



SOLID WASTE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA

ALASKA CHAPTER



President – Terry Berger Vice-President – Lori Aldrich Secretary/Treasurer – Donna Mears

2021

Directors: Ted Jacobson (Advisory Board Delegate) Bob Jordan Cory Hinds Mike Blair Mark Spafford

Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Team

April 16, 2021

I. Call to Order by Terry Berger at 1:08 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 all the work everyone has done

2. **Treasurer's Report – Donna Mears**

- a. Balances 3/31/2021: \$7,205.72 - Credit Union, \$52,871.45 - Wells Fargo account
- b. Dues continue to come in and expenses are low
- c. Chapter has issued MOLO refunds, may need to do a few more
- d. Chapter finances are holding steady
- c. Treasurer's Report Approved

3. **Program Committee – Lori Aldrich**

- a. July 16th meeting may be virtual; TBD
 1. If pandemic allows, meeting might be an outdoor picnic
 2. Tech session could be outdoor tour
 3. Mark Spafford says MOA SWS could do session on organics, ARL leachate system, or progress on the new transfer station
- b. Fall meeting October 15, 2021

4. **Membership Committee – Terry Berger**

- a. SWANA lists 101 members
- b. SWANA National has a six-weeks lapse on membership updates

5. **Scholarship Committee – Char Avril**

- a. Applications due to Chapter May 1st; to SWANA National June 1st
- b. Chapter web site page on scholarships has been updated

6. **Training Committee – Ted Jacobson**

- a. In-person MOLOs are suspended for now
 1. Chapter should know within a year if they are feasible
 2. Ted wants feedback on preferences/need for in-person classes
 3. Chapter might change frequency to one every three years to fill classes
- b. A lot of on-line training courses are available
 1. Ted will ask Evergreen Chapter for one month notice of courses
 2. Alaska Chapter may offer Alaska-specific courses
- c. Lori Aldrich is coordinating a two-hour/day RACEJT RALO May 3rd -14th
- d. Terry Berger will meet with SWANA April 29 about MOLO certification extensions

7. **Legislative Liaison – Lori Aldrich**

- a. SWANA National is working on two issues
 1. Basel Convention
 - a. Additional controls for crossing international boundaries with haz mats
 - b. Cory Hinds says this will affect recyclables, metal and plastic scrap
 2. SWANA supporting Congressional legislation for federal recycling standards
 - a. Mark Spafford suggested the Chapter advocate for state recycling regs
 - b. No solid waste legislation currently being advocated



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- b. State of Alaska is suing 3M re: PFAS
 - 1. PFAS regs not finished; EPA hasn't set PFAS water standards yet
 - 2. ADEC is monitoring and collecting data

8. Safety Minute – Scott Barr N/A

- a. Terry Berger reminded us that the industry lost a member in Anchorage recently
- b. Managers must provide safety information and tools to workers
- c. Solid waste industry is currently sixth highest in nation in deaths and accidents
- d. Steve Brown said a worker recently tried to conceal on-the-job injury
 - 1. Incident report must be filed in a timely manner
 - 2. Concealing an injury may adversely affect workers' compensation

B. Advisory Board Delegate – Ted Jacobson

- 1. Matthew Zybas, Region 11 director, is resigning when term ends in June
 - a. New director must be elected
 - b. Email Terry Berger (terry.berger@matsugov.us) if interested in applying for position
- 2. WasteCon to be held November 1-4 in Orlando, Florida

V. Old Business

- A. Letter to EPA concerning PFAS was not sent
- B. More revenue sources were discussed
 - 1. Terry Berger is talking with Evergreen Chapter on how to do online tech sessions
 - a. Alaska-specific classes could be valuable for Chapter members
 - b. Online classes would help members earn additional CEUs
 - 2. Cory Hinds requested a money summary (income, expenses) to be presented at July meeting

VI. New Business/Member Comments: Mark Spafford was elected to the Board of Directors

VII. Next Meeting date and agenda

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

VIII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Tech Session: Brett Olson, Environmental Section Supervisor of the Mat-Su Borough presented an update on Mat-Su Central Landfill Gas System.

ATTENDEE LIST FOR April 16, 2021, CHAPTER MEETING

I, Terry Berger, President of the Alaska Chapter of SWANA, hereby certify the attendance of the following 31 members at the chapter meeting held online April 16, 2021.

Name	Organization	Phone
Mike Blair	MOA/SWS, Ret	338-6380
Donna Mears	CEI/CRS	632-6382
Terry Berger	MSB	861-7620
Bob Jordan	FNSB/SW	459-1365
Shann Jones	FNSB Landfill	359-1366
Lori Aldrich	ADEC	269-7622
Lanie Hughes	KPB/retired	252-1350
Ted Hawley	HDR	644-2018
David Squier	EESC	743-9306
Erin Leaders	MSB	861-7605
Ted Jacobson	Sustainable Solid Waste Solutions	317-0946



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Paul Berry	City of Gustavus	697-2118
Steven Brown	Valley Community for Recycling Solutions	745-5544
Suzanna Caldwell	MOA SWS	343-6258
LeeAnne Osgood	Shannon & Wilson	561-2120
Brett Olson	MatSu Borough	861-7604
Scott Barr	Ilisagvik College	319-8750
Cory Hinds	Jacobs Engineering	762-1369
Char Avril	MatSu Borough	861-9602
Samantha Buchanon	HDR	644-2120
Jeff Smith	MatSu Borough	861-7606
Sean Huntington	FNSB/CRF	459-1332
Courtney Holston	HDR	644-2195
Kristin Reardon	Geosyntec Consultants	
Mark Spafford	MOA/SWS	343-6289
Jena Hassinger	Kodiak Island Borough	486-9343
Dylan Baffrey	TetraTech	250-5765
Sheila Hinckley	Shannon & Wilson	458-3151
Tom Slagle	Kodiak Island Borough	486-9345
Sharon Daniel	Copper Basin Sanitation Service Company	822-3600
Dan Kort	KPB	262-2002