

WCSWMA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 8:30 am

PLACE: Chula Vista Resort & Conference Center
Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Gerry Neuser (Manitowoc County), Christine Miller (Adams County), Florence Johnson (Adams County), Pat O'Brien (Winnebago County), Meleesa Johnson (Marathon County), Fred Zaug (Waupaca County)

OTHERS PRESENT: Karin Sieg (Recycling Connections-WCSWMA staff), Paul Klose (Marinette County), Vincent Miresse (Portage County), John Francis (Waupaca County), Taylor Sorenson (Waupaca County), Ken Van Dyke (Waupaca County), Megen Hines (Dunn County), Morgan Gerk (Dunn County), Mike Larson (Dunn County), Zenon Smolarek (Dunn County), Steve Rasmussen (Dunn County), Jon Reisenbuchler (Manitowoc County), Stacie Sanborn (Vernon County), Amanda Haffele (Portage County)

1. Call to Order and Approval/Modification of Agenda
 - a. Meeting called to order at 8:30 am by Gerry Neuser
 - b. ***Motion by P. O'Brien, seconded by C. Miller, to approve the agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.***
2. Approval of 10/11/19 Business Meeting Minutes: ***Motion by P. O'Brien, seconded by C. Miller, to approve the minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.***
3. Election of Executive Board Members – Terms Expiring in First Quarter of 2020
 - a. Nominations from the floor for Professional and Policy Members:
 - i. ***A. Haffele nominates Gerry Neuser and John Welch to each serve another term as Professional Members. Motion by P. O'Brien, seconded by F. Zaug, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for G. Neuser and J. Welch. All in favor. Motion carried.***
 - ii. ***F. Zaug nominates Florence Johnson to serve another term as a Policy Member. M. Johnson nominates Vincent Miresse to serve as a Policy Member. Motion by F. Zaug, seconded by M. Johnson, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for F. Johnson and V. Miresse. All in favor. Motion carried.***
 - b. Selection of 2-Person Recruitment Committee for the open Policy Maker position: Not needed
4. Report on 2019 WCSWMA Activities
 - a. Coordination of issues with AROW & SWANA-BC:
 - i. Partnered on various legislative items and industry issues including PFAS. The 3 organizations formed a PFAS Coalition that sent out a news release about its formation. Coalition developed a Fact Sheet (all items are on WCSWMA's website).
 - ii. Sent letters to State Assembly members with opinions. Signed on to an EPA project with a college in the northeast
 - b. ITO Program: It has been broadcasted, now need to do promotion to schools and teachers.
 - c. Student & Executive Board Financial Support (WIRMC, WasteCon)
 - i. Report from 2019 WasteCon Attendees: The conference was held in October, in Phoenix, AZ.
 1. Gerry Neuser: Shared various comments, noted that breakout sessions were held right in the Exhibit Hall. He attended a valuable session on MRF fires, namely about lithium fires. John Welch and the student WCSWMA sponsored also sent reports.
 2. The conference is trying to be more of a leadership AND technical conference. The next conference will be in December 2020, in Dallas TX.

- d. WIRMC Young Professional's (YP) Social Financial Support
 - i. The expenses are split with SWANA-BC every year, it's now a regular budget item.
 - e. Website analytics: Information was shared.
5. Treasurer's Report: Meleesa
- a. A 2019 financial report is on file. In recent years WCSWMA has been spending more to invest in members, students, and the board for professional development, and for supporting YPs.
 - b. 2020 Budget: Very basic, but there has been some discussion about being the fiscal agent to fund coordinated research on PFAS (leachate, compost sites, waste water)
6. Legislative & Advocacy Report: Meleesa
- a. Assembly Session is in recess now.
 - b. AB177: Didn't get a hearing, was wanting to let local jurisdictions do their own planning for assessing a tax on plastic bags to reduce waste
 - c. E-cycle updates: A letter of support was written regarding changes proposed by Sen. Miller, but it didn't go anywhere.
 - d. LaCrosse County's request to exempt pre-combustion residual from incinerators from paying landfill taxes: It's moving forward so far.
 - e. PFAS:
 - i. Bill re: fire-fighting foam has bipartisan support, it may be sitting on Governor's desk?
 - ii. Clear Act: Sen. Hansen and Rep. Nygren have been working on this to be bipartisan. would pay for cancer cluster study and do assessments in the Peshtigo/ area, and set groundwater standards. The funding would come from Envir. Management Fund. It died in the Assembly, so probably not going anywhere.
 - iii. Big message from all organizations is that our industry is not a source, but is a receiver of PFAS. We need a long term solution, not band-aids. Need to ban it on a global level!
 - iv. Because this coalition worked hard on this consistent message, the media seemed to pick more up on the talking points from this sheet.
7. Scholarship Programs Report
- a. 2019 WCSWMA awardees and poster display: Poster featuring awardees is on display during WIRMC. They included: Jana Suriano (UW-Stevens Point), Kristina Crivello (UW-Madison), and Ellie Haviland (Carthage College).
 - b. 2020 WCSWMA Scholarship Program
 - i. Selection of 3-person Selection Committee members for 2020. Will do this, this spring.
 - c. ISWA Scholarship Program: International Solid Waste Association. Program is to help fund kids that live and scavenge on landfills, to go to school instead. \$500 / year.
8. 2021 WIRMC Joint Conference: Update / Report from RC
- a. Location: Returning to the Chula Vista Resort & Conference Center, Wisconsin Dells
 - b. Save the date: February 24 – 26, 2021
9. Other Matters as Allowed by Law:
- a. Ken Van Dyke (Waupaca County): Provided comments that current elected state representatives don't listen or seem to care about rural communities, and misuse the funds collected that were designated to support recycling programs. He is running against his current representative and encourages others to run and challenge incumbents.
10. Next Meeting Date & Location: TBD but will be in May 2020 in Stevens Point WI
11. Adjourn: **A motion by F. Zaug, seconded by P. O' Brien, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 9:15 am.