

**Wisconsin Badger State Chapter
Solid Waste Association of North America
Annual Meeting / Board Meeting
March 20th, 2025 at 10:00 AM
MINUTES – Approved**

Call to Order: 10:05 AM

Roll Call & Introductions

BOD: Dave Hagenbucher, John Welch, Ben Hintz, Julie Ketchum, Ali Rath sack, Abby Lichtscheidl, Lee Daigle,

BOD Not Present: John Peralta, Chris Anderson

Also Present: Michelle Nieuwenhuis (RC)

Minutes of Previous Meetings [February 2025](#)

Ben moves to approve February Minutes.

Ali – Seconded

Approved – Motion carries

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

Checking: \$ 6,403.15

Savings: \$ 10,969.52

Abby reported about some transactions this past month.

Julie motions to approve the Treasurer's Report.

John Welch – Seconded

Approved – Motion carries

Committee Reports

DNR Report - [Sarah \(emailed\)](#)

- Rule updates
 - [Recycling rule](#): in final stage of legislative review
 - Hazardous waste rules: in final stage of legislative review
 - [Landfill rule](#): in Senate and Assembly committees
 - Non-landfill rule: in drafting stage; formal comment periods in 2026
 - E-cycle rule: on Natural Resources Board April agenda for scope approval
 - OFR for municipal solid waste disposal facilities permanent rule: Public hearing Feb. 6. We are tweaking a bit of minor language based on comments now. A few landfills have been approved to use the new OFR method and a few more have either submitted requests or have indicated interest.

DNR is accepting nominations through 3/31 for a compost operator to join the Waste and Materials Management Study Group. Staff will review nominations and make recommendations to the Secretary's Office. To nominate yourself or someone else, submit a brief description of experience as a compost operator, along with a statement of interest in being appointed to the study group, to Sarah Murray at Sarah.Murray@wisconsin.gov.

DNR is busy with annual reporting season. RU and MRF annual reports are open; March 1 was the deadline for several other reports, and we're working through the QA/QC process.

Safety Ambassador Report *Dave & Abby*

- Sign up for Road-EO, early bird hotel rates end tomorrow.

Membership / Social Media Report *Ali*

- Membership numbers: 129 members.
- 5 expiring members at end of month. They have been contacted.
- Pass along any information that may be relevant to the E-newsletter.

International *John Welch*

- Monthly meetings continue to happen; in person meeting is in 2 weeks.
- SWANA is updating all their trainings and certification programs and partnering with NWRA to hold those at their waste expo event.
- A vote for the next board member to serve as the Wisconsin region representative will need to take place in the upcoming months.

YP Report *Abby*

- Good participation at the Welcome Event! Axe throwing received the most votes for next year's activity, also looking into doing tower building/egg drop activity.
- YP of the Year was Jalen Thomas. Congrats!
- Tour of GFL MRF April 25th at 10:00 AM. YPs have been contacted to sign up and SWANA membership will be reached out to next week.

Advocacy Report *Dave & Julie*

- There was a press release from the governor in February in regards to PFAS. Two bills have come out, one of which refers to municipalities and private landfills receiving grants to help to dispose of PFAs containing biosolids.
- E Rule Recycling
- Electronic Recyclers must now be registered with the DNR according to a new electronic recycling rule.
- There are lots of programs and funding opportunities – let Dave know if you're interested in more information.
- Battery bills continue being worked on. Aiming for a battery bill to get passed this summer.
- SWANA National is tracking EPA's plans of deregulation of 31 major areas over laws, some of which involved emissions.

Scholarship Report *John*

- SWANA is passing on one of the 3 scholarships for the upcoming year, but will still be continuing 2 of the 3. There have been no announcements on when these will be rolled out, but think they will be in the fall.

Timeline Review

Wisconsin Non-Stock Corp Annual Report Form
Tax Form 990

March	Treasurer
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Check Balance to make sure it's not under \$5,000	March	Treasurer
Review bank statement	March	Treasurer
Place conference info on national site	April	Admin
Check Balance to make sure it's not under \$5,000	April	Treasurer
Review bank statement	April	Treasurer

Unfinished – New Business

- **Student Board of Director Position**
 - Potential interested party has been emailed information. Position remains open for time being.
- **RoadEO Update**
 - There is an in person meeting on March 26th with a site visitation and set up discussion.
 - John motions to approve up to \$900 for board to support board members to attend the in person meeting next week as well as the event itself.
 - Ben seconds.
 - Approved - motion approved
- **University Tour**
 - Abby will email out slides for presentations once she receives them. Presentations should be scheduled before end of the school year.
- **Baseball Outing**
 - No updates. Will push for registrations in when it gets closer.
- **Website Updates**
 - Looking into updating the SWANA Badger Chapter website.
 - Abby makes a motion to approve the scope of work for the website redesign from Recycling Connections.
 - John Welch – Seconded.
 - Approved - motion passes.

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

Motion to adjourn by Ali
 Seconded by Abby
 Approved

Adjourn – 11:07 AM

Minutes recorded by Michelle Nieuwenhuis, SWANA BC Administrative Assistant