

**Wisconsin Badger State Chapter  
Solid Waste Association of North America  
Annual Membership Meeting  
December 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.**

Join Zoom Meeting

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**MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** 10:04am

**Roll Call**

BOD: George Shereda, Alex Thomas, John Welch, Chris Anderson, Chad Doverspike, Ali Rathsack, Mark Torresani, Dave Hagenbucher, Meleesa Johnson, Erik Lietz

BOD Not Present: Lindsey Carlson

Also Present: Susan Schuller (SWANA Admin Assistant), Kate Strom-Hiorns (DNR)

**Minutes of Previous Meetings** *November 2020*

Motion by Meleesa to approve the November 2020 Minutes with the noted edits in the DNR report and spelling of names.

Seconded by Mark

Approved – Motion Carries

**Treasurer's Report** *Meleesa*

Checking \$6,464.53

Savings \$22,336.18

Tax form 990 was submitted. The next task that will be done this month is the financial report for SWANA National's annual report.

Motion by Chad to approve the financial report as stated.

Seconded by Alex

Approved – Motion Carries

**Committee Reports**

• **DNR Report** *Kate Strom-Hiorns*

There were several DNR Waste & Materials Management Program public meetings this month. Below is information on those with links for finding more information:

- December 1 – Coal Combustion Residuals Rulemaking Public Feedback Meeting (~25 people attended) <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Waste/Laws.html>
- December 3 – Waste and Materials Management Study Group Meeting - discussed LAB State Recycling Programs audit, research needs for solid waste improvements, updates from members <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Waste/StudyGroup.html>
- December 3 – Council on Recycling Meeting - discussed LAB State Recycling Programs audit, recycling markets updates <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Recycling/Council.html>
- December 9 – Electronics Recycling Rulemaking Public Feedback Meeting There were ~ 50 people in attendance. Good feedback was received on the E-Cycle WI Program. DNR will be codifying this more. <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Waste/Laws.html>

- December 14 – Material Recovery Facility Stakeholder Meeting (~40 people attended) – slides available soon at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Recycling/MRF.html> There were several great presentations at the meeting.
- December 16 – E-Cycle annual report and update meeting – 2020 annual report and additional information at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/ecycle/Wisconsin.html>

Questions for Kate: NONE

- Safety Ambassador Report *Erik*
  - SWANA National recently had a safety meeting. It included information on and interest in safety topics for the next SWANA Conference – SOAR. Chapter Involvement. OH and AZ did really well with some safety involvement.
  - An article from the Dept of Labor Statistics – Industry Wide #s – We are now the 6<sup>th</sup> deadliest occupation. That is down from #5 last year. 43 worker fatalities in 2019. Down from 57 the previous year. 11 were at landfills. The remaining were undisclosed. Good news on that front...
  - The committee hasn't met.
  - Discussions on WIRMC Safety Resources Center – Susan has been in discussion with John Peralta and Eric Olson. There will be information on safety presented at WIRMC throughout the week. A lot of great and creative ideas are brewing.
- Membership Report *Dave is the chair*
  - Met as a committee this morning. We decided to have Thursday before SWANA meet at 7:30am. They discussed reaching out to the new members or those who have not renewed yet. Sending texts and emails to reach out to them. Discussed benefits of phone call vs text communications.
  - Invite more SWANA membership to join in the membership committee members.
  - Currently there are 167 members
  - Susan will be updating the Google Members Lists so it is more current. (DONE)
  - Suggestion: Consider reaching out to Public Works Employees, Haulers and FET.
  - John commented: important to keep members engaged especially during this time with COVID
- International *John*
  - Gone virtual on most events this year. WasteCon – recordings are still available.
  - Financials – budget passed before COVID, so they won't meet their budget as planned. They received ~\$500,000 in PPT funds. Those are expended.
  - Letter of Credit received from a bank – not used yet.
  - \$2 million in reserves. So, we are doing ok. The staff have done some great work to save and cut costs.
  - MI has officially become a chapter. Joining our region. We will update our regional agreement to add them. The financial split – 20% costs. One hiccup – Paul, the SWANA MI president, took notice that they needed to create bi-laws and have them reviewed by an attorney. They used Barry who is very expensive. Barry sent invoices to SWANA National. Instead of making a newly forming chapter bear costs and start in the hole, it was felt they shouldn't be penalized – SWANA National paid the debts so MI doesn't start in the hole.

