

**Wisconsin Badger State Chapter
Solid Waste Association of North America
Board Meeting**

February 23, 2022 at 9:45 a.m.

Zoom Meeting & In-person WIRMC 2022 in Green Bay

MINUTES

Call to Order: Start 9:49 am

Roll Call

BOD: Lindsey Carlson, Nate Schneider, Chad Doverspike, Mark Toressani, George Shereda, Chris Anderson, Alex Thomas, Dave Hagenbucher, John Welch

BOD Not Present: Meleesa Johnson, Ali Rathsack

Also Present (15): Susan Schuller (SWANA Admin Assistant), Kate Strom Hiorns, Chad Baesch, Taylor Sorenson, Amanda Haffele, Megan Hines, Valerie Parker, Craig Brert, Gerry Neuser, Jon Reisenbuechler, Allison Birr, Jessica Hanson, John Peralta, Abby Lichtscheidl, & Chris Blan

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Motion by Nate to approve

Chad Seconded

Approved – Motion Carries

Treasurer's Report [Meleesa](#)

NO REPORT

Committee Reports

DNR Report - [Kate Strom Hiorns](#)

- March 2nd 9-10:30am listening session Waste & Materials Study Group. Info on improving solid waste administrative code. All are welcome. – people can join via virtually.
- March 3rd 10am - Council on Recycling meeting – people can join via virtually.
- March 3rd another meeting with Region 5 EPA Staff – opportunity with bipartisan laws. Possible fed funds coming in waste/recycling industry. It is just to gather more information at this point.
- Online Annual Report on Landfill License and Tonnage Report --- online this year. Due March 8th
- Materials Recovery Facilities Reporting for Self-Certifications (compliance and tonnage collected for 2021) due March 30th
- Open Responsible Units Reports (all municipalities in the state) open mid-March and due late-April.

Safety Ambassador Report –[Dave](#)

- Kudos to the amazing team and committee members we have on this committee.
 - Thank these people for their work! John Peralta, Eric Olson, Abbie Lichtscheidl, Brent Flikkema, Larry Holgan, Chris Blan, & Erik Lietz
- John P. gave report
 - State of the Industry Safety Report - 6th deadliest industry
 - SW Landfill Employees: 3.4 incidents/100 employees (lowest rate since 2006)
 - MRF Employees: incidents increased in 2021 from 3.6 to 5.1 incidents
 - SW Collection – incidents increased 5.2 to 5.8

- Now reporting Illnesses in this report—For more details on this reporting, please contact John P.
- Fires due to Batteries -- This group has been busy on batteries in the landfill information and outreach. Please take our survey here so we can collect data on this and inform possible legislation on this.
- Visit the Safety Resource Center at Conference – there are some great things going on.
- Question – Chad: What is the size or charge of the battery that may cause harm?
 - John reminds folks that alkaline is not a problem—too low of a voltage. Potential issues come from rechargeable batteries like Nickle Metal Hydride, Ni Cad can cause some of those problems, Lithium-Ion batteries. Even those small ones still have a charge when disposed.

Membership/ Social Media Report *Chris*

- Chris reported some of the efforts going on this year.
- Current membership is 152
- We get a monthly report from National on membership update. We try to reach out to members who are soon to expire in their membership.
- Social Media: We have a Facebook page, website, and Linked In (Linked to the SWANA WI YP – we do need help keeping Linked In active. If someone is interested in helping, let us know)
- Meet monthly on this – all are welcome to join on these committees.
- A survey was created this year to ask members. This morphed into a strategic planning survey with a few questions there.
- Please fill out the survey – Susan gave some guidance on that.

https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_21PO5Z9O7LwynNc

International *John*

- SOAR – Technical conference is coming up in a month. There is a student design competition as part of that event.
- Financially, SWANA National is very strong – they did a nice job getting some PPP loans during the pandemic. The first one was forgiving and they expect the second loan to be forgiven as well. This allowed national to do some cost sharing with chapters on insurance. First time they did that, and it helps our chapter.
- Committees nationally – they are going through a second draft of the strategic planning.
- WASTE CON was down but still was ok.
- Overall membership dipped down a bit during COVID and it is climbing

YP Report *Lindsey*

- Please come to the reception tonight for a fun activity – Thank you to Abbie L and Alex T. leading the efforts on that. Thanks to SWANA & WCSWMA sponsoring refreshments.
- Come to Track Sessions where there are YP presenters.
- If you are 35 years or younger – please get involved. – If you are older than 35, please encourage your YPs to get involved.
- Heads up – we will need a new YP Leaders for the next voting cycle. Please reach out to Lindsey or Alex if you have questions.
- We are recognizing last year’s awardees at WIRMC this year.
- Scholarship winners and YP Awards are going to be recognized at Awards ceremony at WIRMC – George will be presenting the awards.

Advocacy Report *John*

- There is a small EPA group who are starting to look at the language to make some PFAS requirements. We were able to set up a meeting with them. It was very helpful. We were able to share our perspective and how it would affect our industry. If regulations come, then we would need resources as well.
- Nothing currently moving forward legislatively at the moment.

Scholarship Report *George*

- SWANA National just put the forms up on their website – in the next week or so, our application for WI will be updated to reflect the national guidelines.
- In years past we allocated \$6,000 to support students. If you are a student or know a student, please let them know.
- Last year a student from WI won a National Award -- \$5000 award last year
- May 2nd is the deadline for that.
- George asked if Alex can help students know about this opportunity.

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 – EACH COMMITTEE BRING GOALS TO NEXT MEETING	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 Business

Chapter-wide Strategic Planning (John)

- John gave an update on this. We have been meeting monthly in the fall with a break over the holidays. Now we are at the point where we are gathering information from our membership and those in our industry.
- Please take the survey! Poster is on display at our booth with our 4 target areas.

WIRMC 2022 Update (Susan/Planning Team)

- Susan gave an updated. This took a lot of planning and discussion on keeping people safe while we gather face-to-face.
- Roughly we have attendance around 225-250 at the event. The final numbers will be coming later.
- Thank our sponsors. We have had received a wonderful level of support this year.

Next meeting March 17, 2022 at 10:00AM

Motion to Adjourn by Chad, Nate Second

Adjourn – 10:31 AM

Minutes recorded by Susan Schuller, SWANA BC Administrative Assistant