

WCSWMA

(Wisconsin Counties Solid Waste Management Association)

ANNUAL MEETING

8:30 am Wednesday, February 22, 2023
Hyatt Regency-Green Bay, 333 Main St., Green Bay, WI 54301
Room: Grand FG

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Gerry Neuser (Manitowoc County), Pat O'Brien (Winnebago County), Amanda Haffele (Portage County), Vinnie Miresse-VIA phone (Portage County), John Welch (Dane County)

OTHERS PRESENT: Karin Sieg (Exec. Director), Jennifer Semrau (WDNR), Dave Hagenbucher (Marathon County), Jon Reisenbeuchler (Manitowoc County), Craig Breit (Manitowoc County), Chris Blan (Brown County), Abby Lichtscheidl (Portage County), Chad Doverspike (Brown County), Valerie Parker (Village of Weston), Allison Birr (Marathon County)

1. Call to Order and Approval/Modification of Agenda: Meeting called to order at 8:30 am by Gerry Neuser. **P. O'Brien motions to approve the agenda. Seconded by A. Haffele. All in favor, motion carried.**
2. Approval of 10/28/22 Business Meeting Minutes: **A. Haffele motions to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by P. O'Brien. All in favor, motion carried.**
3. Election of Executive Board Members – Terms Expiring in First Quarter of 2023
 - a. Members with terms Expiring in 2023: *New terms end at the 2024 annual meeting*
 - i. Professionals: Amanda Haffele, Open Position (Meleesa Johnson Retirement)
 1. **G. Neuser nominates Amanda Haffele to serve another term, and Dave Hagenbucher to fill M. Johnson's open position. Motion by P. O'Brien to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Amanda Haffele and Dave Hagenbucher. Seconded by J. Welch.** All in favor, motion carried
 - ii. Policy Makers: Vinnie Miresse, Fred Zaug, Open Position (Jonathan Fischer Resignation)
 1. **G. Neuser nominates Vinnie Miresse and Fred Zaug to serve another term. P. O'Brien motions to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Vinnie Miresse and Fred Zaug. Seconded by A. Haffele.** All in favor, motion carried
 - b. Nominations and vote
 - i. Selection of 2-Person Recruitment Committee (not needed)
4. Report on 2022 WCSWMA Activities
 - a. Chairperson's report:
 - i. WCSWMA, AROW, and SWANA-BC collaborated to research the logistics and interest in developing professional development courses for members, such as a Solid Waste 101 and a Cohort class. An anonymous survey is available during this conference to gather interest and topic ideas. Survey participants will receive one of the new water bottle stickers the 3 orgs created, and that WCSWMA paid for. The 3 orgs also continue to collaborate on the PFAs website and advocacy efforts. (3) Scholarships were awarded in 2022.
 - ii. WasteCon Report: A presentation was provided, giving various reports from attendees.
5. Treasurer's Report: The 2022 financial report was reviewed and is on file. **P. O'Brien motions to accept the report. Seconded by J. Welch.** All in favor, motion carried.
6. Legislative & Advocacy Report
 - a. Coordination of issues with AROW & SWANA-BC: Reviewed the possible professional courses project, and the water bottle stickers that were created.



- b. Other Initiatives: A letter was sent to the Office of Superfund Remediation & Technology Initiatives regarding PFAs. WCSWMA continues to promote use of the *Into the Outdoors – Becoming Stewards* educational resources.
7. Scholarship Programs Report
- a. 2022 WCSWMA awardees and poster display: Can view this in the hallway during WIRMC.
 - b. 2023 WCSWMA Scholarship Program
 - i. Selection of 3-person Selection Committee members for 2023: G. Neuser will verify the interest of Allison Birr, Vinnie Miresse, and Sujata Gautam to continue serving on the committee. They also discussed making changes to the application process, and noted that the *Meleesa Johnson Leadership Award* could be given out in 2023 if a qualified and applicable candidate applied.
8. 2024 WIRM Conference: Update / Report from RC
- a. Save the date: February 28 – March 01, 2024
 - b. Location: Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI
9. Other Matters Germane to the Agenda and as Allowed by Law: J. Welch shared that the WI Dept. of Natural Resources is going through Rule making changes this spring for NR544, and anticipates some big Code changes.
10. Next Meeting Date & Location: TBD / May 2023
11. Adjourn: **Motion by P. O'Brien to adjourn, seconded by J. Welch.** All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 am.

Minutes recorded by Karin Sieg