scholarship Report *Lee*

Discussed at end of the meeting asking MaKayla to step out for discussion. Reviewers were Ben, Abby, Lee

4 applicants –

- Kristin Muench – Submitted to National for the potential SWANA National Award already.
- MaKayla Galecki
- Katherine Bellow
- Kaylee Powers – Not qualified

Recommendation:

Ali Motion to approve the following Kristin at \$3,000, MaKayla \$2,000, and Katherine \$1,000

Abby Seconded

Motion Passes

Ali Motion to approve up to \$300/scholarship awardee to attend WIRMC 2024 in Wisconsin Dells. (up to \$900 total)

Abby Seconded

Motion Passes

The timeline was reviewed.

Meet in person at various locations, hosted by different member

June All

Website Updates

June Website Chair

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| Review goals | June | Board |
| Pursue conference speakers/ideas for sessions | June | All |
| Check Balance to make sure it's not under \$5,000 | June | Treasurer |
| Review bank statement | June | Treasurer |
| No meeting | July | None |
| Begin Budget Prep | July | Treasurer w/assistance |
| Check Balance to make sure it's not under \$5,000 | July | Treasurer |
| 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 |

- WasteCon – Chris, John, and Lee are likely going but do not need to request funds. Abby is a maybe.
- Susan will connect with Abby on invoicing for Wix

Unfinished – New Business

- SW 101 Course and Professional Development (John Welch)
 - a. Vote on Budget Approval to Support (1-pager description provided)
Discussion on this professional development.
Ali moves to approve funds not to exceed \$5,000 for this project.
Abby Seconded
Motion Passes
- WIRMC Call for Presentations (WIRMC Committee)
 - a. Call for presenters is coming out on Monday and people will have until August 25th to submit a proposal.
 - b. Planning team meeting is set for July 10th at 1pm
 - c. Site visit planned for July 25th.
 - d. Website updated with two early sponsors already committed – Liberty Tires and Fleet Genius
 - e. Field Trip Ideas or Workshops? Send to me or your representatives. (*Chad Doverspike, Nate Schneider, and Abby Lichtscheidl*)
 - f. *SWANA Annual meeting* Wisconsin Dells at Chula Vista – September 14th and 15 – Susan will make arrangements during their conference planning tour.

Next board meeting is August 17th at 10AM on Zoom. (No July Meeting)

Motion to adjourn by Lee

Seconded by Abby

Approved

Adjourn – 11:37am