



SORA Board Meeting Minutes

August 7, 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. back-up), **Ed Corriveau** (Retirees), **Ann D'Alfonso** (KS)

Green = Present

Red = Absent

1. Review/edit meeting agenda

Add creating discussion of Policy Committee

2. Approval of June and July Board meeting minutes

Motion to approve June meeting minutes: Mike Mettler

Seconded: Derek Smith

Chuck Abstained

None opposed

Passes

Motion to approve July meeting minutes: Chuck Cousino

Seconded: Eric Folks

Jeremy Abstained

None opposed

Passes



3. Executive Committee Reports

a. Presidents report: (Mary)

Met with EPA Decentralized team, worked on priority 4

Jennifer House is new point of contact for NESCA

New SepticSmart materials/graphics are due to be complete and released by end of August.

ANSI contacted Mary about being on a Technical Advisory Group on community scale systems for underdeveloped areas in the world.

b. Treasurers Report (Mary for Amanda)

Spending is within plans and budget

c. Secretary Report (Jeremy)

Member list update:

15 States have not applied for renewal

4 States have applied but not paid

66 current members are slated for removal from the listserv due to not applying for membership, 35 of these are from states which have someone who has applied for membership

Motion to grant Cynthia Pickle a waiver for membership dues if she applies: Chuck Cousino

Seconded: Eric Folks

Motion to grant Rick Hertges a waiver for membership dues if he applies: Chuck Cousino

Seconded: Eric Folks



Mary, Steven, and Jeremy will draft email notices to members that will be removed for not applying for membership. The notice will provide a deadline of August 31 for applying.

4. Standing Committee Reports:

- a. Membership (Jeremy)
- b. Strategic Planning (Mary)

Looked at plans and we seem to be on track. We should recruit committee members at conference.

- c. Conference Planning (Matt)

12-4p Monday is scheduled for SORA Board meeting (lunch provided at no extra charge)

Motion to approve conference plan as is: Matt Pace
Seconded: Chuck Cousino

NOWRA will provide SORA a booth space free of charge. Matt will ask for volunteers to man this booth.

Looking to have COIs pay for social/mixer. Dick thinks they are receptive to this.

For conference:

Want to get a poster with a map of Regions.

Want to get a poster with all COI logos.

5. COI Report (Dick)

No report

6. Ad hoc Committee Reports:

- a. Website (Ann)

No report



b. Retirees (Ed)

No report

7. New Business:

We need a Policy subcommittee, looking for volunteers.

8. Old Business:

a. Review and vote on new SOP on Listserv use (Ann/Chuck)

Chuck will review and make final edits and try to get it ready for voting in September.

b. Review and vote on new conference calling service (Mary/Jeremy)

Motion to obtain Go To Meeting Subscription for one year: Chuck Cousino

Seconded: Eric Folks

(Matt had stepped out and did not vote, still had quorum)

None opposed

Passes

Board agrees to Change September meeting to the 11th

9. Action Item Review:

10. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Chuck Cousino

Seconded: Chris Edwards

Adjourned

Future Meeting Dates for 2018 (First Tuesday of each month): *September 4 (Change to 9/11?) 2018*, October 22, 2018 (SORA Business Meeting). All meetings will start at 2:30 EST.