



# SORA Board Meeting Minutes

June 4, 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
2. Approval of April and May Board meeting minutes

**Motion to approve March meeting minutes: Chuck Cousino**

**Seconded: Travis Sterner**

**Ed Wengrowski abstains**

**None opposed**

**Passes**

**Motion to approve April meeting minutes: Matt Pace**

**Seconded: Eric Folks**

**Ed Wengrowski abstains**

**None opposed**

**Passes**

**Motion to approve May meeting minutes: Chuck Cousino**

**Seconded: Matt Pace**

**None opposed**

**Passes**

3. Executive Committee Reports
  - a. Presidents report: (Matt)



i. EPA Decentralized MOU Conference Call

Call will be tomorrow. Will be able to provide update at next board meeting.

ii. National Decentralized Wastewater Workforce Meeting

Meeting is happening at NEHA conference. Amanda Clark is the only regulator member on workforce meeting. We had hoped for more regulator representation.

b. Treasurers Report (Amanda)

Amanda reports

\$3700 collected this month, very few members are expected to be removed.

\$1000 outstanding

\$9900 in checking

\$21000 in savings

Amanda requests \$750 for hotel to attend NEHA conference to participate in National Decentralized Wastewater Workforce Meeting and represent SORA and its members' interests

**Motion to approve up to \$800 for Amanda to attend the NEHA conference to participate in National Decentralized Wastewater Workforce Meeting and represent SORA and its members' interests:**

**Chuck Cousino**

**Seconded: Matt Pace**

**None opposed**

**Passes**

c. Secretary Report (Jeremy)

Waiting on Treasurer to finish list of who has paid and who hasn't, then Jeremy will remove unpaid members.

4. Standing Committee Reports:

a. Membership (Chris)

Chuck Cousino reports -Chris Edwards has been reaching out to states. Still trying to contact AZ.

Discussion: state regulators bringing a county level regulator to NOWRA conference. The Board is supportive of this concept. Work needs to be done to work out the details. More discussion to come.

b. Conference Planning (Chuck)



Chuck Cousino reports -Chuck missed last committee meeting. SORA meeting will be Sunday. Will begin developing agenda and plan for meals.

CPOW (Colorado onsite group) is working on field trip options for Wednesday. So far tentative options are:

CSU campus in Fort Collins –graywater facility

Yogurt facility –wastewater facility

New Belgium Brewery –wastewater facility

Next committee meeting will be next Monday.

5. COI Report (Dick)

Dick Bachelder reports:

Two focuses for industry: NOWRA conference & combined listserv

Discussion: FujiClean may be a good COI to recruit.

Clearstream has dropped off. NSF has been added on to COIs.

6. Ad hoc Committee Reports:

a. Website (Matt)

Matt Pace reports –ClearStream has been removed from website. NSF has been added.

b. Retirees (Ed)

c. Policy (Chuck)

Working on modifying listserv policy to include combined COI/regulator listserv. Expect to send draft out to Board for review soon. Hopefully done by next month.

7. New Business:

EPA is going to revise Voluntary Management Guidelines. SORA will likely be asked for input at some point. Steven Berkowitz will plan to update the Board.

Will they include data from next census? Not sure, but likely not.

8. Old Business:

We should review the strategic plan to make sure we're on track. We will put this on next month's agenda.



9. Action Item Review:

10. Adjourn

**Motion to adjourn: Amanda Clark**

**Seconded: Eric Folks**

**None opposed**

**Adjourned**

**Future Meeting Dates for 2019 (First Tuesday of each month):** July 2, 2019; August 6, 2019; September 3, 2019. All meetings will start at 2:30 P.M. EST.