

July 2024 -- Highlights from SORA's Annual Business Meeting

SORA held its Annual Business Meeting on November 7, 2023. The purposes of the meeting were to:

1. Elect members to the Board of Directors for any vacant or expired seats
2. Receive reports from the Board and Committees
3. Recommend the creation of any necessary ad.hoc committees
4. Conduct any other business which should properly come from SORA

Here are a few highlights from the meeting.

- EPA Presentation. EPA provided an update on several initiatives. The 11 projects in the Wastewater Community Assessments with Solutions project are nearing completion and solution plans are being developed. They provided a summary of Septic Smart 2023 activities. They updated the partnership on the projects they are working on to promote stronger workforce development activities for the onsite community. They also updated other actions being taken to better serve underserved communities.
- USDA Rural Utilities Service. Steve Polacek of USDA provided an overview of the funds and programs available for upgrading rural water infrastructure.
- NOWRA report. Executive Director Tom Groves provided an update on recent NOWRA activities

Minutes of the meeting can be found [here](#)