

**Wisconsin Badger State Chapter
Solid Waste Association of North America
Board Meeting
August 17, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
Zoom Conference Call
MINUTES**

Call to Order: 10:10 am

Roll Call & Introductions

BOD: Chris Anderson, MaKayla Galecki, Lee Daigle, Dave Hagenbucher, Mark Torresani, Benjamin Hintz, Ali Rathsack

BOD Not Present: Nate Schneider, Abby Lichtscheidl, John Welch,

Also Present: Joe Lourigan (DNR), Susan Schuller, John Peralta

Minutes of Previous Meetings [June 2023](#)

Ali moves to approve June Minutes.

Chris – Seconded

Motion Passes

Treasurer's Report [Abby \(emailed\)](#)

Checking: \$12,990.26

Savings: \$19,267.20

- Received June (\$199) and August (\$260) membership dues. No July dues? I have to look into that.
- Paid James Sokra for regional meeting attendance (-\$253.14)
- Wrote & sent checks to scholarship recipients with letter. (\$3000, \$2000, & \$1,000) The \$3000 has been cashed. Waiting on the other two. The letter is basically what Lee sent via email to them, I added the Badger Chapter mission and areas where they could get involved.
- I transferred the remainder of the WIRMC funds (\$3,353.08) from savings to checking. It's considered a revenue in the budget spreadsheet and it's easier for my tracking if it's in the checking account. (my mistake, I thought having it in savings would be better...It wasn't!)
- Notes regarding the proposed budget are on the spreadsheet.

Chris moves to approve the Treasurer's Report

Ali Seconded

Motion Passes

Committee Reports

DNR Report - [Joe Lourigan](#)

- The Waste & Materials Management Program had a meeting yesterday with the Landfill Rulemaking Advisory Committee. We discussed some draft updates to landfill operations code, gave an overview of agency and program funding and expenses, and gathered feedback on ideas for potential solid waste fee increases (license surcharge fee per ton of disposed waste, plan review/license/inspection fees, or a mix). The next meeting will be October 18 and the main discussions will focus on groundwater monitoring and responses to groundwater standard exceedances. The public is welcome to attend and the meeting will be noticed using our govdelivery listserves, on the DNR calendar, and at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Waste/Laws.html>

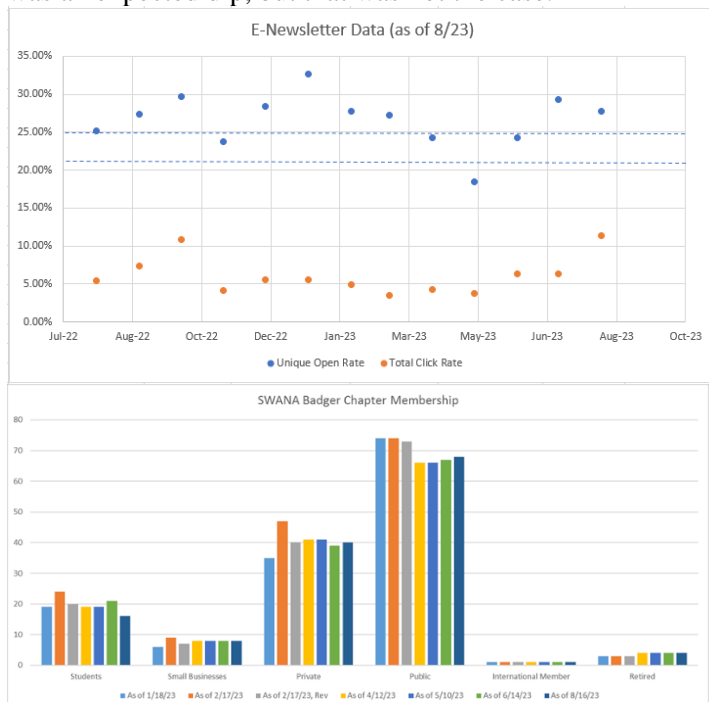
- The Waste Program is also updating administrative code related to recycling, effective recycling programs managed by responsible units, and materials recovery facilities. A draft of the rule is close to done and will be included with a request for economic impact comments this fall.
- A new electronics recycling rule became effective July 1. A fact sheet summarizing major rule changes can be found here: [What to Know About Wisconsin's Electronics Recycling Rule](#). Changes include the requirement for most electronics recyclers to obtain a solid waste processor license and codifying many of the E-Cycle Program policies.
- We will be conducting interviews soon to hire a Lead Engineer. Applications were due Monday 8/14. We hope to recruit at least one other engineer and a waste management specialist in the near future. We will also be looking for a someone to fill a project position this fall to focus on food waste prevention.
 - There was a question on the liner code. The change or the limitations regarding the clay liners. Mark Torresani will get back to the DNR about that.
 - The public comment period hasn't opened yet. Should we prepare a formal letter in advance about this? (Lee)
 - Discussion on the meeting that happened yesterday.

