SORA Board Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2024, 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM (EDT)

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Board Roll Call:

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| **Region 1: Amanda Clark (CT);** **Becka Andranovich** | Region 9: Michael Broussard (NM), *Treasurer* |
| Region 2: Stephen Marshall (NY) | **Region 10: Jeremy Simmons (WA)** |
| **Region 3: Travis Sterner (MD), *Past President*** | At Large*:*  Lance Gregory (VA) |
| **Region 4: Chris Edwards (KY)** | **Tribal: Chris Sams (Cherokee Nation)** |
| Region 5: Mike Mettler (IN) | **Canadian Provinces: Derek Smith (Manitoba)** |
| **Region 6: Nicholas Huber (OK), *President-Elect*** | ***Executive Director*: Eric Casey** |
| Region 7: Eric Folks (MO) | ***Secretary*: Marcia Degen (Retiree)** |
| **Region 8:Chuck Cousino (CO), *President*** |  |

Invited Guests: **Dick Bachelder**/ **Sheryl Ervin (COI Rep.)**; Membership chair: vacant

1. Approval of June 4, 2024 Board Meeting minutes: Motion: Chris E Second: Amanda C

Motion approved.

1. Executive Committee Reports
   1. President’s report: (Chuck)
      1. Noticing a decreased usage of the listserv; suggestions to increase?

Amanda offered to post how she used the list serve to assist in her regulation revision; encouraging people to use.

* 1. Treasurer’s Report: (Michael)
     1. Invoice status
        1. Members
           1. Danna R., OR, CT, NC, Chad M.

CT has paid. Jeremy sent note to OR; they said they hoped to have it addressed in the near future. Chris will work with NC to inquire on status.

* + - 1. COI, Membership, and 2023 Tuesday event payment status

Will provide at next board meeting

* + 1. Current account balances: (via email)
       1. Savings: $31,501.48
       2. Checking: $14,935.06
       3. Receivables: $3,526.80
  1. Secretary’s Report: (Marcia)
     1. Listserv Items
        1. Email updates, status
           1. Park County email corrections made
           2. Added

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* + - 1. Share privileges for Google docs; Status?
      2. COI; contact list complete – as far as we know, yes.
      3. From NOWRA – link to State regulatory contact list on EPA page not working. Do we have that on our page too? We provide regional reps on the website.

<https://www.epa.gov/septic/state-septic-system-program-contacts>

<https://www.epa.gov/septic/advanced-technology-onsite-treatment-wastewater-products-approved-state>

* 1. Executive Director’s Report (Eric C.):
     1. Website updates
        1. Status of “untrusted site” issue – EC talked with web provider and they are working on it.
        2. Site modifications via WordPress; status? New minutes are loaded. Problems with how to edit the source code. Working with web provider
        3. We are maintaining services from Dream Host; confirmed the $5/mo. Charge is valid
        4. Members only page; need to determine if this option is needed; cost/benefit analysis. It can be created, but has not convened a members only committee group.
     2. SORA official address; should both the CT and VA be noted on webpage? One being the official address for contact, and the other for tax purposes. It’s being corrected.
     3. Workforce grant update; EPA informed NOWRA that the grant was not approved.
     4. SORA-specific email for Exec. Dir. – [wecasey@soraus.com](mailto:wecasey@soraus.com), When should we start to use this email? In progress.
     5. NEHA add status. In progress.

1. Standing Committee Reports:
   1. Membership (Eric C.);
      1. Member, online application status. Working as intended? Is site contacting Marcia, Michael, Eric, Becka? Updated language on form? Still needs to be confirmed
   2. Conference Planning (Eric C./Jeremy);
      1. Tuesday evening event location; status? Reception – planning committee met earlier this month. Conference registration within 30 days. Lots of abstracts submitted. Two field trips planned. Roe-d-hoe. Limited number of rooms for Tuesday night. Recommend to reserve hotel soon. Looks like they won’t be doing an online component this year.
         1. Food/Bev. Planning status? They are evaluating options. Two venues: Nectar vs Purgatory – both a short walk; there are also other eating places near them both. Attendance estimate of 50 people. Do need to pay the deposit prior. Chuck C: motion to set it up at Purgatory; Chris E second. No objections.
   3. Strategic Planning (Travis):
      1. n/a
2. COI Report (Dick/Sheryl) Per email:
   1. Dick to contact COI; Comments received; Action items? No report.
3. Ad hoc Committee Reports:
   1. Newsletter status (Eric C., Michael B., Mike M.)
      1. New tab for newsletter on webpage? Went out by email today.
   2. OWTS funding options (Lance, Eric C.); Status? Doodle poll sent out to set a meeting time.
   3. Policy (Chuck):
4. Old Business:
   1. National Waste Alliance; NAWT program; Status report, Nicholas (OK)

No new info.

1. New Business:
   1. Link to OWTS state web pages and regulations to our website. Eric to ask. Discussion – Amanda suggested to have it part of the renewal process and gather the info through a google form.
2. Action Items:
   1. none
3. Adjourn –**Meeting Dates for 2024 (First Tuesday of each month):** All meetings will start at 2:30 P.M. EST.

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