

Iowa Chapter of SWANA

**APPROVED Board Meeting Minutes** 

November 6, 2020 ISOSWO Board of Directors meeting was held via video conference call.

**Call to Order**: President Foster called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

## **Roll Call/Introductions**:

**Present:** John Foster, Garrett Prestegard, Angela Ullman, Lori Dicks, Bill Rowland, Mary Wittry, Dan Bacehowski, Lauren Norland, Mike McKnight, Bill Schmitt

**Also Present:** Rick Hurt, Michael Smith, Hal Morton, Christine Collier, Kathy Morris, Mitzi Brunsvold, Jen Frampton, Jim Obradovich

**Approve/Amend Agenda:** Motion by Wittry to approve the agenda. Second by Prestegard. Unanimous aye, motion carried.

**Approve September 4, 2020 meeting minutes**: Motion by Prestegard to approve the September 4, 2020 meeting minutes as written. Second by Rowland. Unanimous aye, motion carried.

**Discuss/Approve the Treasurer's Report and Bills due:** Dicks presented the Treasurer's report, declaring total funds balance of \$71,923.53 as of October 31. Motion by Wittry to approve the report and bills due. Second by Ullman. Unanimous aye, motion carried. We entered into a letter of engagement with Bland and Associates for tax filing and this task is complete.

**New Business**: Foster reported that committee chair appointments were distributed, and he received no objections. Wittry reported the spring conference committee has a need for additional members. Discussion regarding the leadership advisory committee took place regarding the need for such a committee. It was noted that it was not a requirement of the by-laws and determined that at this time, to not meet regularly. Committee Chairs will verify their committees prior to committee approval. Motion by Prestegard to approve the delayed verification of committees until Committee Chairs could discuss with their committees. Second by Bacehowski. Unanimous aye, motion carried.

Regional Director's Report: Wittry reported that SWANA has done a lot in response to COVID-19. They worked with FEMA to distribute masks. Also secured \$200,000 for COVID-related deaths/sicknesses and has distributed \$144,000. SWANA recently entered into a contract with Blue Ridge for MOLO training modifications and will be ready in 2021. SWANA membership stands at 10,000+ members and have seen a decrease in membership. There was also a decrease of assets around \$317,000 due to the lack of hosting SWANAPALOOZA as well as membership retention is down. The SWANA Board of Directors approved a \$500K line of credit, but it has not been used. SWANA also received a PPP loan for use of

staff wages and benefits. SOAR event in Kansas City scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup>, but there is the possibility of delay to June 2021. They have been in contact with partners (hotels, speakers, etc.). SWANA worked with their attorney on a liability release waiver for chapters on in-person events (consider as a best practice to prevent liability). SWANA Annual Bus mtg is 3-4:30 on Dec 9. Other upcoming events include the MRF summit, Virtual WASTECON, and a Safety summit. Wittry will distribute the annual meeting information with the board and members.

**DNR update:** Smith reported that Matt Kresh (DNR) continues to work on Sigma and is populating the database with the location of the monitoring wells. Lab data likely able to be input by next spring. Timing is to be determined. Bacehowski will schedule TAC meeting with Matt in attendance when appropriate.

Standard language in LF permit regarding pesticide container recycling. Some information is outdated as it pertains. Nina is considering removing the language altogether. Smith and Nina would like to know impact. Input is welcome.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Audit: Ullman. No report.

**Legislative:** Elections in Iowa are near completion. House maintains Republican control. Will see continued action on bottles and cans. Next step is for caucuses to get together (by beginning to mid December). Legislative committee meeting for November 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Technical:** Bacehowski reported that he met with the IDNR back in September/early October. Will schedule a TAC committee meeting.

**Nominating:** No report.

**Member Services:** Norland reported that she will move the scholarship application deadline to the end of December for approval at January meeting.

## **Programs and Arrangements:**

**Spring Conference:** Wittry reported that the committee has met twice and have discussed the spring conference to occur at the end of march. Committee is recommending postponement to June (in conjunction with SOAR's postponement) to the board. Hamm and McKnight are working with local venues to postpone/arrange. Motion by Wittry to add an agenda item for discussion of the Spring Conference postponement to be added to the agenda for the December board meeting. approve the agenda. Second by Bacehowski. Unanimous aye, motion carried.

Unanimous aye, motion carried.

**Fall Conference:** Prestegard reported that the IRA/ISOSWO conference chairs met regarding how Fall conference will proceed. Working on agreement with Shannon and will bring to ISOSWO board in December.

Awards: Rowland. No report.

**Scholarship:** Rowland. No report.

**By-Laws:** Prestegard. No report. Wittry noted that we have several regions/chapters that have not completed by-law updates.

Young Professionals: Norland. No Update.

Safety: No Update.

**Other:** Foster reported that committee chairs need to finalize committees. Foster requested that committees share information with Ullman for annual report completion and submission by mid-December.

**Adjourned:** Bacehowski made a motion to adjourn at 10:38 am. Second by Dicks. Unanimous aye, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Angela Ullman