



## SOLID WASTE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA

### ALASKA CHAPTER



2022

President – Lori Aldrich Vice-President – Donna Mears Secretary/Treasurer – Brett Olson

Directors: Ted Jacobson (Advisory Board Delegate) Terry Berger Cory Hinds Mark Spafford

#### **Meeting Minutes Anchorage, AK, and via Microsoft Teams July 15, 2022**

**Note:** Before the meeting was called to order, Cory Hinds read a proclamation and presented a gift card to Far North Yarns and Lori Aldrich presented a 'good-bye' cake for Judy Blair. Judy sincerely thanks everyone for the gifts and good wishes.

#### **I. Call to Order by Lori Aldrich at 1:07 p.m.**

**II. Agenda** Approved as amended.

**III. Minutes of April Meeting** Approved

#### **IV. Board and General Membership Discussion**

##### **A. Committee Reports**

##### **1. President's Report – Lori Aldrich**

- a. Lori now heads a new EPA program to establish primacy for hazardous waste
  1. The program operates on a July to July fiscal year
  2. The application process will extend over two years
- b. Lori's former position at DEC will be filled soon

##### **2. Treasurer's Report – Brett Olson**

- a. Balances 06/30/2022: \$13,121.98 – Credit Union, \$38,856.99– Wells Fargo
- b. Due to turbulent market, Wells Fargo account is down \$5,500.00
- c. Discrepancy with SWANA National: reimbursed us for Alabama, not Alaska
- d. Treasurer's Report Approved

##### **3. Program Committee – Donna Mears**

- a. Fall meeting may be held in conjunction with an in-person MOLO
- b. If MOLO is not held, the next meeting will be October 21, 2022

##### **4. Membership Committee – Terry Berger N/A**

##### **5. Scholarship Committee – Char Avril**

- a. Applications were received from Peter Hinds and Trekker Avril
- b. Both applications were approved
- c. Each applicant will receive \$1500.00

##### **6. Training Committee – Lori Aldrich for Ted Jacobson**

- a. Decisions on RALO will be made at a Board meeting to be held soon
- b. Currently RALO is done only upon request
- c. Other organizations (Doyon, DEC) offer similar training

##### **7. Legislative Liaison – Lori Aldrich**

- a. ADEC's Hazardous Waste Program has been funded
- b. EPA is gathering data to decide funding for recycling infrastructure needs
- c. Shann Jones asked if landfills are considered generators or collectors for PFAS; the answer is they are considered collectors
- d. Kayla Krauss provided link for recycling infrastructure grants:  
<https://www.regulations.gov/document/EPA-HQ-OLEM-2022-0342-0001>

##### **8. Safety Minute – Shann Jones**

- a. Due to the prevalence of fires this summer, monitor the air quality index
- b. Outdoor labor should be reduced when air quality is hazardous

##### **B. Advisory Board Delegate – Mark Spafford for Ted Jacobson**

1. SWANA dues will be increased 1-2 % this year due to inflation and increased expenses
2. SWANA National is working on its strategic plan.



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V. Old Business

- A. A new Board member is not required but if you are interested, contact Lori Aldrich
B. Elena Hinds will be the new administrative consultant after Judy Blair retires July 31

VI. New Business/Member Comments - none

VII. Next Meeting date and agenda

- A. Next meeting will be October 21, 2022, or in conjunction with fall MOLO (TBD)
B. Tech session: TBA

VIII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Tech Session: MOLO Module 12: Prohibited and Hazardous Waste Materials Management. Jason and Nicole Connolly presented the Nulixo recycling process; a tour of the Central Recycling Services recycling transfer facility focused on equipment and processes for waste screening.

ATTENDEE LIST FOR July 15, 2022, CHAPTER SUMMER MEETING

I, Lori Aldrich, President of the Alaska Chapter of SWANA, hereby certify the attendance of the following 23 members at the chapter meeting held in Anchorage and online July 15, 2022:

Table with 3 columns: Name, Organization, Phone. Lists 23 attendees including Lori Aldrich, Evala Filitaula, Cory Hinds, Donna Mears, Judy Hepner, Martin Bethke, Shann Jones, Ian Goodwin, Courtney Holston, Brett Olson, Char Avril, Paul Berry, Samantha Buchanon, Sheila Hinckley, Jena Hassinger, Lynn Zender, Kristin Reardon, Mark Spafford, Kayla Kraus, Steve Annette, Bill, Sean, Stephanie Price, Jason Connolly, and Nicole Connolly.