

**Wisconsin Badger State Chapter
Solid Waste Association of North America
Annual Meeting / Board Meeting
April 17th, 2025 at 10:00 AM
MINUTES – Approved**

Call to Order: 10:06 AM

Roll Call & Introductions

BOD: Dave Hagenbucher, John Welch, Ali Rath sack, Abby Lichtscheidl, Lee Daigle, Chris Anderson

BOD Not Present: John Peralta, Ben Hintz, Julie Ketchum,

Also Present: Michelle Nieuwenhuis (RC), Sarah Murray

Minutes of Previous Meetings [March 2025](#)

Abby moves to approve March Minutes.

Ali – Seconded

Approved – Motion carries

Treasurer's Report [Abby](#)

Checking: \$ 5,457.02

Savings: \$ 10,969.80

Abby reported about some transactions this past month.

Note: WIRMC Post Conference meeting is on May 7th.

John Welch motions to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Ali – Seconded

Approved – Motion carries

Committee Reports

DNR Report - [Sarah](#)

Rule updates

- [Recycling rule](#): has completed the legislative review process; expected effective date is July 1.
- Hazardous waste rules: have completed the legislative review process; rules will take effect over the summer, with rule that adds aerosol cans as universal waste likely effective first.
- [Landfill rule](#): no action by Senate and Assembly committees; now under review by Joint Committee on Review of Administrative Rules
- Non-landfill rule: in drafting stage; formal comment periods in 2026
- E-cycle rule: scope statement approved by Natural Resources Board last week; in drafting stage
- 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.

Upcoming public meetings:

- 5/1, 9 a.m. to noon; [Waste and Materials Management Study Group](#); hope to include new compost operator member; agenda will be posted soon
- 6/6, [Council on Recycling](#); more details coming soon

Other updates:

- No changes so far to federal grant funding, including for hazardous waste program and the EPA SWIFR grant for food waste reduction.
- We have been holding discussions with Study Group members to gather ideas for efficiencies we might be able to achieve in our work.
- We hope to post a job announcement for a solid waste engineer soon, with several locations around the state as options.
- The DNR is accepting applications for electronics collection projects that will take place between June 2025 and December 2026.

Safety Ambassador Report *Dave*

- No meeting this month.

Membership / Social Media Report *Ali*

- Membership numbers as of last week is 129 members.
 - Breakdown is 12 students, 11 small business, 43 private, 60 public, 1 international, and 2 retired.
 - The 3 expiring members have been contacted.
- Issues with the SWANA membership platform will hopefully be resolved with changes to the website being rolled out.
- E-Newsletter was sent out on April 3rd.
 - Any pictures from events or content for E-newsletter, please send to Ali.

International *John Welch*

- In person meeting was held last week.
 - April
 - Call for proposals for RCon will be coming out.
 - The member surveys were greatly considered and RCon is focusing on having content that members want to see.
 - The new association management system will be launching on April 29th. Website will be members.swana.org. MySWANA will still exist but mostly be for discussion, while purchases, certificates, memberships will be on the new website.
 - Voting for Officers of SWANA national is open. John Welch was recommended to be incoming secretary. This would be a 5 year term.
 - May
 - RCon registration will launch on May 20th with a “super sale” for 2 days which will be the lowest price of tickets. Early bird will start on May 22nd.
 - SWANA will be doing all their trainings at WasteExpo.

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- SWANA national is asking chapters to consider switching their chapter fiscal year to SWANA's fiscal year.
- Chapter advisory board will be changed to advisory council. We may be looking at a bylaw change in the future.
- All the technical divisions have updated their mission statements. New governance committee will make the changes to bring us into compliance with bylaws.
- RCon
 - Will be in collaboration with US Plastics Pack.
 - Tours will be held throughout the week as opposed to the first day.
- CBS will be doing a story on battery fires with Amy Lestition-Burke.
- New website certification renewal process will be much easier. Chapter events will still need to apply for credit beforehand, but members will no longer have to sign in to receive.
- A vote for the next board member to serve as the Wisconsin region representative will take place in next month.

YP Report *Abby*

- There were new members at the committee meeting this month!
- GFL MRF tour reminder was sent out for the tour on April 25th.
- Chris Taylor is interested in speaking regarding PFAs and will be presenting in May or June as a "Lunch & Learn". It is a YP goal to have speakers presenting on topics.
- Board of Directors YP position was briefly discussed, but more information will have to be provided to interested parties.
- University tours have been going fine. Good number of contacts from UWSP. Due to time constraints, some presentations will have to happen in the fall.
- YPs are looking to do a facility tour at either the Milwaukee Zoo or Madison Zoo to see how they handle their pet & human waste.
- Also interested in touring Rock Oil Refinery and Liberty Tire again in hopes of increased attendance.
- Some interest in holding another clean up event. Leaning towards a highway cleanup as opposed to river clean up.

Advocacy Report *Dave*

- There was no meeting this month.
- The Wisconsin DNR external advisory group on PFAs will be meeting tomorrow from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM regarding leachate management strategies.

Scholarship Report *John*

- No information from National regarding when the 2 scholarships will roll out. Since the timeline is getting tight, John Welch proposes moving forward and creating our own timeline for our state scholarships in the fall.
- Board will begin reaching out in August/September with a deadline to apply in November with the winner announced in December with an invite to WIRMC & an announcement at conference.

Timeline Review

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
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

Unfinished – New Business

- **Student Board of Director Position**

- Reviewed applicant.
 - On behalf of nominating committee, Lee recommends moving forward with the applicant Jon Schroeder.
 - No concerns from Board.

- **RoadEO Update**

- RoadEO has been postponed to August/September.
- A meeting will be held on May 29th.

- **Website Updates**

- Not too much to update. SM&M committee met last week and worked on the new site navigation.

Next board meeting is May 15th, 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