- YP Report *Dave--/Lindsey*
  - Dave gave report. Meet early November. YP newsletter is postponed. Try to get it out right before conference.
  - Co-hosting with AROW ELs with Virtual Trivia. Krystal Clark is taking the lead. Also, she is doing a great job coordinating a webinar series with AROW.
  - Hope to have a social event in this coming year.
  - Looking to increase involvement in the National.
  - Update on Student Director – discussion with talk with universities and connect students virtually. Engage students. Help to continue engagement after graduation. Keep working – UW GB will sponsor students to attend WIRMC. Figure out how to get student communication with all student groups. A bit of a challenge with covid.
- Social Media Report *Ali*  
Met the first Wed of this month.
  - Gathering thoughts – Ali will be outlining some goals and we will discuss that 1:30 on January 6th, please join that call if you are interested.
  - Outagamie Co, Tik Tok video went viral – something to think about.
- Legislative Advocacy Report *Meleesa*
  - Next meeting is the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1pm. – Jessie Maxwell put out a presentation on this. Develop a few key advocacy goals. This year is a budget year, so it is important to be ahead of this. Please attend this call if you have thoughts.
  - LAB Report – AROW Exec committee met. Meleesa will put together letter for the 3 organizations for review. Maybe add the Council on Recycling. Trying to be cautious here not to bring too much attention here.
- Scholarship Report *George*
  - Met Nov 24<sup>th</sup> to plan for next year.
  - National will send out their application form.
  - Next meeting is in January.
  - Main topics –
    1. Increasing participation and get a feel from the students on how they perceive the application process. Working with the YP group to get the word out.
    2. What is best for the WI Chapter to get more national awards.
  - Let Susan and Ali know what announcements and website. Susan will look at website. Dave will look at getting some information out – He will discuss with Lindsey.

### **Timeline Reviewed**

Ask for YP Award nominations	December	YP Committee
Review goals	December	Board
Check Balance to make sure it's not under \$5,000	December	Treasurer
Annual Progress Report	Dec 31	Admin
Annual Financial Report	Dec 31	Treasurer
Review bank statement	December	Treasurer
Website Updates	December	Website Chair

Tasks are up to date and on target.

MOLO – approval for the conference. Chad sent to Karin, Susan, and John.

## **Unfinished Business**

1. Approval of Service Contract with RCC – **DONE**
2. Confirm Committee Assignments & Identify Committee Chairs – Annual Report
  - Susan will update committee chairs as reported today.
  - Susan will send out some specific questions for the group that relates to the annual report.
  - The report is due January 25<sup>th</sup>. We are on target to submit that on time. No concerns.
3. WIRMC 2021 Update (Susan/Planning Team)
  - Dan Roche joined the planning team representing SWANA WI BC
  - We request SWANA WI BC to have a table at WIRMC in the Virtual Expo Hall. We ask Board reps discuss who will help with this - 3 hours total: 1 hour each day Tuesday, Wed, and Thursday. Share with visitors the benefits of being on the board and some projects we are working on. This is in replacement of the booth that is normally at WIRMC by the registration table.
  - Update on Safety Resource Center. There are a lot of great ideas being planned here. It is going to be great and fun!
  - Awards will be Wednesday at 4pm. SWANA WI will be able to publicly recognize their awardees.
  - 23 registered. Not bad for this time.
4. Continuity of Operations Planning in event of COVID19 (ongoing item of discussion)
  - Some incidents at landfills where they needed to shut down some operations.
  - We all know someone who had COVID, been hospital, or perhaps lost someone. Please stay safe.
  - John share incidents among Dane County SW Staff.
  - Mark – starting to see opening up and planning for events – some optimism we will back to normal by the summer.
5. Chapter-wide Strategic Planning – Meleesa will reach out to Nathan, UWExtension on next steps. Email John if you want to be on the small group to lead the effort. Everyone will be involved one way or another.

Next meeting January 21, 2021 at 10am.

Adjourn - 11:00 am

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Minutes recorded by Susan Schuller, SWANA BC Administrative Assistant