

**Wisconsin Badger State Chapter
Solid Waste Association of North America
Annual Meeting / Board Meeting
September 19th 2024 at 10:00 AM
MINUTES – DRAFT**

Call to Order: 10:16 AM

Roll Call & Introductions

BOD: MaKayla Galecki, Abby Lichtscheidl, Lee Daigle, Benjamin Hintz, Chris Anderson, Dave Hagenbucher, Mark Torresani, Ali Rathsack, John Welch, John Peralta

BOD Not Present: Julie Ketchum

Also Present: Michelle Nieuwenhuis (RC), Krista Haapla, Logan Dwyer, Aden Clark

Minutes of Previous Meetings [August 2024](#)

Lee moves to approve August Minutes.

Ben – Seconded

Approved – Motion carries

Board of Directors Elections & Elections of Officers

The election results:

25 votes cast (0 mailed or emailed)

2 thrown out (repeat votes)

23 valid votes casted.

RESULTS:

Lee Daigle, Ben Hintz, Abby Lichtscheidl, John Peralta, John Welch.

Election of Board President – John Welch nominates Lee Daigle.

Motion by John to close nominations and accept nomination of Lee as president.

Ali seconds.

Approved – Motion carries.

Election of Board Vice President – Lee nominates Abby. Abby declines. Abby nominates Ben. John nominates Ali.

Group votes. Ben – 4 votes. Ali – 3 votes. 1 abstain.

Motion carries. Ben is Vice President.

Election of Treasurer – Lee nominates Abby.

Motion by Lee to close nominations and accept nomination of Abby as Treasurer.

Ali seconds.

Approved – Motion carries.

Election of Secretary – Abby nominates Ali.

Ben seconds.

Approved – Motion carries.

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

Checking: \$ 21,196.98

Savings: \$ 13,268.86

Abby reported about some transactions this past month.

MaKayla motions to approve.

John Peralta seconds.

Approved – Motion Carries

Committee Reports

DNR Report - *Kate*

- 3 hazardous waste rules going to the Natural Resources Board for approval on September 25
 - WA-11-21 Modernizing Ignitable Liquids Determinations
 - WA-12-21 Expanding Universal Waste – adding aerosol cans
 - WA-14-21 Technical Corrections and Clarifications
- WA-11-22 Landfill Design and Operation and Solid Waste Fees Rule
 - Public hearing September 30 2:30 p.m. – virtual
 - Links to the official hearing notice, updated rule document, and economic impact analysis can be found at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/news/input/ProposedPermanent> under WA-11-22
- DNR directed by 2023 WI Act 107 to conduct emergency rulemaking
 - Requesting approval at October NRB meeting – WA-07-24(E)
 - Requirements relating to an alternative method of establishing owner financial responsibility (OFR) at municipally owned solid waste disposal facilities
 - Similar to net worth test for private businesses
 - Public hearing not until permanent rulemaking in early 2025, but we will share a draft with the WMM Study Group and WCSWMA as soon as possible
- NR 502 code feedback sessions. This information and active links can be found at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Waste/Laws.html>

Date and time	Topic	Connection info
Sept. 19, 10-11:30 a.m.	Transporters and transfer facilities; s. NR 502.06 and 502.07, Wis. Adm. Code.	Teams link or 608-571-2209; 706738390#
Oct. 3, 10-11:30 a.m.	Solid waste processor, incinerator, air curtain destructor, and municipal solid waste combustor facilities; s. NR 502.08, 502.09, 502.10, and 502.13, Wis. Adm. Code.	Teams link or 608-571-2209; 532223288#
Oct. 17, 10-11:30 a.m.	Open burning, woodburning, and composting; s. NR 502.11 and 502.12, Wis. Adm. Code.	Teams link or 608-571-2209; 227025912#
Oct. 31, 10-11:30 a.m.	Fill exemptions, low hazard exemptions, storage facilities, landspreading, and PCB generators and handlers; s. NR 500.08 and 502.05, ch. 518, and ch. 157, Wis Adm. Code.	Teams link or 608-571-2209, 941205174#
Nov. 14, 10-11:30 a.m.	Infectious waste generators and handlers ch. 526, Wis. Adm. Code.	Teams link or 608-571-2209; 282746732#

- E-Cycle Collection Grants: ~\$125,000 awarded in August
 - Projects that will establish an electronics collection site or host an event between September 2024 and December 2025
- Waste Program submitted an application for a federal Dept. of Energy grant to fund a 4-year project focused on expanding battery collection sites statewide and conducting outreach
 - Will learn more in a couple months whether awarded or not
- SWIFR grant update: Working with HDR, Inc., to conduct statewide food waste evaluation – surveys going out in next month or two; gathering information from and sharing info with universities, local governments, nonprofits; updated the Compost Post listserv to encompass all organics and food waste efforts and hoping to expand registrations – you can sign up here: [Subscriber Preferences Page](#)

Safety Ambassador Report [John Peralta](#)

- September is national preparedness month. With climate change there is going to be more violent weather, be proactive in your areas.
- OSHA put out in federal registry the heat regulations. It is still an informational piece and they're still looking for feedback on that.
- SWANA has begun a lithium ion battery work group. They'll be having monthly meetings to begin to talk at national level.
- Next Safety Team meeting will be next week Wednesday (9/25) and they will begin talking about the Safety Resource Center for WIRMC.

Membership / Social Media Report [Ali](#)

- Ali shared the membership detail graph: 129 members. 14 students, 9 small businesses, 42 private, 62 public, 1 international, 2 retired members.

- Looking to target public sector and students. A letter is being drafted to student members and will be sent out to various universities.

