



SORA Board Meeting Minutes

April 3, 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

Approval of March Board meeting minutes

Motion by Chuck Cousino: Approve March meeting minutes

Eric Folks: Second

None opposed

Ed Wengrowski abstained

Passes

Executive Committee Reports:

Presidents report: (Mary Clark)

- EPA MOU Update
Nitrogen sensor challenge: looking for 9 stakeholders. If you know of any stakeholders that would like to be involved, perhaps environmental organizations, let Mary know.
- SepticSmart Week 2018
EPA creating new materials. There is good energy behind this.
- Clean Water Act Request for Comments
Comments due May 21, 2018. Obama administration considered including groundwater discharges in direct hydrological connection to surface water in NPDES permits.
Discussion: all onsite systems can contribute nitrogen to surface water. Where does it end? What is EPA's goal? Should SORA make a formal comment? We could go on record saying that we are the



experts in this field and state that we don't think onsite regulations should be rolled into CWA/NPDES permitting.

Recent WEF report states that States and EPA will review/consider best practices in nutrient management. Mary has drafted some initial questions and thoughts to begin a response. The Board supports SORA making comments.

Treasurers report: (Amanda Clark) Amanda reports

All outstanding COIs have pledged to pay or paid. Infiltrator is only that has not paid. Amanda has told COIs payment deadline is 4/1 but has not been firm on this.

\$6565 in checking

\$9209 in savings

Many states have difficult vendor set up processes. Amanda has been working with many states over the last several weeks.

Secretary report: (Jeremy Simmons) & Membership report Jeremy reports

31 states have applied 19 have not. We have 119 individuals applied for 2018. There were 158 individual members in 2017. We should consider sending out a reminder. Board members are asked to reach out to those in their region. And we need to set a drop dead date. We need to consider a waiver process and we may want to do one free member per state. The Board does not want to do free memberships or waivers yet. We will do a drop dead date as 5/31. Jeremy will kick people off the listserv 6/1. We need to decide when people need to pay by. 7/1 is proposed as drop dead for payment. Board will decide at next meeting.

Standing Committee Reports:

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

- Update on roll-out of membership dues; process, etc.
This committee should meet this month and talk about drop dead date, member list, etc.
Dick Bachelder will help on this committee.

Strategic Planning (Mary Clark, Eric Folks) –Mary says committee could use a new chair

- Meeting Notes (attached) – need Board action on following:
 - Proposed Web Site Postings from Listserv
 - Member Waiver Process and Application (Eric)
 - Consider a new combined SORA regulator/COI listserv
 - Need new Chair for this committee

Ann reports –committee decided that we want to have a routine of bringing postings to the Board for review to determine if it is suitable for posting on the SORA website.

Or, this could be a SOP that sets standards for posting. The Web Committee could use this as a guide. We could also develop a Welcome to the Listserv packet that explains the rules/expectations.



There was also a concept proposed of having another listserv for use to communicate between COIs and regulators.

Conference Planning (Matt Pace)

- Call with Eric Casey on SORA's involvement

Looking at doing a SORA day.

Considering and talking about revenue sharing.

We're more interested in raising our visibility at the conference.

COI Report:

- COI Report (Dick, Sheryl)

Adhoc Committee Reports:

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

Have updated COI of the month and Ann will work with Chuck on developing an SOP re: listserv postings on the website.

- **Retirees (Ed Corriveau); Update**

No report

New Business:

- Should we reschedule July's meeting to 7/10 due to holiday?

Yes, done

Old Business:

Action Item Review:

Adjourn:

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