

SWANA Rocky Mountain Chapter Monthly Board of Director's Meeting  
19 January 2010, Geotech, 2650 E 40<sup>th</sup>, Denver, CO

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Curt Ahrendsen, Kathy Andrew\*, Debby Barton, Cameron Beul, John Briest\*\*, Juri Freeman, Stephen Gillette, Neil Nowak\*\*, Tom Schweitzer, Dick Sprague, Cathryn Stewart, Tom Strickland

**Absent:** Jerry Henderson

**Others Present:** None

**Notations:** \* Member participated by telephone. \*\*Member arrived after call to order.

Minutes are in the order of the agenda and not necessarily in order of discussions.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order by Stewart at 7:05 am as 10 of 13 directors present.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA** Schwietzer/Ahrendsen moved/seconded to adopt the emailed agenda.

**MINUTES** 15 December 2009 Board meeting minutes had been previously emailed and approved by e-vote.

**TREASURER**

Gillette stated that as of 4 January 2010, there was a checking balance of \$17,694.34, savings balance of \$19,754.28. He stated we had 49 preregistered for the event but one individual had to cancel due to family issues.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS and ASSIGNMENTS:**

**Membership:** Andrew reported we have 153 active members listed by National SWANA. We are staying relatively stable in membership numbers. There is still a problem with Juri Freeman's membership but Andrew and National are working on the issue. Sprague commented that National has fewer staff people because of budget constraints. Reimbursement from National was \$265 and she is down to 6 members without e-mail. She thanked Beul for helping update email addresses. She requested that any director (or member) let her know of email updates as National is so far behind in posting changes.

**Technical Programs:**

**General Discussion:** Several topics and ideas were discussed for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter technical sessions. Henderson had sent a suggestion to have a luncheon workshop for alternative cover status in Colorado. Another possible topic would be a recap of the legislative session and impacts on the solid waste and recycling industry in Colorado. Discussion held on the possibility to merge a "Waste Management Day at the Capital" with a technical program. Consensus was to pursue a Waste Management Day at the Capital for the 2011 session as 2010 already in place. Discussion held on inviting key sponsors of bills to a technical session and/or the annual meeting. Discussion held on having an Alternative Dispute Resolution technical luncheon program in the summer to give ideas on how to handle conflicts such as complaints about odor or litter at a recycling center. Consensus was to pursue a Geotechnical Status and guidance implementation technical program for second quarter and a conflict resolution technical program for the third quarter.

**Quarter 2 (tentative date 20 April 2010):** Ahrendsen and Sprague will work with Henderson to establish available meeting room and topic development for an April technical program. Suggestion was to include status of the stakeholder process as well as final guidance on alternative covers and possible highlight approval status of neighboring states. Ahrendsen will notify Board of meeting date and location available for an April technical meeting.

**Quarter 3 (Jun-Aug):** Stewart, Sprague and Barton will work on the third quarter technical session tentatively scheduled for either June or July at the Geotech Training room, if available.

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**Annual Meeting:** Eagle County is the preferred location. Strickland will be looking for meeting place. Gillette volunteered to go with Strickland to review potential meeting locations. Nowak stated Ron Rasnic would be local contact and the landfill/material recovery facility is up and running. Ahrendsen will send out last year's annual meeting format to use to develop the meeting program with the addition of testing on Wednesday afternoon instead of Friday afternoon. Barton volunteered to again proctor multi-discipline exams. Discussion held on whether a MOLO could be held the three days before the annual meeting with the exam on Wednesday afternoon. More detail will need to be developed. Sprague volunteered to look into the possibility/logistics of a MOLO course.

**Scholarships:** No requests have been received by Henderson.

**Nominations:** Briest introduced David "Juri" Freeman who was approved to serve on the Board of Directors via email voting. There are no other nominations at this time.

**Legislative:** Barton sent out a table of Colorado legislative bills introduced to date. She will work with Andrew on sending out legislative table on Fridays for bills of interest to the membership. She will also add the legislative link in the table for membership to check on status of bills. Nowak will be attending the SWANA national presentation (webinar) the week of 25 January 2010 and will keep the Board informed.

**International Board:** Sprague reported he voted affirmatively to increase the International Board members which has a sunset provision in three (3) years if the increase is not beneficial. He will continue as the IB representative through the Annual Meeting as a minimum.

**Website/Webmaster:** Strickland has not had time to explore other options. Freeman will work with Strickland on changes to the website which would allow us to post changes, minutes and similar items but pay for more extensive programming such as adding paypal registration links.

**Newsletter:** The newsletter was sent out and the next issue is due in the summer. Several compliments were made on the content and layout.

**Road E O:** No activity at this time.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Bylaws review:** Barry Sharnoff, SWANA National legal counsel, completed his review and returned his comments to Sprague. Barton prepared draft input of the changes recommended. She provided a copy of the draft recommendations as well as Mr. Sharnoff's comments. She has not yet researched the voting requirements that he mentioned in his review. Further discussion will be held at the next Board meeting.

**SWANA History Project:** Project is complete and will no longer be reported on.

**Air Quality Guidance Document Stakeholder:** Theresa Amoroso with Air Quality will be present during the technical program scheduled for 19 January 2010. She is looking for some real life examples of air related problems encountered in the field which can be used to develop guidelines as discussed with Briest and Stewart in December 2009. We will need to offer to the membership the chance to send in anonymously some real life examples to help with the request.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**30 Year Celebration:** As the Chapter was founded in 1979 as a chapter of the Governmental Refuse, Collection, and Disposal Association (GRDA) then formally incorporated in 1983, the thirty year anniversary of the chapter could be anytime between now and 2013. The Board will continue discussion on holding a special anniversary event, perhaps for the next four years of the annual meeting.

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**Next Board Meeting:** The next Board meeting will be a telephone conference call on 16 February 2010 at 7 am.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With nothing further to discuss, **Sprague/Ahrendsen moved/seconded** to adjourn the meeting.  
Meeting adjourned 8:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Barton

Secretary

Attachments for Board Members: Calendar of Events