International *John Welch*

- Financial audit was delayed which delayed the finance committee meeting.
- WasteCon is next month. Region 9 meeting will be in 2 weeks to hear from our regional chapters.
- Events did not perform as expected last year so significant changes need to happen. CEO has a plan in place.

YP Report *Abby*

- Tour on October 10th at Georgia Pacific.
- The Welcome Night theme for WIRMC will be “birthday”. It is the 25th year of WIRMC. The event will be mini-golf with each hole hopefully being sponsored by a business. Platinum sponsors will receive a complimentary booth.

Advocacy Report *Mark*

- Mark will be stepping down from the board and therefore a new chair will be needed for the legislative committee.
- Discussed drafting a letter of support for the NR-500 rule to be sent to DNR.
- Rules will be coming up regarding PFAs, not necessarily within the year, but it is important for SWANA to stay aware.

Scholarship Report *Lee*

- Lee and Abby will work together to finish up the scholarships. One scholarship of \$3,000 will be going to Kristin Muench and she will be invited to attend WIRMC.

Timeline Review

Website Updates	September	Website Chair
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
Update Board Member List & Send To Members with appointed committees	October	Admin
Inform National of New Officers with appointed committees	October	Admin
Check Balance to make sure it's not under \$5,000	October	Treasurer

Unfinished – New Business

- **Student Board of Director Position**
 - Sent out on September 6th to universities – Stevens Point, Madison, and Milwaukee. It has been distributed to at least 3 organizations as well as professors. There have not been any received applications.
 - Nominations are due October 8th.
 - Ben will send application to UW-Green Bay. Lee will send application to UW-Platteville and UW-Madison. A few graduates from UW-Eau Claire will send out the application there. The committee will take care of sending out these applications.
 - Hoping to have this finalized by October 17th, but if not MaKayla will continue to serve on the board until the position is filled.

- **Approve 2024-2025 Schedule**
 - Abby motions to approve.
 - John seconds.
 - Approved - Motion carries.
- **Budget Approval**
 - Abby discusses line items.
 - Proposed changes
 - Line 7 - \$1,100 to \$1,700 for Board Member Clothing.
 - Line 9 – \$2,800 to \$5,000 for subsidy to members for national conference.
 - Line 14 - \$6,000 to \$7,095 for lodging and registration for scholarship winners. Included enough for 3 recipients for 2026 conference.
 - Ali motions to approve the budget with the proposed changes.
 - John Peralta seconds.
 - Approved - Motion carries.
- **Contract Service**
 - Michelle discusses contract service agreement.
 - Proposed changes
 - Exhibit B, item 1 - \$5,000 to \$5,500 total budget for contracted work.
 - Exhibit B, item 2 - \$500 to \$600 as the limit for expenses.
 - Abby motions to approves the contracted service agreement with the proposed changes.
 - Ali seconds.
 - Approved – Motion carries.
- **Road-EO**
 - John and Abby met with Iowa regarding their Road-Eo.
 - Iowa is willing to let us be a partner for their Road-Eo which will be held in Dubuque in late March or early April during the week.
 - They would pro-rate all revenue fairly depending on our involvement.
 - Group discusses past efforts put into place in attempt to do the Road-Eo the last time.
 - Event would be one day, would begin early in the morning with a night of networking/safety meeting the night before.
 - The biggest goal of this is to expand the network.
 - An updated budget, the shared financial responsibility and what's needed for volunteers is needed for next meeting.
- **Term Limits**
 - Group discusses setting term limits for serving on the board.
 - John Welch and Lee will work together and will bring a proposal regarding this to next meeting.
 - Since the bylaws will need to be edited to accommodate this change, take a look at other possible edits to the bylaws that the group may want to consider.
- **WIRMC Planning**
 - Nate Schneider will be leaving the WIRMC planning committee and Logan Dwyer will be joining the committee in his place.
- **NR 500**

- Letter of support has been drafted and will be sent out for all board members to review. Once reviewed, it will be finalized and sent out.
 - Abby motions for SWANA board to send a letter to DNR in support of the NR-500 regulation.
 - Ali seconds.
 - Approved - Motion passes.
- **GP Paper Mill Tour**
 - Abby wants to ask board for funding for lunch after the tour. 5 SWANA members are signed up.
 - John motions to cover the funds for up to \$150 for lunch during the GP paper mill tour.
 - John Peralta seconds.
 - Approved - Motion Carries
- **SW 101 Course Update**
 - 14 people enrolled over the summer – 13 at \$75 each and 1 at \$300.
 - Gross Rev: \$1,275
 - Net Rev: \$1,234.07
 - Both WDNR and SWANA approved CEUs/Professional Development Credits. I will handle the paperwork for anyone upon request.
 - We have a tour booked at Outagamie County MRF and Landfill for 9/26. This is an exclusive offer to summer course participants.
 - The participants were sent an evaluation to complete. That will give us more feedback and will help make any improvements.
 - One person wrote: *“I liked that it gave a collective view of waste management. Everyone comes into this with a different vantage point depending on the specific industries they're involved with, but it's important that we all have the broader, shared concept of waste management in mind. There's too much interconnectedness in the field for everyone to only focus on our own specific disciplines as if they're mutually exclusive.”*
 - SWANA, WCSWMA, and AROW were billed for the 2024 payment (we only collected in 2023 when we started the development of the course).
 - SWANA - \$3,000
 - AROW - \$3,000
 - WCSWMA - \$6,000
 - Please note that this project (development and implementation) came to a total of \$18,000. Savings of \$500 for SWANA from what was projected.

Next board meeting is October 17th, at 10:00 AM

Motion to adjourn by Ali
 Seconded by Ben
 Approved

Adjourn – 11:47 AM

Minutes recorded by Michelle Nieuwenhuis, SWANA BC Administrative Assistant