

**Wisconsin Badger State Chapter  
Solid Waste Association of North America  
Board Meeting  
February 22, 2023, at 9:45 a.m.  
Hyatt Regency in Green Bay, WI and Zoom  
MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** Start 9:45 am

**Roll Call & Introductions**

BOD: John Welch, Chris Anderson, Benjamin Hintz, Abby Lichtscheidl, Dave Hagenbucher, Lee Daigle, Ali Rath sack, Mark Toressani, Nate Schneider

BOD Not Present: MaKayla Galecki

Also Present: Valerie Parker (Village of Weston), Allison Birr (Marathon Co), Gerry Neuser (Manitowoc Co), Jon Reisenbuechler (Manitowoc Co), Craig Brent (Manitowoc Co), Jennifer Semrau (WI DNR), Ryan Shimko (SEH), Trevor Romanko (SHE), Amanda Haffele (Portage Co), Chris Blan (Brown Co), Kate Strom Hiorns (WI DNR), Erik Lietz (Oakridge Engineering), Chad Doverspike (Brown Co), John Peralta (Marathon Co), Mark Walter (Brown Co), Betsy Powers (SCS)

**Minutes of Previous Meetings** [January 2023](#)

Motion by Abby to approve January Minutes

Seconded Lee

Approved – Motion Carries

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

A few transactions this month and some chapter dues came in.

SWANA WI Annual Financial Report submitted to national.

Checking: \$6,443.36

Savings: \$19,566.10

Motion by Nate to approve financial report as presented

Seconded Chris

Approved – Motion Carries

**Committee Reports**

**DNR Report** - [Kate Strom Hiorns](#)

- New DNR Secretary Adam Payne and Division Administrator Jim Zellmer, continuity throughout all divisions at DNR with new administrators
- Waste and Materials Management Program staffing and budget: Lead Engineer Valerie Joosten's last day in office was 2/2; Waste Mngt Specialist Lori Mulsoff left in January; Hazardous Waste Mngt Specialist vacancy; Program funding currently doesn't allow hiring
- [Rules:](#)
  - NR 500 scope approved by Natural Resources Board; nominations in for an advisory committee
    - The attendees had several questions about this committee and selection of members.

- NR 544 writing in progress; Jennifer presenting tomorrow at WIRMC feedback session
- Great Lakes dredged material disposal exemption emergency rule in effect. Public hearing on both emergency and permanent rules will be March 14 at 1:30 on Zoom
- Electronics and E-Cycle rule in final reviews by legislative committees
- 3 HW rules also have scope approval
- Federal grant programs: Initial submittal made to EPA for the Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling grant (SWIFR). All states required to submit and then EPA will determine money allocation to each state.
- Active reporting season now: infectious waste generators, haz waste generators, landfill annual tonnage and license application due 3/1, MRF report opens today, RU report next month
- Many DNR staff still teleworking up to 3 days per week

### **Safety Ambassador Report** *John Peralta*

- Fatality data 2022 – we moved from the 6<sup>th</sup> most deadliest to the 7<sup>th</sup> most deadliest. SWANA National is trying to get our industry out of the top 10. John gave the fatality numbers for 2021, 2022, and 2023.
- Townhall Meeting – March 23<sup>rd</sup> online for all interested. More information coming.
- SRC – WIRMC – Check it out – Hauler safety outreach is part of this. Stickers for “Slow Down to Get Around” and other materials/posters. Batter safety posters.
- Discussion on having an official committee bylaw set up. We want to formalize this. Some states have separate bylaws for their safety committee. The reason for this is because the committee does some legislative work, and they want to be sure there is a formalized structure.
- To be voted on next meeting

### **Membership / Social Media Report** *Ali*

- Ali shared the committee goals for the year. – Please remember to we have an e-newsletter each month – Send materials to Ali or Susan.
- Shared the membership numbers for our SWANA organizations.
- Total members 1/18/23 is 138 – 2/17/23 – 158. The increase in numbers the last month was due to some increase in student membership.
- Ali shared the E-Newsletter Engagement Summary

### **International** *John*

- SWANA Structure Allows for 1 Region Representative from our region (Midwest) – John will take over the role of this region representative. There is a regional meeting Thursday John will virtually attend.
- WasteCon – A cost share allowed John to attend this year. Thank you to the chapter for supporting this.
- DEI (Diversity Equity Inclusivity) – Priority area for SWANA
- Financially all is going well
- At a meeting at WasteCon it was passed to set the % dues coming back to the chapters. This is a change from a set amount per membership.

### YP Report *Abby*

- The YP's helped organize a Casino Themed Welcome Night -- 7-10pm tonight.
- River Clean Up – Teaming up with a Madison group, Capital Water Trails, on this event. Stay tuned for more details.

### Advocacy Report *Mark*

- PFAS continues to be an important issue.
- NR500 Regulation Changes is something to watch very closely. You can talk with advisory committee members, attend public comment periods, etc. This is an important time to share your thoughts if you have them.
- EPA has come up with a “consent decree” – calculation and measure emissions from landfills. This came from a lawsuit. (Here is an article from WasteDive on this topic - <https://www.wastedive.com/news/epa-consent-decree-msw-landfill-emissions/642606/>).
- Biogas utilization may have some renewable energy credits coming. Something to watch. Would be a beneficial change at landfills. You need to hire pros to help you understand these.
- Green Fire Summit on PFAS to educate local elected officials about this issue.
- E-waste rates have changed greatly.

### Scholarship Report *Lee*

- January we got the information for SWANA Scholarship. Everything has been updated.
- Last year we had 3 nominations and 3 awards.
- This coming year we want to increase the number of nominations.
- Lee has reached out to UW schools. We can also use help to reach tech schools if you have other contacts.
- Chad and Pat reviewed last year. We are looking for a few people to help review.

### The timeline was reviewed.

Send reminder via email regarding scholarships	February	Admin
Meet in person at conference	Feb/March	President/Admin
Check Balance to make sure it's not under \$5,000	February	Treasurer
Website Updates	March	Website Chair
Review goals	March	Board
Wisconsin Non-Stock Corp Annual Report Form	March	Treasurer
Tax Form 990	March	Treasurer
Check Balance to make sure it's not under \$5,000	March	Treasurer
Review bank statement	March	Treasurer

### Unfinished – New Business

1. WI specific Professional Development Opportunities for SW & Recycling. 3-Orgs partnership. Survey going out soon to gather more input and interest in potential trainings/professional development for our industry (state specific).
  - a. Create a program for training
  - b. Two tracks

- i. YP and Els
  - ii. One for advanced professionals
2. WIRMC 2023 Update (Susan/Planning Team)
  - a. Susan provided an update on happens at WIRMC 2023.

Motion to adjourn by Nate

Seconded by Lee

Approved

Adjourn – 10:43 am

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Minutes recorded by Susan Schuller, SWANA BC Administrative Assistant