



SORA Board Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2019

2:30 PM Eastern Standard Time

Board Roll Call: President Region 6 **Matt Pace** (OK), Past President/At Large **Mary Clark** (VT), Region 8 **Chuck Cousino** (CO), Region 1/Treasurer **Amanda Clark** (CT), Region 10/Secretary **Jeremy Simmons** (WA), Region 2 **Ed Wengrowski** (NJ), Region 3 **Travis Sterner** (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

Approved

2. Approval of January and February meeting minutes

Discussion: January minutes should be edited to say that the Board discussed the issue of nonvoting members' access to the listserv, and that we tabled this discussion for a later conversation.

Motion to approve January minutes with direction to Secretary to modify January minutes to say that the Board discussed nonvoting members using the listserv and tabled this discussion without decision: Chuck Cousino

Seconded: Amanda Clark

None opposed

Steven Berkowitz abstained

Passed

Motion to approve February minutes with direction to Secretary to modify February minutes to say that the Board discussed (and referenced January discussion regarding) nonvoting members using the listserv and tabled this discussion without decision: Eric Folks

Seconded: Chuck Cousino

None opposed



Amanda Clark abstained Passes

3. Executive Committee Reports

a. Presidents report: (Matt)

i. EPA MOU Conference Call on ~~February 13~~ moved to March 6

Mary Clark will report to EPA MOU group on Priority 4 which is about input into Cleanwater SRF for decentralized systems

Amanda Clark: is anyone been asked to serve on the Workforce Steering Group? She asked to be on the group and was told that they have too many members to add her. Matt will ask who their regulator representation is at the meeting. Amanda has asked to be updated on their progress. She hasn't heard anything yet. Zach Lowenstein emailed in November 2018 that they were forming the group based on those that responded to the listening session at the NOWRA conference.

ii. Board and committee term limits (Eric)

Board reviewed term limit document.

Need to confirm that Jim Kin (Eljen) is still on the Conference Planning Committee. Dick Bachelder will look into that and report back.

Discussion: requirements of committees to have 5 members, mix of regulators and COIs and retirees (dependent on committee). Board suggested several corrections and improvements to the document

b. Treasurers Report (Amanda)

\$9606 in checking

\$14646 in savings

Several states have not paid membership dues. We need to stick firm to our April 1st cutoff date. Amanda will follow up with those have not paid. Regional Reps can help out.

We have paid our mailbox fee this month.

Amanda has planned to set aside about \$2500 for stipends for regulators for the 2019 NOWRA conference.



Amanda would like to keep savings above \$25000

Amanda is writing a desk manual to help when she moves out of her position

c. Secretary Report (Jeremy)

Have sent out member list to board. Will work in their edits.

Put the Regional Board Rep first.

4. Standing Committee Reports:

a. Membership (Chris)

Next meeting March 15th. Trying to contact California, Arizona, and others. Limited success. Will keep working on it.

Q: have we looked into the idea (that we talked about a few meetings ago) of allowing a state member to bring a county regulator at a reduced rate (under a stipend)? This may help with recruitment of some states. This may have been assigned to the Policy Subcommittee. We'll have to discuss options with NOWRA.

b. Conference Planning (Chuck)

Had a NOWRA planning meeting February 25th. Looking at 4-5 tracks. NOWRA planning committee wants to have 1-2 tracks for sessions with academic papers.

The NOWRA planners would like to know when our SORA meeting will be. Chuck recommends that we have it Sunday before the Sunday evening reception. Discussion: several members of the Board agree.

Next planning meeting is March 19.

5. COI Report (Dick)

Sheryl Ervin works for Infiltrator now. Dick will be lead and Sheryl will be backup now. They are reaching out to other COIs to get another representation to the board.

NESC/ WV data sharing report is almost ready for publishing and sharing. SORA will receive a copy when it is done.

6. Ad hoc Committee Reports:

a. Website (Ann)



President's message has been posted to website. Will work to make sure COIs of the month get rotated and notified timely this year.

EPA has asked us to remove the link to the EPA Tank Talk since it is not reviewed by their external communications people. We have removed that. Discussion: we could develop a page that is devoted to the EPA MOU. This page would highlight SORA's involvement in the MOU. Alternately, this could be less than a full webpage and could be in the banner or highlighted somewhere else on the page.

Updating Membership contact to Chris Edwards and adding Dick Bachelder as the COI Membership contact.

b. Retirees (Ed)

No report

c. Policy (Chuck)

i. Dues waiver policy

Policy is in progress. Committee had a meeting in February. Will have a policy for the board to review next meeting.

7. New Business:

a. Email soliciting approval from SORA

b. Discussion for legislative involvement

Discussion: Should SORA weigh in on specific state legislation? Board needs to be careful about getting into lobbying. More discussion to come.

Old Business:

c. Review of Strategic Plan

8. Action Item Review:

a. Communication with members and COIs

9. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn Chris

Second Amanda



Future Meeting Dates for 2019 (First Tuesday of each month): April 2, 2019; May 7, 2019; June 4, 2019. All meetings will start at 2:30 P.M. EST.