

WCSWMA

(Wisconsin Counties Solid Waste Management Association)

WCSWMA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: Thursday, May 21, 2020 10:00 a.m.

PLACE / FORMAT: WebEx / Phone

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Karin Sieg (WCSWMA Exec. Director), Mark Walter (Brown County), Alex Thomas (UWSP grad student / Marathon County Solid Waste), Amanda Haffele (Portage County)

1. Call to Order and Approval/Modification of Agenda:
 - a. Meeting called to order by G. Neuser at 10:05 am.
 - b. ***F. Zaug motions to approve the agenda, seconded by F. Johnson. All in favor, motion carried.***
2. Thank you to returning Executive Board members:
 - a. Professionals: John Welch & Gerry Neuser
 - b. Policymakers: Fred Zaug, & newly elected Vincent (Vinnie) Miresse
 - i. *Terms will end at the 2022 Annual meeting*
3. Approval of 2/27/2020 Annual Business Meeting Minutes:
 - a. ***P. O'Brien motions to approve the minutes with one correction to note that Christine Miller's association is Adams County, seconded by C. Miller. All in favor, motion carried.***
4. Election of Officers for 2 year terms:
 - a. Chairperson: ***P. O'Brien nominates Gerry Neuser. P. O'Brien motions to close nominations and to cast unanimous vote for Gerry, seconded by F. Zaug. All in favor, motion carried.***
 - b. Vice Chairperson: ***G. Neuser nominates John Welch. G. Neuser motions to close nominations and to cast unanimous vote for John, seconded by F. Zaug. All in favor, motion carried.***
 - c. Treasurer: ***P. O'Brien nominates Meleesa Johnson. P. O'Brien motions to close nominations and to cast unanimous vote for Meleesa, seconded by V. Miresse. All in favor, motion carried.***
 - d. Secretary – No election needed, duties handled by Executive Director Sieg
5. WIRM Conference Update
 - a. Update / Report from RC:
 - i. 2020 WIRMC at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells was well attended, and was financially successful for all 3 host organizations. The net proceeds for each one was \$15,814.54.

- ii. 2021 may be more of a challenge for logistics, format, and overall income due to concerns for COVID-19. The 2021 Planning Committee will have their first main organizational meeting on June 15, 2020.
 - iii. Discussed that all 3 host organizations may need to look more closely at their 2021 budgets and activities.
 - b. Possible Proposal for a WCA Session – State Legislative Update: Gerry heard about this at the recent WIRMC, and was thinking of submitting this proposal. Meleesa will mention this to the State’s Legislative liaison.
 - c. WCSWMA’s 2020-21 representatives to the WIRMC Planning Committee
 - i. Chris Miller, Pat O’Brien, Gerry Neuser
- 6. Treasurer Report
 - a. Financial Report – May 2020: Checking account balance: \$21,997.44. Savings account balance: \$39,338.16. ***P. O’Brien motions to approve the financial report, seconded by J. Welch. All in favor, motion carried.***
- 7. Legislative / Advocacy / Education Report
 - a. Update on pending legislation at the State and/or Federal level - Meleesa:
 - i. State Legislature is currently not in session. All PFAS bills except for firefighting foam, and the Clear Act / Clean Sweep bill, did not pass.
 - ii. Federal: Legislation on waste Infrastructure is sitting in House. SWANA wants the bill to include recycling too, but it won’t get to in the Senate.
 - iii. MRF Residuals bill: died in the State Senate (WI)
 - iv. E-cycle bill: died in the State Senate (WI)
 - b. WCSWMA coordinated with AROW and SWANA-BC regarding the letter sent to Governor Evers related to waste & recycling workers getting priority for COVID testing.
 - c. PFAS educational Webinar production for state legislators. Hope to be ready in June.
 - i. WCSWMA is funding RC’s assistance for the production of the webinar. Expense NTE: \$1,000.
 - ii. WI Waste Water Assoc. and others have signed onto this.
 - d. Potential Legislative Day in fall: Not likely now. Was hoping to have be PFAS-related.
 - e. Wisconsin Counties Association’s Convention Sept. 20-22: Booth: WCSWMA thought about going every other year, but again not sure if Convention will even happen. WCSWMA has already backed out anyway. Wanted to demonstrate the importance of publically-owned facilities, to help control the monopolies in our industry.
 - f. Into the Outdoors’ Becoming Stewards program promotion:
 - i. It’s been broadcasted and the educational materials have been developed. Now it needs to be promoted to schools and teachers.
 - ii. 2020 Fall Environmental Education Conference: unfortunately cancelled now
 - iii. 2021 Spring WI Society of Science Teachers conference: may be possible
 - g. WasteCon 2020: WCSWMA funds board members and students to attend but again, not sure if it will still happen. So far, they are still planning to hold it, but budget for only 70% attendance. SWANA’s Waste Expo has been officially cancelled. Discussed that board members and students may not be allowed to attend, based on their employer’s or university’s policies.

8. Potential Bylaws Change – for discussion only – no action
 - a. Size and make up of Executive Committee:
 - b. Currently we have (8) members. Considering changing the wording to say not fewer than 6 or more than 8 members, and to try to have equal representation between professionals and policy-makers.
 - c. Noted that one sentence is missing regarding submittal of tax reports as required by Federal and State tax laws.
9. 2020 WCSWMA Scholarship Program – Update:
 - a. Appears that (9) students have applied.
 - b. Karin and Gerry will make sure that the Scholarship Committee have all the submitted materials since sometimes they were sent to different people and email addresses.
 - c. For the next process, have all applications be sent to one email address, and the materials will all be sent out together at one time following the deadline.
10. ISWA Scholarship Program (SWANA): No invoice has come in yet for WCSWMA's contribution. John will follow up on this.
11. Website Update / Analytics: No report at this time.
12. Other Matters as Allowed by Law: None
13. Next Meeting Date, Location, and Adjourn: ***P. O'Brien motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by M. Johnson. All in favor, motion carried.*** Meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.