



NEBRASKA  
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CHAPTER

# MINUTES

## Chapter Officer Meeting

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

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- 1) Call to Order. (Kuhn) 1135  
Attendees: Kuhn, Calub (leaving early), Wattier, Karla, Edwards  
Absent: Stenberg, Moore, Newlun
- 2) Approve /Amend Agenda. (Kuhn, 1 minute)  
Motion to approve Agenda as amended to include YP Report: Wattier  
Second: Calub  
Approved: 5-0
- 3) IB Representative Report. (Calub – 15 minutes).
  - a) See attached IB Report
  - a) New members/YP Members – Lori contact Shannon Bartel – hunt.
  - b) ISWA/SWANA looking for food items and/or cultural items specific to Midwest region.
  - c) SWANA members receive discount on Amazon.com purchases
  - d) Calub left meeting
- 4) Scholarship Chairperson Report. (Calub – 5 minutes).
  - a) Chapter has received a scholarship application – Mallory Rhembrandt
  - b) Review Committee – Wattier, Calub, Edwards, Newlun
- 5) Secretary's Report. (Kuhn, 5 minutes).
  - a) Approve Minutes from April 7, 2017 (Attached)  
Motion to approve Minutes as amended to include the written ISWA scholarship motion approved on April 7, 2017 and corrected typos: Wattier motioned, Welding second, Approved: 4-0
  - b) Secretary vacancy – No discussion
- 6) Treasurer's Report. (Edwards - 5 minutes).
  - a) Approve Treasurer's report as amended – See Attached  
Motion to approve the Treasurer's report as amended to include the updated reference date to "as of 5/2/2017": Wattier motioned, Welding Second, Approved: 4-0
- 7) Young Professionals Rep Report. (Kuhn – 5min)  
Possible YP event this summer - Baseball game? Gary read Joels e-mail regarding a potential YP event at a Storm Chaser's game this summer. Based on the number of YPs in attending, Gary would request that a number of BOD members join Joel for the game.



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Lori recommended that we have Shannon Bartelt-Hunt join an upcoming call to brainstorm options for recruiting student/YPs.

- 8) Program Chair Report. (Kuhn - 20 minutes)
  - a) GP Conference debrief – Group discussion - Gary read Joel e-mail and relayed his gratitude to the entire BOD. Gary acknowledged Edwards for the large NDEQ turnout for the morning sessions. Wattier agreed that the tours and program were informative.
  - b) Fall conference – September 20-21 in Beatrice, NE – Kuhn again relayed Joel's comments and informed the BOD that it is not set in stone, but likely that the presentations will be 9/20 and the tours will be 9/21. Jason has a good handle on possible tour stops, but can use a few more. Joel would like to have a draft agenda prepared for the next meeting so we can publish the final agenda/program by mid June.
- 9) Safety Ambassador Report. (Newlun – 0 Minutes)- No Report
- 10) Legislative Advocate (Hanlon – 0 min) – No Report
- 11) Old Business (Kuhn, 0 minutes).
  - a) Banner – Tabled until next meeting
  - b) 2018 Tradeshow/Conference with Nebraska Recycling Council (NRC) – Tabled until next meeting
- 12) New Business (0 minutes) – No new business
- 13) Next Meeting, June 6, 2017 @ 11:30am
- 14) Adjourn Motion to adjourn at 1218  
Motion to adjourn; Edwards, Second: Wattier, Approved 4-0

**SWANA IB Report**  
**For Nebraska Cornhusker Chapter Board Meeting 5-2-2017**  
**By Lori Calub – IB Director**

**Information from the IB Mid-Year Meetings held April 22-23, 2017 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.**

Items in **Bold** are action items.

1. Membership is at a record high – approaching 9,000 members. We urge chapters to continue their member recruitment efforts, and to **contact new members within the first two months of their joining SWANA.**
  - a. Get ‘Missing Members List’ from SWANA national to contact communities.
  - b. Attendees at conferences that are not members – encourage them to sign up for membership.
  - c. If able, share conference registration list with SWANA membership staff and they will send out information to those people.
2. The IB approved the FY 2018 budget. There will be no change to the dues schedule for FY 2018. [Note: The budget is vetted through the Finance Committee before it goes to the IB.]
3. We had a robust series of discussions concerning the proposed IB reorganization, and received a lot of good feedback and input. The Infrastructure Subcommittee will evaluate the input and develop a revised proposal for the IB’s consideration in Baltimore. [Proposal for 25-member Board of Directors to replace the 15-member Executive Committee and 70-member International Board. Looking at 13 regions to serve on BOD.] Some of the discussions included:
  - a. Role of the “General Assembly” or “International Advisory Board”. What is purpose? Is it solely advisory? Any voting rights? Provide checks and balances to the Board of Directors. [Note: These members would be all the chapter IB reps, tech division reps, etc. that are not on the BOD.]
  - b. How should the Regional Directors be funded? Prorated by each chapter (per # members), by employers, other?
  - c. How should Regional Directors be elected under the new structure?
  - d. What should be the eligibility requirements to serve as Regional Director?
  - e. Discuss accountability requirements for Board of Directors’ members.
4. WASTECON/ISWA is on Sept 25-27 in Baltimore, and registration for the event is now open. <https://swana.org/Events/WASTECON.aspx>

