



# SOLID WASTE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA

## ALASKA CHAPTER



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### Meeting Minutes

#### Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Team

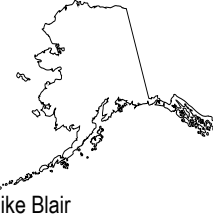
January 15, 2021

- I. **Call to Order** by Terry Berger at 1:05 p.m.
- II. **Agenda** Approved
- III. **Minutes** of October Meeting approved
- IV. **Board and General Membership Discussion**
  - A. **Committee Reports**
    1. **President's Report – Terry Berger** Thanks for getting us through all the challenges
    2. **Treasurer's Report – Donna Mears**
      - a. Balances 12/31/20 \$9,351.08 - Credit Union, \$50,977.18 - Wells Fargo account
      - b. Chapter is financially healthy with or without MOLO income
      - c. Treasurer's Report Approved
    3. **Program Committee – Lori Aldrich**
      - a. April 16th meeting may be virtual; TBD
      - b. Tech session TBD
      - c. Summer meeting July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021
    4. **Membership Committee – Terry Berger**
      - a. SWANA lists 97 members
      - b. SWANA National sends monthly updates on membership
    5. **Scholarship Committee – Char Avril**
      - a. 2021 applications will be available the first week of February
      - b. Applications due to Chapter May 1<sup>st</sup>; to SWANA National June 1<sup>st</sup>
      - c. National has a new scholarship: Harvey W. Gershman
        1. Available for college juniors and seniors
        2. Must pursue career in recycling, solid waste, or resource management
      - d. Vo/tech students in certification course eligible to apply for chapter scholarship
    6. **Training Committee – Ted Jacobson**
      - a. MOLO in Anchorage possible April 12 – 15<sup>th</sup>
        1. Dependant on Covid-19 situation
        2. Donna Mears and Scott Barr are the instructors, with guest lecturers
      - b. Short virtual tutorial possible before taking test for online course
    7. **Legislative Liaison – Lori Aldrich**
      - a. Nothing relating to solid waste has been pre-filed for legislature
      - b. Monitoring regs are under comment review
      - c. EPA working on PFAS destruction regs
    8. **Safety Minute – Scott Barr**
      - a. 5000 in solid waste industry annually die on the job; 3,000,000 deaths job-related
      - b. Safety Data Sheets are vital resource in preventing deaths
  - B. **Advisory Board Delegate – Ted Jacobson**
    1. Discussion with Matthew Zybas, Region II director, on online MOLO revenue sharing
    2. Virtual WasteCon to be held January 26-28; in-person WasteCon in November TBD
- V. **Old Business**
  - A. Alaska attorney rewrote letter of approval for bylaws for no additional cost;
  - B. Letter accepted, Alaska Chapter bylaws approved by SWANA National
- VI. **New Business/Member Comments**
  - A. Mark Spafford is composing a letter to EPA re: PFAS
    1. Chapter and Class I landfill operators are invited to co-author
    2. Anchorage SWS letter will dovetail with AWWU; draft to be done by the end of January
    3. Response due to EPA February 21
    4. OIT in Fairbanks is the only entity in Alaska authorized to treat PFAS contaminated soils
  - B. Mark Spafford said the chapter needs to explore more revenue generation options



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- 1. In-person MOLO courses will probably soon be in the past
2. Municipalities may be approached to consider offering subsidies
3. Scott Barr suggested offering safety courses

VII. Next Meeting date and agenda

- A. Next meeting will be April 16, 2021, probably online
B. Tech session TBA

VIII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

Tech Session: Suzanna Caldwell, Municipality of Anchorage Solid Waste Services Recycling Coordinator, gave a Presentation on the Municipality of Anchorage Solid Waste Services Recycling Program.

ATTENDEE LIST FOR January 15, 2021, CHAPTER MEETING

I, Terry Berger, President of the Alaska Chapter of SWANA, hereby certify the attendance of the following 32 members at the chapter meeting held online January 15, 2021.

Phone

Table with 3 columns: Name, Organization, and Phone Number. Lists 32 attendees including Mike Blair, Donna Mears, Terry Berger, Bob Jordan, etc.

Guest:

Table with 3 columns: Name, Organization, and Phone Number. Lists Doug Huntman from Delta Backhaul Company.



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