



SORA Board Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2018

2:30 PM Eastern Standard Time

Board Roll Call: President/At Large **Mary Clark** (VT), Past President/Region 8 **Chuck Cousino** (CO), Region 1/Treasurer **Amanda Clark** (CT), Region 10/Secretary **Jeremy Simmons** (WA), Region 2 **Ed Wengrowski** (NJ), Region 3 **Steven Krieg** (MD), Region 4 **Steven Berkowitz** (NC), Region 5 **Mike Mettler** (IN), Region 6 **Matt Pace** (OK), Region 7 **Eric Folks** (MO), Region 9 Rep. **Chris Edwards** (KY), Tribal **Michael Bolt** (NC Cherokee), Canadian Provinces **Derek Smith** (Manitoba).

Invited guests: **Dick Bachelder** (COI Rep.), **Sheryl Ervin** (COI Rep.), **Ed Corriveau** (Retirees), **Ann D'Alfonso** (KS)

Green = Present

Red = Absent

Approval of meeting agenda

Approval of January board meeting minutes

Chuck Cousino moved

Amanda Clark second

All support, Passes

Executive Committee Reports:

Presidents report: (Mary Clark)

Region 9 –Chuck reached out to Sean Hennery (onsite), and Diane Kananga (certification) of California to invite them to participate in SORA. He will let the Board know what he hears back.

- EPA WIRFC Draft Materials Review Update
Several states have updated the “learning module” on EPA’s WIRFC website. Zach Lowenstein is heading this project and may reach out to states individually. They may move septic educational stuff off of financial part to decentralized page.
- SepticSmart Steering Committee 2018
Starting new steering committee. They’re planning 2018 SS.
- U Illinois/Israel project technical assistance
Mary has been in communication with the UI POC. Chris Edwards has received approval from his agency to participate.



Secretary report: (Jeremy Simmons)

Does the Board want the meeting minutes to be posted to the website? Yes, we'll make them PDF documents and remove the meeting log in info. Jeremy will prep these and send to Ann D'Alfonso. We will do this starting with the January 2018 minutes.

Treasurers report: (Amanda Clark)/Membership (combined)

Checking \$11481

Savings \$1209

90 members have signed up so far

Membership has slowly dropped off in last week or so –we should send out a listserv message reminding people to sign up and welcoming new members. Mary would like to get this out this week.

We will reach out to Dick Bachelder to see about recruiting new COI members.

A number of states and members are having trouble getting their agency to pay. This is for a number of reasons. Some states won't pay for memberships but will for subscriptions. Others won't pay at all and individuals must pay it themselves.

Membership Committee is tasked with coming up with criteria for membership fee waivers. Chris Edwards will head this effort. Then the Board will review it. We will try to have this ready by next meeting.

Standing Committee Reports:

Strategic Planning (Mary Clark)

Membership (Jeremy Simmons / Chris Edwards; Co-Chairs) *see above*

- Update on roll-out of membership dues; process, etc.

Conference Planning (Matt Pace)

Planning will begin in March. Chuck Cousino, Mike Mettler, and Eric Folks have been added to the conference planning committee.

COI Report:

- COI Report (Dick, Sheryl) **No COIs present**

Adhoc Committee Reports:

- **Website (Ann D'Alphonso)**
- **Sustainability (Amanda Clark);** Committee On hold
- **Data Sharing (Vacant);** Committee On hold
- **Retirees (Ed Corriveau);** Update
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Ed reports -Have contacted several retirees and started the conversation. Still looking for more contacts. In Oct attended the Indianapolis SEFA meeting (infrastructure). Will be at WEF meeting. Have been promoting SORA.

We need to make sure we're sustainable. SORA should put together a presentation (flyer?) that we can distribute to people that are included in infrastructure funding (SEFA).

New Business:

Old Business:

Action Item Review:

Adjourn:

??? (not captured) motioned to adjourn

Chuck seconded to adjourn

All approve, meeting adjourned

Future Meeting Dates for 2018 (First Tuesday of each month): **March 6, 2018**, April 3, 2018, May 1, 2018. All meetings will start at 2:30 EST.