

**Wisconsin Badger State Chapter
Solid Waste Association of North America
Annual Meeting / Board Meeting
May 15th, 2025 at 10:00 AM
MINUTES – Approved**

Call to Order: 10:03 AM

Roll Call & Introductions

BOD: Dave Hagenbucher, John Welch, Ali Rath sack, Abby Lichtscheidl, Chris Anderson, , John Peralta, Ben Hintz, Julie Ketchum

BOD Not Present: Lee Daigle, Jon Schroeder

Also Present: Michelle Nieuwenhuis (RC), Sarah Murray

Minutes of Previous Meetings [April 2025](#)

Ben moves to approve April Minutes.

Ali – Seconded

Approved – Motion carries

Treasurer's Report [Abby](#)

Checking: \$ 24,250.88

Savings: \$ 10,969.80

Abby reported about some transactions this past month.

Ali motions to approve the Treasurer's Report.

John Peralta – Seconded

Approved – Motion carries

Committee Reports

DNR Report - [Sarah](#)

- Rules
 - Landfill rule: review period has ended and we're waiting for confirmation from the committee that no action is being taken; anticipated effective date is Oct. 1.
 - Recycling rule will be effective July 1; anticipate holding a stakeholder webinar in July and providing more details to RUs and MRFs through fact sheets and updated guidance.
 - Hazardous waste rules will take effect over the summer; first will be aerosol cans as universal waste (expected June 1).
 - Non-landfill rule drafting underway; expect some informal stakeholder input opportunities later this year.
- [Closed landfill guidance](#) public comment period ends Friday
- Waste Management Engineer posting soon
- Council on Recycling June 6 meeting will include tours of Xcel Energy, Dynamic Lifecycle Innovations in La Crosse area; agenda will be posted soon
- Landfill tonnage report online soon

- CCR landfill program approval—have comments back from EPA; will also be applying for another round of funding (can't use on staff until our program is approved)
- Awarded just over \$300,000 in E-Cycle Wisconsin electronics collection grants for projects through 2026
- Continuing to closely monitor federal funding; no changes so far
- Joint Finance Committee removed "Revitalize Wisconsin" (abandoned waste removal funding) and food waste characterization study from state budget

Landfill fee increase info: We will be developing more user-friendly documents outlining these, but for now the full "board order" rule document would be the best place to look.

Full rule can be accessed at <https://widnr.widen.net/s/jvgchpjvbt/item-4.b.-wa-11-22>

- see page 133 of 153 for the new landfill fee table with dates of implementation

The rule also adjusts the license fee surcharge paid to the department based upon the number of tons or equivalent volume of solid waste disposed of at each landfill during each quarterly reporting period (currently 15.0 cents/ton): 25.0 cents/ton effective January 1, 2026, 27.0 cents/ton effective January 1, 2031, and 30.0 cents/ton effective January 1, 2036.

Safety Ambassador Report *Dave*

- Last month was Distracted Driver Awareness month.
- Safety Committee is brainstorming ideas for a Badger Chapter Safety award which would be presented annually at WIRMC. This will be an ongoing agenda item for their meetings as they discuss details.

Membership / Social Media Report *Ali*

- Membership numbers as of last week is 127 members.
 - Breakdown is 13 students, 12 small business, 44 private, 55 public, 1 international, and 2 retired.
 - The 3 expiring members have been contacted.
- E-Newsletter was sent out on May 1st.
 - Ali is looking for pictures of the YP's GFL tour as well as any other pictures from events or content ideas for E-newsletter.
- SWANA rolled out new membership portal on the 5th of May which should help the membership renewal and sign up process.

International *John Welch*

- Finance Committee met yesterday.
 - Finances have been turning around over last few months.
 - New budget process is starting to revise budget.
 - Membership numbers are down, but training revenue was above budget.
- Reimbursement checks for our chapter have not been going out on a monthly basis so will just have to keep an eye on that.
- Any transactions with SWANA trainings or membership renewals/sign-ups should be done through the new portal which is much more user friendly.
- An expanded partnership with NWRA was announced where there will be a vote on a bylaws change that will eliminate possibility of public sector individuals to be members of NWRA which would move them to SWANA instead which will help with memberships.

- John Welch is the incoming secretary for SWANA National Board. Congrats, John!
- RCon is coming up.
 - The US Plastics Pack has decided to co-relate their conference with RCon.
 - Early bird registration for RCon begins May 20th – 22nd and will be the lowest registration fees at \$700.
 - Call for proposals are due on the 22nd of this month.
 - Numbers are looking great.

YP Report *Abby*

- Group met May 1st and were informed that the student board position was filled.
- Chris Taylor held a PFAs webinar last week with 8 attendants.
- University tours are being postponed until the Fall, but Rylee from Recycling Connections met with UWSP students and received around 20 names of interested students. Abby emailed those students information on becoming a member, scholarships, and the Solid Waste and Recycling in Wisconsin 101 course.
- GFL Tour went very well and was well attended with 15 total people. The attendees were split into 2 groups.
- Potential tour at the Henry Villas Zoo in Madison. There is a fee of \$50.
 - Ali motions to approve \$50 for the Henry Villas Zoo Tour.
 - John Peralta seconds.
 - Approved – Motion carries.
 - Group brainstorms potential pairing options with zoo tour – possibility Pellettieri or Dane County.