This will be the first time in nearly 20 years that the ISWA World Congress takes place in North America, and that means a bigger and more diverse experience for attendees. We will be contacting accepted speaker proposals beginning next week, who will provide a wide range of terrific content about landfills, Marine Litter, the Circular Economy, Innovation & Smart Technologies, and Closing Dumpsites. We have terrific tours and experiences planned in Baltimore, Washington, and elsewhere. Please encourage members to register, and to reserve

hotel rooms quickly, as the room blocks will fill up quickly (3 hotels connected). Travel discounts are available on Amtrak, United and Southwest. [Check thru WASTECON.org]

Student design competitions – 10 teams entered from across states and world. Hope chapters can help support the student teams.

Attendees from ISWA will number about 1000 people representing 40 to 50 countries.

**\* Chapters to provide ideas for food, activities, cultural experiences, decorations representative of your chapter or region to be incorporated into the WASTECON opening event of the “Great North American Road Trip”. Reach out to State visitor bureaus to get items for decorations/props.**

5. The IB Meeting in Baltimore will take place on Saturday Sept 23 and Sunday Sept 24.
6. We have raised nearly \$20,000 from chapters and several very generous individuals for the ISWA Scholarship Program. This very worthy program provides clothing/educational supplies to children in Nicaragua who work at a dumpsite as scavengers. I hope other chapters will match the \$1,000 and \$2,000 contributions made by about a dozen chapters so far. We are exploring establishing a website for members and others to make donations.
7. Brenda Haney (from Texas chapter [Region 3]) was confirmed as the nominee for International Secretary with a vote of the full membership on the slate of officers set for this summer.
8. The purpose of SWANA’s new Affinity program is to provide members and affiliated companies/local governments with useful services and to return a small royalty to SWANA. As the Board has delegated the responsibility to negotiate the Affinity agreements to me and a committee, it is important to give you a brief overview of who our partners are and what they do, which was the purpose of Rick Penner’s (from Re-TRAC Connect) short presentation Sunday morning. Information about the various Affinity partners is here: <https://swana.org/Resources/AffinityProgram.aspx>. **Chapter board, members, etc. thoughtfully look at these. An easy individual one is through Amazon Smile program.**
9. Other IB discussions:
  - a. SWANA continues to look at training/webinars, etc. Chapter partnering is down. IB members (Region 3) recommended that the subcommittee currently looking at webinars structure and pricing to also look at the pricing of the training courses (e.g. MOLO, etc.) and ways to reduce the cost per person.
    - i. Look to flash drive manuals instead of paper copies
    - ii. Focus on key states/regulators to emphasize or require certification
    - iii. Look at fee compared to similar offerings by other organizations. Could lowering fee structure result in more training registrations and thus spreading the up-front/fixed/sunk costs?
    - iv. Look at condensing courses where possible to 1 or 2 days; develop mini-courses / refresher courses
    - v. Need courses in French (i.e. Canadian chapters) and Spanish

- b. Student membership is FREE. **Chapters to send list of local colleges/universities and if known, contacts at those colleges to the SWANA membership staff (Darryl Walter).** *There was mention of a flyer available for student members.* Bring student members to your conferences. Look at providing free registration to student members. Develop meetings/events for student members and YPs.
- c. Online mentoring program is starting to get up and running for YPs and student members. Consider being a mentor on this program. I will send out more information once I receive it (or keep look-out for email from SWANA on the program that will be sent out to every member).
- d. **Schedule/put your conferences on-line on SWANA's calendar on the website. This is helpful for inter-chapter relations and letting all members know of your event.**
- e. Policies being looked at include MA-36, MA-21 and MA-2.
- f. Discussed MA-33 and the need for each chapter to identify Advocacy rep. A conference call is scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup>. Send Advocacy rep contact information to SWANA staff member Jesse Maxwell to make sure get all notices.
  - i. Goal of sharing information; person to be liaison between chapters and national.
  - ii. Bring up issues that are important to chapter members to SWANA (and the other chapters). Maybe there is an issue that is of concern to multiple chapters. More voices....more done.

