

**Wisconsin Badger State Chapter
Solid Waste Association of North America
Annual Meeting / Board Meeting
June 19th, 2025 at 10:00 AM
MINUTES – APPROVED**

Call to Order: 10:02 AM

Roll Call & Introductions

BOD: John Welch, Ali Rathsack, Abby Lichtscheidl, Lee Daigle, Chris Anderson, John Peralta, Ben Hintz, Julie Ketchum, Jon Schroeder, John Welch

BOD Not Present: Dave Hagenbucher

Also Present: Michelle Nieuwenhuis (RC), Sarah Murray

Minutes of Previous Meetings [May 2025](#)

John Peralta moves to approve May Minutes.

Julie – Seconded

Approved – Motion carries

Treasurer's Report [Abby](#)

Checking: \$ 24,016.79

Savings: \$ 10,969.80

Abby reported about some transactions this past month.

Julie 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; Stakeholder webinar July 15 at 10 a.m. [Registration link](#)
 - Hazardous waste rules will take effect over the summer; first will be aerosol cans as universal waste.
 - Non-landfill rule drafting underway; expect some informal stakeholder input opportunities later this year.
- We still expect a Waste Management Engineer job to be posted soon
- Continuing to closely monitor federal funding; no changes so far. The most recent proposed EPA budget published late last month proposes to zero out federal funding that supports the supervision of most environmental protection programs in Wisconsin. Impacts of these proposed cuts could impact programs such as implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act, Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act,

among many other state and federal laws. DNR leadership and programs are closely monitoring this and planning for potential impacts.

- The Joint Finance Committee has not yet held a hearing on DNR-specific budget items, but we are expecting this soon.
- [E-Cycle Wisconsin annual report](#) release; webinar 7/1: [Registration link](#)
- Upcoming meetings: WMM Study Group Aug. 7, MRF stakeholder meeting Aug. 26

Safety Ambassador Report [John](#)

- It's National Safety Month!
- Committee is looking for approval for the SWANA Safety Award which would be presented at WIRMC.
 - Board needs budget for award approval.
- Committee discussed SWANA response to OSHA regarding the heat index threshold to vary by region. In addition, drivers on collection routes don't always have AC in their vehicles and SWANA is looking for more recommendations based on our industry.
- A Safety Ambassador Playbook is going to be created so that more resources can be shared across the state. John will be part of the committee creating this.

Membership / Social Media Report [Ali](#)

- Membership numbers: 119 total.
 - Breakdown: 8 students, 15 small businesses, 41 private, 52 public, 1 international, 1 retired, and 1 blank option.
- Membership numbers don't include suspended members with the new membership portal. Also having some difficulty accessing the YP membership numbers.
- There were 7 expiring members this month that were reached out to.
- No e-newsletter this month – next will be in August since there's no July meeting.
- If you can have content ideas for the e-newsletter, please send them to Ali,
- Thank you Abby for setting up the upcoming Raptors game next month!

International [John Welch](#)

- Passed a budget that has a net profit this coming year which is great news.

YP Report [Abby](#)

- Madison Zoo tour on Friday, August 15th. We want to pair it with another tour that will still need to be discussed.
- Working on Welcome Event for WIRMC. Upcoming meetings discussing the feasibility of Axe Throwing.

Advocacy Report [Julie](#)

- The 5th draft of the battery bill was put out this week. WMC had issues with the default manufacturer falling on retailers; they made some changes and they should be fine with it at this point. It won't be done until probably Fall.
- A bill on relief of PFAs liability if you're a passive receiver is being looked at, but we aren't aware of that status yet..

Scholarship Report [John](#)

- We are trying to align ourselves with SWANA National but it hasn't moved forward so we're waiting to hear about it.

Timeline Review

Website Updates	June	Website Chair
Review goals	June	Board
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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	
No meeting	July	None
Begin Budget Prep	July	Treasurer w/assistance
Check Balance to make sure it's not under \$5,000	July	Treasurer

Unfinished – New Business

- **RoadEO Update**
 - Meeting was cancelled this month. There is still debate on switching the location and the new date will be switching to Fall.
- **Website Updates**
 - Michelle presented the finished pages of the new website.
 - Board discussed additions and edits. Michelle will bring finished, polished copy to Board in August.
- **Chapter Advisory Council Representative**
 - Group discusses potential interested parties.
 - Abby motions for Julie to be the Chapter Advisory Council Representative.
 - Ben seconded.
 - Approved – motion carries.
- **Approve updated Region 9 MOU**
 - John discusses Region 9 MOU update.
 - Abby motions to approve changes.
 - Ali seconds.
 - Approved – motion carries.

Next board meeting is August 21st, at 10:00 AM

Motion to adjourn by Julie

Seconded by Abby

Approved

Adjourn – 11:29 AM

Minutes recorded by Michelle Nieuwenhuis, SWANA BC Administrative Assistant