

WCSWMA

(Wisconsin Counties Solid Waste Management Association)

WCSWMA ANNUAL MEETING

MINUTES

MEETING DATE / TIME: Monday, February 22, 2021 9:00 AM.

LOCATION: Via Zoom Meeting

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

ABSENT: **Pat O'Brien** (Winnebago County), **Jonathon Fischer** (Marathon County)

OTHERS PRESENT: **Karin Sieg** (WCSWMA Exec. Director), **Taylor Sorenson**, (Waupaca County), **Marc Kluge** (Dane County), **Bob Germer** (WDNR), **Valerie Parker** (Village of Weston), **Tyonna Listenbee** (Dane County), **Jon Reisenbucher** (Manitowoc County), **Kevin Belida** (Dane County), **Jennifer Semrau** (WDNR), **Chris Blan** (Brown County), **Susan Schuller** (Recycling Connections)

1. Call to Order and Approval/Modification of Agenda
 - a. Meeting called to order by G. Neuser at 9:05 am
 - b. ***F. Zaug motions to approve the agenda, seconded by A. Haffele. All in favor, motion carried.***
2. Approval of 10/15/20 Business Meeting Minutes
 - a. ***M. Johnson motions to approve the 10/15/20 meeting minutes, seconded by F. Zaug. All in favor, motion carried.***
3. Election of Executive Board Members – Terms Expiring in First Quarter of 2021
 - a. Members with terms Expiring in 2021: *New terms end at the 2023 annual meeting*
 - i. Professionals: Meleesa Johnson, Amanda Haffele
 - ii. Policy Makers: Fred Zaug, Vincent Miresse
 - b. Selection of 2-Person Recruitment Committee (not needed)
 - i. A. Haffele nominates the slate as listed above.
 - ii. ***Motion by J. Welch to elect the slate, seconded by M. Johnson. All in favor, motion carried.***
4. Report on 2020 WCSWMA Activities
 - a. Chairperson's Report: The organization continued its work, including the Scholarship program and PFAS work (letters and information posted on website. The bylaws were updated, and noted changes to the Executive Committee members. Continued to work with AROW and SWANA-Badger Chapter on issues, including a collaborative response to the Legislative Audit Bureau's recent report on WI's Recycling Program.
 - b. Coordination of issues with AROW & SWANA-BC
 - i. Potential PFAS Information Page/Website for linking by partner orgs: Discussion, followed by a consensus of support. Page would be on WCSWMA's current website but still have its own look. Meleesa will contact WI Counties Assoc. to see if they would be willing to show general support for this.
5. Treasurer's Report: Presentation was given, is now on file.
6. Legislative & Advocacy Report:
 - a. State Budget: Governor's draft budget includes \$10 million for clean up and mitigation from the State's General Fund, but the Environmental Management Fund which receives most of its funding from landfill tipping fees designated for recycling programs, continues to be used for non-recycling purposes.
 - b. WCSWMA, AROW, and SWANA-Badger Chapter will meet to discuss a strategy for commenting on this.

7. Scholarship Programs Report:
 - a. 2020 WCSWMA awardees and poster display: Presented and reviewed.
 - b. 2021 WCSWMA Scholarship Program
 - i. Selection of 3-4-person Selection Committee for 2021: Amanda Haffele, Abby Lichtscheidl, Vinnie Miresse, and Pat O'Brien. Recruitment begins in mid-March (done by MCSWD staff).
 - c. ISWA Scholarship Program: John Welch:
 - i. John gave overview of the program. Noted that Meleesa hasn't received an invoice for WCSWMA's support in well over a year! John will look into this.
8. 2022 WIRMC Joint Conference: Update / Report from RCC
 - a. Location: Hyatt Regency Green Bay, Green Bay, WI
 - b. Save the date: February 23 – 25, 2022
9. Other Matters as Allowed by Law:
 - a. Meleesa asked committee members to watch for emails related to the State budget and regarding things happening in the PFAS world too.
10. Next Meeting Date & Location: TBD but will be in May 2021: Likely will still be virtual.
11. Adjourn
 - a. **Motion by F. Zaug, seconded by M. Johnson, to adjourn.** All in favor, motion to adjourn carried.
Meeting adjourned at 9:38 am