Safety Ambassador Report *Dave/John Peralta*

- Director for the Safety Ambassador stepped down. SWANA is looking for someone to fill that role. Estela is filling that role at the moment.
- Met yesterday. Talked about WIRMC and a possible panel.
- We started collecting stories and images of the fires in our industry and we discussed a way to bring these items to our legislative representatives.

Membership / Social Media Report *Ali (emailed)*

The following graphics were shared with the attendees. Readership was actually good this summer. There was an expected dip, but that was not the case.



International *John*

No Report

YP Report *Abby*

- We had a presentation by Experienced Professional (EP) Mark Torresani on his experience in the SW industry and advice/leaving thoughts to us upcoming leaders. It was great! We had about 15 attendants.
- We discussed welcome event activities. We'll be organizing indoor lazer tag!! I'd also like to have a more formal networking activity, TBD. This is at WIRMC.
- I'm encouraging YPs to come to the in-person board meeting. We'll be having a social event afterwards. Mini golf or axe throwing.

Advocacy Report *Mark*

- NR500 Code revisions is the big thing to keep an eye on.
- How to address the batteries and fires. Discussion on how to get people to not throw them out. Discuss a possible deposit system to encourage people from keeping batteries out of landfills/recycling centers.

Scholarship Report *Lee*

Checks have been sent out. One awardee asked for addresses to the committee to send a thank you.

The timeline was reviewed.

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
Website Updates	September	Website Chair Nominating
Ballots Approved	September	Committee/Admin
Ballots Sent	September	Admin
Review goals	September	Board
Annual Meeting: Election of Officers, Service Provider Agreement	September	President/Admin
Review bank statement	September	Treasurer
Check Balance to make sure it's not under \$5,000	September	Treasurer

Unfinished – New Business

- Co-sponsorship regarding memo from Representative Mursau “LRB 0632/1 – Establishing Proof of Financial Responsibility for Solid Waste facilities owned or operated by a municipality” Deadline to cosponsor – Aug 18th.
 - a. Dave provided some perspective and emailed details of this topic to the group for review. Net worth evaluation can be used for private owned landfills. Publicly owned landfills want to use this same model as privately owned landfill use. There was a lot of discussion since there is a deadline on this item.
 - Ali motions to cosponsor
 - Dave seconded
 - Discussion.
 - Motion Passes, unanimously

- BOD Elections
 - One open seat to fill – 3 incumbents (Ali, Dave, and Chris)
 - People should promote and encourage colleagues to consider joining the board.
 - Susan will open voting on Tues, September 5th. That gives 15 days open via our bylaw rules.
 - Online/mail-in voting closes Sept 20th at noon.
 - Nomination committee should select a student board member for the year. Student position?
 - Continue with MaKayla?
 - Nomination committee – Lee, Dave, and Ben will meet and bring a recommendation to the next meeting.
- Annual Meeting Planning – Sept 21st In-person WI Dells
 - a. Susan needs a final count. She will ask an RSVP.
 - b. The Meeting is scheduled for 10am-1pm with lunch buffet provided.
 - c. Activity afterwards will be offered (Ax throwing or mini-golf)
- SW 101 Course and Professional Development Update (John Welch)
 - a. 3 orgs met. RC is moving forward with the planning. If you have interest in being a writer or reviewer, please let Susan know and the area of expertise you have particular interest in, if any.
- WIRMC Updates (WIRMC Committee)
 - a. Call for presenters is due August 25th to submit a proposal. We have 13 proposals so far.
 - i. Tetra Tech will be submitting several
 - b. Site visit took place in July. Went well.
 - c. Five sponsors already committed – Liberty Tires, Tetra Tech, Fleet Genius, GFL, and JWR.
 - d. WI Waste Water Operators Wastewater will be in the Dells related to PFAS October 24-27. Something of interest to this group or to find overlapping topics.

Next board meeting is our Annual Meeting in-person. September 21st 10AM – In-person at Chula Vista, Wi Dells

Motion to adjourn by Chris
 Seconded by Ali
 Approved

Adjourn – 11:20am

Minutes recorded by Susan Schuller, SWANA BC Administrative Assistant