



SORA Board Meeting Minutes

March 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 6/President Elect **Matt Pace** (OK), Region 1/Treasurer **Amanda Clark** (CT), Region 10/Secretary **Jeremy Simmons** (WA), Region 2 **Ed Wengrowski** (NY), Region 3 **Steven Krieg** (MD), Region 4 **Steven Berkowitz** (NC), Region 5 **Mike Mettler** (IN), 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

Review meeting agenda

Chuck: add

Approval of February Board meeting minutes

**Motion by Chuck Cousino: Approved February Board Minutes
Seconded by Amanda Clark
None opposed: Passes**

Executive Committee Reports:

Presidents report: (Mary Clark)

- EPA MOU Update
Re: EPA SepticSmart program wants to know what type of printed materials partners want available
- CWSRF/Decentralized Financing
In about one month there will be another phone meeting re: septic learning module. They received several comments on their first round and will likely need to rework some of the material/design of the module.
- Linking Fire Protection in Arid Climates to Wastewater Recycling
San Diego fires got people thinking about creating green spaces for fire blocks with irrigation by reclaimed water.
- News e-blast
Time for the next e-blast. It will probably include a membership reminder. Should be out in next few weeks.

Treasurers report: (Amanda Clark)



3 COIs dues are still outstanding. Many more members have joined.

Many states require us to be a vendor to pay our dues. This is dominating much of Amanda's time. Jeremy and Amanda will coordinate to better spread the work and take some burden off Amanda.

Our taxes were approved for this year. Our accountant is looking over our tax filing in regard to tax changes and will let us know if anything needs changed.

\$3K outstanding.

Paid insurance for whole year

Secretary report: (Jeremy Simmons)

No report. Jeremy will take over updating the (new) member list from Amanda.

Standing Committee Reports:

Strategic Planning (Mary Clark)

- Scheduling meeting in March

This meeting's purpose will be to work on the protocol around allowing surveys on the listserv and what material will be available on SORA's website. The goal is to develop policy document(s) on this issue. Any Board member that wants to participate should let Mary Clark know.

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

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

Conference Planning (Matt Pace)

There is a NOWRA conference planning meeting 3/20. Afterward, we should better know if we can have our own track, how much space we will get, etc.

COI Report:

- COI Report (Dick, Sheryl)

Sheryl reports: we should send a welcome to the new COI members. Sheryl found some CDs from old SORA conferences. She will mail these to Amanda.

Adhoc Committee Reports:

- **Website (Ann D'Alphonso)**

Working on setting up payment for Wordpress (Amanda will work with Ann on this). Minutes, Tank Talk, & COI of the month are up-to-date on website. Ann reviewed the listserv answers on the website and has made a short list of what should remain. Ann will share that with the Board and will make changes after that.



- **Sustainability (Amanda Clark);** Committee On hold
- **Data Sharing (Vacant);** Committee On hold
- **Retirees (Ed Corriveau);** Update

Ed reports: NOWRA has been working to make sure next census includes onsite questions that had been deleted on previous version. Ed attended WET meeting in Minneapolis. There may be an opportunity to partner with WET. Ed had a good conversation with a WET rep and sent a follow up email. Not sure if any new retirees are coming in –haven't heard anything back yet.

New Business:

Chuck had one region 9 meeting and has another planned.

Old Business:

Chuck reached out to Region 9 again looking for SORA representation. Has not found any solid leads. He has talked to people in Arizona and California.

Action Item Review:

Adjourn:

Motion by Mary Clark: adjourn the meeting

Seconded by Chuck Cousino

Passes

Future Meeting Dates for 2018 (First Tuesday of each month): April 3, 2018, May 1, 2018, June 5, 2018. All meetings will start at 2:30 EST.