

**SDSWMA Governing Board Meeting Minutes**  
Board Meeting via Zoom Video Conferencing  
July 19, 2023, 3:30 pm CT/2:30 pm MT

**Call to Order**

President Donny Kuper called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. Board members present were Val Keller, Katie Stiegelmeier, Sandi Luckett, Nick Emme, Luke Rodig, Shannon Dwire, Mike Erickson, Kevin Roth, Keith DeLange, and Ryan Reeves. Calvin Walker and Jason Hinds were absent. No additions were made to the agenda, and no conflicts of interest were noted.

**Administrative Actions and Approvals**

A motion by Sandi Luckett, second by Nick Emme to **approve minutes** from the April 13, 2023 board meeting. Treasurer Michael Erickson provided financial the report. A copy of the investment savings account was emailed to the Board prior to the meeting. As of 7/13/23 the online checking balance was \$32,261.18, but checks that were made out to SWANA for the MOLO materials and to the 2022 Scholarship winners had not been cashed yet. With the checks included, the online checking account balance would be \$5,484.84. As of 7/13/23, the investment savings balance was \$49,317.70, which was higher than the statement in the board meeting packet. Additional discussion continued from the board about the MOLO statements and if there was a profit and loss statement from the MOLO course last spring. ED Fahy noted that she will provide that to the board once all checking account statements are available. Motion by Ryan Reeves to approve the financial report as presented, second by Sandi Luckett, motion carried.

Treasurer Erickson could not provide the current balance of the Scholarship Account, but mentioned that the balance from the March 31, 2023 statement was close to \$51,000. Erickson sent out checks to the 2022 scholarship winners totally \$7,000. Treasurer Erickson also mentioned that \$7,168 needed to be moved from the checking account to the scholarship account from the 2021 and 2022 fundraisers, and that the \$7,000 from the award checks needed to be moved from the scholarship account back to the checking account. A motion was made by Keith DeLange to approve the scholarship financial report as presented, second by Val Keller, motion carried.

**Old Business**

ED Melissa Fahy reported that the **P&L YTD previous year comparison and budget vs. actual** were emailed to the Board prior to this meeting. ED Fahy noted there was some miscommunication and the checking account statements for April, May, and June were not provided and received double copies of the investment savings account statements instead. ED Fahy noted that the P&L statements were similar to what the board had in April as she could not update QuickBooks with April, May, and June statements.

ED Fahy also gave an update on the 2023 Annual Conference coming up in Aberdeen on September 19-21, 2023. The board was provided with a DRAFT conference agenda prior to the meeting. ED Fahy noted that some of the conference activities would include a BBQ lunch out at the landfill that will be sponsored by RDO and catered by Shagan Pit out of Aberdeen. ED Fahy also noted that RDO will also be sponsoring a mechanical bull that will be available during the conference Kick-Off Social which can be used as a fundraiser for the scholarship program. ED Fahy noted she was working on filling in some additional speakers spots and hopes to have the agenda ready to go by the end of the month. ED Fahy also noted that the association needed a new projector as the current one would not connect and work at the Spring Workshop. ED Fahy mentioned that the association could purchase a new projector, or could rent the ones from the hotels during the conferences. The board agreed to rent the projector from the hotels as it is only needed twice a year.

## **New Business**

The scholarship committee was still reviewing the 2023 scholarship applications. Treasure Erickson noted some concerns about the applications that were received and that over half of them were from students going into professions not related to the Solid Waste industry. Further discussion by the board continued about the donors may not be happy with their donations going towards a student studying something outside the profession. The board asked ED Fahy to write up a letter to send to the scholarship committee chair to address the board's concerns. A motion was made by Val Keller to award up to \$7,000 to the 2023 scholarship winners with the stipulation that the winners must meet the criteria and be studying in a field in the Solid Waste industry, a second was made by Kevin Roth, motion carried. ED Fahy will send this information out to the scholarship committee and email the board the committee's recommendations for voting and approval.

ED Fahy noted that the website was recently updated with new plugins, but mentioned that a care package would need to be purchased in order to maintain updates with those certain plugins and the internal programs within the website. ED Fahy will provide the board with the maintenance care packages at the next board meeting.

President Kuper noted the idea of the organization getting a new logo, but also changing the name to include the recycling portion of the organization. Treasurer Erickson wasn't sure what it would take to change the name as it would need to be changed with the State of South Dakota as well as a major change to the by-laws. The board agreed to table this item until the next board meeting.

## **Upcoming Conferences update**

The 2024 Spring Workshop will be held at Cadillac Jack's in Deadwood on April 23 & 24, 2024. The 2024 Annual Conference will be held in Sioux Falls at the Ramkota Hotel on September 18-20, which is different than previously reported. This will make room for static displays in the parking lot for the vendors.

## **Committees:**

Nominations are still needed for the Annual Awards; the SDSWMA Hall of Fame, and Board of Director officers for 2022-2023. ED Fahy will send out an email to the membership asking for nominations and will be in contact with the Hall of Fame and Nominations Committee for additional suggestions.

ED Fahy also noted the term limits that are coming up on the Board of Directors. There will be three 3-Year terms (Keth DeLange, Calvin Walker, and the open position which was previously filled by Dan Roth & Kristina Piroetti) along with the VP position on the Executive Board. ED Fahy will send out an email to the membership for nominations and will be in contact with the Nominations Committee for suggestions.

ED Fahy also asked the Bylaws committee (Donny Kuper and Val Keller) to review the current resolutions and propose new resolutions for 2023-2024.

**Next Board Meeting:** The next board meeting will be a breakfast meeting on Tues. September 19 in Aberdeen – 8 am CT. Those not able to make the meeting in person can call-in via conference call.

Motion to adjourn at 5:05 pm by Mike Erickson, and a second by Val Keller, motion carried.

*Respectfully submitted*

*Melissa Fahy, Executive Director SDSWMA*