



SORA Board Meeting Minutes

June 5, 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 (NJ), Region 3 Steven Krieg (MD), Region 4 Steven Berkowitz (NC), Region 5 Mike Mettler (IN), Region 7 Eric Folks (MO), Region 9 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/edit meeting agenda

Approval of May Board meeting minutes

Motion by Amanda Clark: Approve May meeting minutes

Mike Mettler: Seconded

None opposed

Ed Wengrowski: Abstains

Passes

Executive Committee Reports:

Presidents report: (Mary Clark)

- EPA MOU Update:
 - Strategic Goal #4 work needed
 - Request to update information in 2005 Barriers to Decentralized Systems report
- SepticSmart Week 2018 new materials
- Clean Water Act Request for Comments submitted

Mary reports: next meeting is June 13. EPA requested Mary discuss SS materials and strategic goal #4. Mary believes that SS materials are good and ready to go.

Also plan to talk about 2005 Barriers to Decentralized Systems report

Treasurers report: (Amanda Clark)

\$850 in unpaid invoices

\$8311 in checking



\$10360 in savings

Secretary report: (Jeremy Simmons)

We have had another small wave of applicants. 34 states have applied for 2018 membership. 16 still have not. Those that have not include Arizona, California, Hawaii, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Ohio, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. This includes all regions except for region 2. Canada and Tribal have also not applied.

There are 155 members that are connected to these applications. 21 are county members. Approximately 70 names on the listserv are connected to memberships that have not applied.

Standing Committee Reports:

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

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

No committee meeting was held.

Amanda Motion to issue waivers to Mike Mettler, Michael Bolt, Derek Smith for 2018 single membership

Strategic Planning (Mary Clark, Eric Folks)

Reviewed strategic plan

Need to stand up a Policy Committee

Need an appointed outreach person for COIs –Derek and Mary will discuss Derek as a possible for this role

Need a Business Plan

Need to figure out how to have diverse revenue while also having representation of all (or at least most) states.

Conference Planning (Matt Pace)

- Call with Eric Casey on SORA’s involvement
NOWRA has a tentative agenda set up for conference.
Monday 1:30-4 SORA business meeting
Tuesday night for SORA reception/social

Monday business meeting conflicts with some tracks

Considering change:

Option 1: SORA business meeting on Sunday 10/21 2:30-5:30 (travel day)

Option 2: leave it when it is currently planned

Option 3: have it during lunch on Monday, combine it with reception

Option 4: Tuesday morning



Option 5: Wednesday morning (field trips, travel day)

Board prefers a modified Option 3, having it from 12-4 with lunch during meeting. Consider having food service in meeting room (costs will likely go up).

COIs may sponsor reception. Dick will check in with COIs on this. Amanda will get him an estimate.

COI Report:

- COI Report (Dick, Sheryl)

Was discussed during conference planning item.

Adhoc Committee Reports:

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

Trying to get NESC's logo on the website.

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

Dave Sheppins and a few others are possible leads for retiree members. Ed asks that we try to get contact info to him when we hear that someone is retiring.

New Business:

Golden Flush award –we should figure out who to nominate/award this to.

Secrete motion and vote on nominee: approved

Amanda will work on getting the trophies ordered.

Old Business:

Action Item Review:

Adjourn:

Motion by Amanda Clark: Adjourn

Mary Clark: Seconded

None opposed

Passes

Future Meeting Dates for 2018 (First Tuesday of each month): July 3, 2018, August 7, 2018, September 4, 2018. All meetings will start at 2:30 EST.