Advocacy Report *Dave*

- Group wasn't able to meet this month.
- EPA released that they would roll back some of their original regulations on certain PFAs compounds but they will keep PFOS and PFOA drinking water standard at 4 part per trillion but they'd give utilities 2 years to comply.
- PFAs coalition is having a meeting in June.
- The bill regarding lithium ion battery disposal faced a ton of issues in the initial meeting with WMC, but they want to see it move forward so WMA has been working with WMC to accommodate issues. They are currently working on adjusting the bill so the retailers aren't the default manufacturers if the manufacturer can't be contacted. The bill will need to be reworded with different language to showcase that.
- There is a bill that will release landfills from liability for PFAs contamination. WMC has asked us to comment on it.

Scholarship Report *John*

- There have still not been updates regarding scholarships from SWANA National and Badger Chapter is in favor of posting their scholarships in conjunction with the students returning to school in the fall.
- Timeline potentially being November for a December review. Checks would be cut in December and sent out in January so students would have the money for the upcoming semester.
- There was a submission for the scholarship submitted already that will be reviewed with other submittals.

Timeline Review

Assess Administrative Assistant Contract

May

Board

IB Rep attends IB meeting	May	IB Rep
Decide who attend Wastecon	May	Board Vote
Decide Scholarship winners & report to Board Chair	May	Scholarship Chair
Check Balance to make sure it's not under \$5,000	May	Treasurer
Meet in person at various locations, hosted by different member	June	All
Website Updates	June	Website Chair
Review goals	June	Board
Website Updates	June	Website Chair
Pursue conference speakers/ideas for sessions	June	All
Check Balance to make sure it's not under \$5,000	June	Treasurer
Review bank statement	June	Treasurer
Elect Advisory Board Rep (every 2 years)	June	

Unfinished – New Business

- **RoadEO Update**

- RoadEO was cancelled for this month due to ability to secure equipment.
- Group is regrouping and brainstorming options.
 - Potential new location, options being Des Moines, Dubuque, or Waterloo. Location is dependent on where equipment is available. The plan is to secure equipment and then decide location and date, but the thought is also that holding the RoadEO farther west might increase registration.
 - Potential Dates are either Wednesday, August 27th or Wednesday, September 10th.
 - There were 13 registrations, 8 of which were heavy equipment and all registrations are in favor of having the RoadEO during a different week. No one has withdrawn their registration.

- **Website Updates**

- Committee did not meet this month so next meeting's website update will be a bit longer, but we are currently still on schedule to have a final presentation in September.

- **RCon Attendance**

- Lee is interested in attending and is requesting to have his registration covered by SWANA Badger Chapter.
- Ali is also interested in attending and is requested coverage for her expenses.
 - Ben motions to cover Lee's registration and Ali's expenses and the chapter advisory council representative for RCon this year.
 - Abby seconds.
 - Approved – Motion carries.
- John Welch is required to attend for his new position and may reach out to SWANA to cover some expenses in the future.

- **Chapter Advisory Council Representative**

- Abby is interested but is limited with her job position.
- Ali is also interested and will discuss further details with John Welch.
- Julie is interested but curious on time commitment.

- Role will have to be filled by June meeting.
- **Review and Vote on WIRMC Coordination Contract**
 - Group discusses contract.
 - Some concerns under item 4
 - 4) The Conference shall pay to the Provider the total sum(s) for the dates stated on Exhibit "A" attached. If for any reason either or both WIRM Conference events is/are cancelled, the Conference shall pay a prorated amount to the Provider that reflects the work conducted up to the cancellation date and any monies due past that date to summarize and close out the WIRMC business as needed.
 - Concern with ambiguity in the last sentence regarding closing out WIRMC business "as needed". Group would like that language altered to reflect only paying for the actual expenses incurred or the contract obligations that have been fulfilled.
 - Michelle will check with Susan to see if AROW & WCSWMA have approved already.
 - Suggested rewording:

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 - The group will vote on this once language is altered.
- **Baseball Outing**
 - Right now ticket fees are to be mailed in with either cash or check. Abby, Michelle, and Susan will be meeting to discuss online registration options.
 - Looking into sending a mailer postcard to SWANA & AROW members.
 - Member lists for each group would have to be crosschecked for no repeats.
 - Mailing 250 postcards would be under \$200. SWANA & AROW would each pay up to \$100 to send out these mailers.
 - Group is okay with this, no official approval is needed due to price.

Next board meeting is June 19th, at 10:00 AM

Motion to adjourn by Abby
 Seconded by Chris
 Approved

Adjourn – 11:34 AM

Minutes recorded by Michelle Nieuwenhuis, SWANA BC Administrative Assistant