

**Wisconsin Badger State Chapter
Solid Waste Association of North America
Board Meeting
January 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
Zoom Conference Call
MINUTES**

Call to Order: Start 10:01 am

Roll Call & Introductions

BOD: John Welch, Chris Anderson, Ben Hintz, Abby Lichtscheidl, Dave Hagenbucher, Lee Daigle, Ali Rathsack, MaKayla Galecki, Mark Toressani

BOD Not Present: Nate Schneider

Also Present: Susan Schuller (Recycling Connections), John Peralta (Marathon Co), Kate Strom Hiorns (WI-DNR), Chris Blan (Brown Co.)

Minutes of Previous Meetings [December 2022](#)

Motion by Abby to approve November Minutes

Seconded Mark

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: \$5,292.76

Savings: \$20,066.10

Committee Reports

DNR Report - [Kate Strom Hiorns](#)

- Staffing: Waste Management Specialist in Southeast Region, Lori Mulsoff, moving to position outside of state government. Other specialists helping to cover her area.
- [WMM Study Group](#) meeting on Feb. 2, notice went out yesterday with Zoom link. Agenda will include discussion of recycling and landfill rulemaking efforts, discussion of yard waste related to holiday trees, and presentation from our Hazardous Waste Section Chief on existing [universal waste](#) status and management of batteries. – Related to the SWANA agenda topic on proposing battery containing devices as universal waste, please reach out to Andrea Keller, andrea.keller@wisconsin.gov, to get more information and considerations of downstream effects to that designation.
- Landfill and solid waste fees rulemaking update: a public hearing was held on the scope statement (initial rulemaking step, no rule language written yet) on December 22, 2022. The main comments included the need to develop a formal public input process that considers technical information and science, evaluation of performance standards, and overall economic impact.
- If the scope statement is approved next week at the [January 25 Natural Resources Board meeting](#), we will set up a committee and public meetings to provide input throughout the rulemaking process. Our timeline estimates that a draft board order and economic impact analysis should be ready by February 2024, internal reviews conducted in April, posting for EIA comments through June, revisions and reviews conducted after, then an official public hearing in late September 2024.

- E-Cycle and electronics recycling rule re-submitted to legislative committees last week for final reviews. DNR worked on this rule in 2021 and amended it in 2022 based on comments from the final legislative review committee. This rule would require electronics processors to become licensed and would codify many E-Cycle WI Program policies.
- Landfill 2022 quarter 4 online reporting going on now, due Feb. 1. Annual report will be sent out by email to active landfill operators in early February to report all 2022 tonnage and apply for the 2023-24 license. Other current reporting activities to DNR include infectious waste annual reporting by hospitals/clinics/other generators, and soon the Hazardous Waste Annual Report will be live.

Safety Ambassador Report *John Peralta*

- 2023 - 3 fatal incidents occurred already.
- Our committee is developing a template for committee operations
- Teaming with AROW on the Safety Resource Center (SCR) at WIRMC – They will showcase safety resources available throughout the state.
- Lithium ion battery education and outreach. This issue continues to be a focus for this committee. Two draft info graphic/flyers were shared with the group. This is a complicated issue that continues to be discussed among the committee.

Membership / Social Media Report *Ali*

- Met yesterday – Finalized 2 goals --- one related to on the E-news and the other related to membership #s.
- The January E-News went out this week.
- Membership #s – 138 members total. There are 108 Eps, 30 YPs , 19 students, 6 small businesses, 35 private, 74 public. Some board members are experience difficulty with the mySWANA to download the current membership list.
- National sent Susan updated brochures and materials. They will be on display at WIRMC. They also included 4 water bottles we can use a give aways or however the board would like to use them.