#### 10. Planning Committee Discussions

- a. Recommend that Safety Summit stays with SWANApalooza and have Safety tracks with every major conference. Allow the training classes attendees time out of course to attend safety sessions or even other conference sessions for couple hours.
- b. Senior Exec Seminar (SES) is struggling on attendance and revenue. Has always been a loss but provided high value to those attending. Not enough inertia for separate SES
  - i. Look to Planning & Management Tech Division to develop SES type tracks into the other conferences. Breakfast events; smaller round tables; one-on-one with CEO's; etc. Exhibitors would like the decision makers at conferences.
  - ii. Attract the CEO's to WASTECON & SWANApalooza which would then attract more senior execs to attend.
  - iii. Chapters can try to incorporate CEO moments into programs.
  - iv. What topics would get more to attend?
- c. SWANApalooza 2017 revenue above budgeted. Had largest training center. Good partnership with host chapters for networking/party event. Great speakers.

Attendees enjoyed jumping between the different track sessions. LFG attendees were hoping for more biogas topics. Great re-book for 2018 exhibitors (2018 SWANApalooza in Denver).

- d. NAWTEC 2017 – Had 275 people registered. NAWTEC was occurring in Minneapolis after the IB meetings.

**NEBRASKA CORNHUSKER CHAPTER OF SWANA  
APRIL 2017 TREASURERS REPORT**

Ending Balance for Business Checking (5/2/2017) **\$6,742.10**

4/4/2017	Check #2280 Deposit for Bus rental for Spring Conf.	\$675.00	\$6,067.10
4/19/2017	Check #2282 Bus driver tip	\$200.00	\$5,867.10
4/21/2017	Check #2283 Reimbursement for Lori Calub Expenses	\$2,087.53	\$3,779.57
4/21/2017	Check #2285 Drawing prize for Spring Conf.	\$50.00	\$3,729.57
4/24/2017	Check #2281 Rent of tables/chairs for Spring Conf lunch	\$183.97	\$3,545.60

Current and Ending Balance on 5/2/2017 **\$3,545.60**

Beginning Balance for Money Market Plus Account on (5/2/17) **\$58,686.84**

4/14/2017	Direct Deposit SWANA	\$152.00	\$58,838.84
4/28/2017	Interest Paid	\$6.28	\$58,845.12

Current and Ending Balance on 5/2/2017 **\$58,845.12**

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**Balance of Checking and Money Market on 5/2/2017 was** **\$62,390.72**

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There are checks that were written that were mailed but have not been cashed yet.

- 1,000.00 for Scholarship for ISWA
- 23.00 to Gary Kuhn for renewal of Secretary of State
- 544.83 to SCS for Great plain conf. expenses
- 882.87 to Lori Calub for 2017 Spring IB expenses
- 10.29 for postage (stamps)

## Gary N. Kuhn, P.E.

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**Subject:** RE: REMINDER: SWANA Chapter BOD Teleconference at 11:30 today

I am not able to attend the teleconference today so am providing the following in my absence.

1. Great Plains Conference Thoughts and Observations
  - a. Thank you to Gary for his assistance booking tours. Although one of our original stops cancelled, the replacement tours were informative. I thought the tour day went well considering the rain that morning. I have sent thank you notes from the chapter BOD to each tour stop expressing our thanks.
  - b. The technical conference went well. I believe having David Biderman and Jim Macy present helped with interest as I counted around 65 people for the morning session. Attendance remained strong throughout the conference with attendance at the last session at around 40 people.
  - c. Thank you to my fellow BODs for your support and assistance. This conference could not happen without you.
  - d. I have not received financials from NWEA yet, but did hear that attendance was very strong this year. This is tempered by the typical increase in conference expenses.
  
2. Fall Conference
  - a. September 20 and 21 in Beatrice
  - b. Presentations and annual meeting likely on 9/20
  - c. Tours likely on 9/21
  - d. Hotel and conference format in finalization process
  - e. Jason has several good ideas for tours
  - f. NEED PRESENTERS – I would like to issue conference agenda in mid-June
  
3. YP
  - a. I would like to have a YP event this summer – possibly a baseball game.

Please forward any questions or concerns to me.

Regards,  
Joel

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