

# WCSWMA

(Wisconsin Counties Solid Waste Management Association)

## WCSWMA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

### MINUTES

Friday October 28, 2022  
Portage County Public Library, 1001 Main Street, Stevens Point, WI (and) via Zoom

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gerry Neuser (Manitowoc County), Fred Zaug (Waupaca County), Pat O'Brien (Winnebago County), Amanda Haffele (Portage County), Meleesa Johnson (Marathon County), Vinnie Miresse (Portage County), John Welch (Dane County)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Karin Sieg (Exec. Director), Jennifer Semrau (WDNR), James Zumsteium, (Jefferson County), Dave Hagenbeucher (Marathon County)

1. Call to Order and Approval/Modification of Agenda: Meeting called to order at 10:03am by Gerry Neuser. Introductions were made. **F. Zaug motions to approve the agenda. Seconded by P. O'Brien. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. Approval of 5/23/2022 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes: **P. O'Brien motions to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by V. Miresse. All in favor, motion carried.**
3. Annual "Conflict of Interest" Policy Update & Signatures: Karin will email the form to committee members.
4. Treasurer's Report – Meleesa Johnson: WCSWMA Treasury Balance (as of 10/1/2022) is \$58,286.34. **F. Zaug motions to approve the report. Seconded by A. Haffele. All in favor, motion carried.**
5. Election of New Treasurer to replace retiring member, Meleesa Johnson
  - a. Nominations: Gerry nominates Amanda Haffele. **M. Johnson motions to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Amanda Haffele. Seconded by V. Miresse. All in favor, motion carried.**
  - b. Meleesa Johnson was presented with a plaque to honor and thank her for her service to the industry. As stated by G. Neuser, "We can't fill your shoes but we can walk in your footsteps."
6. 2023 Budget Presentation and Action on 2023 Budget:
  - a. **M. Johnson motions to approve the budget as presented. Seconded by F. Zaug.** Discussion: Meleesa recommends that the motion be amended to include added support to the YPs. **P. O'Brien motions to amend the motion to include an added \$1,500 support the YPs. F. Zaug seconds the amended motion. All in favor, motion carried.**
7. Legislative / Advocacy / Education Report
  - a. WDNR – Updates and or Education Topic – Jennifer Semrau
    - i. Presentation by J. Semrau is available as a supplemental document to these minutes.
    - ii. Discussion: Wondering if the 3 groups (WCSWMA, AROW, SWANA-BC) should advocate that the DNR could spend some of their funds towards education?
  - b. Pending State Legislation and/or Advocacy Issues:
    - i. Meleesa: EPA will continue to put PFOA PFAS under CERCLA, despite industry asking they allow more time for comments. Otherwise not much happening until after the election on 11/08
    - ii. Meleesa / others encourage to use these chemicals for ESSENTIAL USES ONLY. This is how we can make changes.
      1. **Advocating for more legislative changes.**
      2. **Get consumers to be aware of this, and to ask for products without this.**
      3. **Fund destruction research**
    - iii. Class A Bio-solids – Tipping fee exemptions at Landfills: no updates
    - iv. CERCLA reportable releases and exemptions for solid waste landfills: no updates

- v. Landfill Exemptions: Support flexibility based on unique site conditions during the permitting process
      - vi. LAB – Recycling Program Audit – Update: no update
    - c. PFAS/PFOS – SW PFAS Group - Update / Informational Website: no update
    - d. AROW's Rechargeable Batteries Taskforce ( Jon R. ) Nothing at this time.
    - e. WDNR - CWD Response Plan Review Committee ( Dave H. & Amanda ):
      - i. They spent a lot of time on this but didn't think they really wanted to consider the waste industries (landfills and WWTP) input. The WDNR just decided to go with their original report.
    - f. WasteCon 2022 (Dec): Gerry N. is going this year. John W. is also going, and will get support from WCSWMA and SWANA.
    - g. AROW initiatives / report: no report.
    - h. SWANA-BC initiatives / report - John: They just finished their strategic planning process. Noted that there are a lot of new board members since their annual meeting in September.
  - 8. WCSWMA Scholarship Program
    - a. Report on 2022 Awardees: Noted that 2 applications were exact repeats from awardees from 2021. Committee discussed whether or not to even give any funds- they did, but lesser amounts
    - b. Discussion on forming a Scholarship Workgroup to review the program, applicant submittal requirements, and minimum standards for awards. Vinnie is willing to be on this. would also like someone working in the industry to help as well that is more familiar with possible requirements, for example maybe ask the Professors what they may suggest? Gerry will ask Sujata and Allison if they'd like to serve again.
    - c. Dedication of (1) annual scholarship to be named: "The Meleesa Johnson Leadership Scholarship":
      - i. ***G. Neuser motions to create an annual scholarship named the Meleesa Johnson Leadership Scholarship. P. O'Brien seconds. M. Johnson abstained, the rest all approved. Motion carried.***
  - 9. WIRMC - Joint Conference Update ( Feb. 22-24, 2023 )
    - a. Update / Report from Recycling Connections (Karin) & WCSWMA Planning Committee (Pat O., Allison R., Jon R.) Karin gave brief update, plans are going smoothly.
  - 10. Long term Strategy
    - a. WCSWMA / AROW / SWANA-BC strategic planning discussion: Gerry met with Analiese Smith (AROW) and John Welch (SWANA-BC) this morning. Susan Schuller from RC facilitated the discussion (as contracted). No updates to provide at this time.
  - 11. Executive Committee : only meets 3 times a year.
    - a. Members coming up for reelection at 2023 Annual Meeting
      - i. Professionals: Amanda Haffele and Meleesa Johnson: *NOTE: Since Meleesa is retiring from MCSWD in January, she no longer will be considered as a professional.*
      - ii. Policymakers: Fred Zaug and "An Open Seat"
      - iii. Potential Nomination Committee: TBD
    - b. Current & Future Open seats: *New terms will end at the 2025 Annual meeting*
  - 12. Website Update – Karin: Analytic graphs were presented and discussed briefly.
  - 13. Other Matters as Allowed by Law: none.
  - 14. Next Meeting Date & Location – During WIRMC in Green Bay, 8:30 am, Feb. 22, 2023
  - 15. Adjourn: ***P. O'Brien motions to adjourn. Seconded by A. Haffele. All in favor, motion carried.*** Meeting adjourned at 11:58am
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