International *John*

- Post-WasteCon meetings are being scheduled. March 13-15 is the next regional meeting in person.
- June meeting John is scheduled to take over the region representative. He will be at this meeting. As policy, the regional chapters share the travel expenses for the current rep to attend these meetings.
 - Request and Discussion: John Welch asked the board if they would be willing to have SWANA WI pay for John to attend the March meeting. He is not officially the regional rep yet, so funds have not been approved for his travel expenses. He feels it is valuable for the incoming rep to be at the meeting for a smooth transition in leadership for our region. The estimated request of funds is \$1,500 to cover transportation, room, and meals for the March meeting.
 - Discussion.
 - Result: John will go back to the chapters to see if they are willing to split this cost. He will report out at the next meeting.
- Investment funds have taken a hit financially, but National is still doing very well overall.
- IRS forms have been submitted.

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- DEI efforts will be a priority for National in the coming year.
- A new policy has been approved to adjust the way chapters receive their share of dues from membership. It will now be based on a percentage vs a set amount/member.

YP Report *Abby*

- Good turn out at the last meeting (9).
- Looking for YP Nominations through January 31st.
- The Member Spotlight continues.
- The committee is busy planning the welcome event planning for WIRMC.

Advocacy Report *Mark*

Two issues to keep an eye on:

1. NR 500 –Pay attention to public comment dates/times as this review and revision process continues in 2023.
2. Federal Level – Landfills EPA’s policy on RINs (e-rins) generating renewable fuel. There is expected to be a very large increase of fuel type that could/will affect our industry.

Side Comment: Johns Disposal had a large fire recently --- Abby shared insight. Their investigation is still going to determine the cause.

Scholarship Report *Lee*

- Applications will be due May 1st.
- Chapter will select scholarships and submit on June 2nd.
- The announcements will go in the E-news.
- Lee requests assistance to reach more universities about this opportunity. (UWSP, Platteville, UWGB, Madison, Mich Tech is a good add)
- Feb 16th – Ben is doing a presentation at UWGB – he will share this information with them.
- We discussed how to share this at WIRMC. With a poster at the booth and/or in a conference slide deck. Susan will take care of this. Abby will work on getting the bio from the last awardee from last year.

The timeline was reviewed

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 – will be submitted by the Jan 31 due date.
Annual Financial Report	Dec 31	Treasurer
Review bank statement	December	Treasurer
Website Updates	December	Website Chair
Check Balance to make sure it's not under \$5,000	January	Treasurer
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

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. Two paths for PD are being considered:
 - i. 101 Overview of SW / R specific to WI targeting YPs and those coming in new to the industry.
 - ii. Cohort of Leadership Training
 - b. There are costs in developing these trainings, so the presidents of the 3 orgs (SWANA WI, AROW, and WCSWMA) want feedback before pursuing.
 - c. A survey will be going to members on getting more input into this.
2. WIRMC 2023 Update (Susan/Planning Team)
 - a. Sponsorship is really good. Registrations are coming in and are doing very well so far. The exhibit hall is filling. People have been reading our promotions and clicking on information related to conference. We are on a good track.
 - b. Photographer Update – We will have a professional photographer at WIRMC this year to take headshots for those who would like them, and also, capture events/activities at conference Thursday. There was an increase in cost to help cover the travel expenses for our photographer that fits fine within the approved budget. He is confirmed.
3. Lithium Ion Battery
 - a. Infographics created and shared with the group.
 - b. Chris Blan offers background on this issue. The proposal is that lithium-ion batteries be listed as universal waste based on the justifications for other substances and products being added to the list of universal waste.
 - c. Does the board approve us taking this stance on this issue?
 - i. Discussion: There was a lot of discussion on this issue. In the end, the board went to a vote.

Motion by Abby to have the SWANA WI logo added to the informational infographic/flyer (option 1) for use at WIRMC AND edit the document so the statement at the bottom of the document is changed to a question. Friendly amendments to add the suggestions under discussion.

Seconded Mark

Discussion: Lee would like to see a draft before it is put out.

Ali would like reference back to code and definition on this document.

Friendly amendment to add items from the discussion:

1. The board must see and approve the final draft before printing.
2. A reference code and/or definition is added to the flyer.

Friendly amendment accepted by Abby and Mark

Approved Unanimously – Motion Carries

Next Board Meeting – at WIRMC (Green Bay, WI) February 22, 2023 at 9:45am

Adjourn – 11:52 am

Minutes recorded by Susan Schuller, SWANA BC Administrative Assistant