



SORA Board Meeting Minutes

August 6, 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 July meeting minutes
3. Executive Committee Reports
 - a. Presidents report: (Matt)

Ed Wengrowski has resigned from SORA and Mary Clark is retiring. Ed effective immediately, Mary at the end of August.

Discussion: Board may convene a special meeting to appoint new board members if any board member resigns before their term end. We could reach out to Region 2 people to recruit board representation.

Mary is looking at replacing her and one other person

Decentralized Partnership MOU meeting next month

- b. Treasurers Report (Amanda)

No official report -everyone has paid or has been removed

- c. Secretary Report (Jeremy)

July meeting notes will be sent out for review for September meeting



Board: Member list should be ready by the end of September. Jeremy will it to the Board asap and by end of September to membership.

Discussion: webpage list of regional reps should only have one regional rep.

4. Standing Committee Reports:

a. Membership (Chris)

We are waiting on final numbers for the conference. We will target states that were dropped due to nonpayment.

b. Conference Planning (Chuck)

Sent email to members noticing that sora – NOWRA conference registration is open.

SORA has set \$3000 aside for regulators' reduced registration. This will cover 30 members. NOWRA will cover the reduced rate for any members over 30 who request the reduced rate.

Chuck is visiting conference facility next week to view optional rooms for SORA events.

Discussion: we need to invite EPA to our business meeting and SORA mixer event.

5. COI Report (Dick)

No report

6. Ad hoc Committee Reports:

a. Website (Ann)

No report

b. Retirees (Ed)

No report

c. Policy (Chuck)

i. SOP 4 discussion

This SOP was approved at last meeting. A board member subsequently recommended an amendment. The board reviewed this amendment and voted on its inclusion:

Motion to approve revised: Chuck Cousino

Seconded: Chris Edwards



**None opposed.
Passed**

7. New Business:

a. Award nominations

~~b. Summary of EPA Decentralized Workforce meeting (Amanda)~~

EPA is developing a smart septic challenge to look at automation's role in nitrogen reduction for residential applications. EPA is starting workshops on this.

Discussion: how much response does EPA get to these challenges? –Unsure.

Is this a follow up to the EPA nitrogen sensor challenge? –It doesn't appear that they are connected, but they seem related.

EPA is looking at updating the Voluntary Management Guidelines. We aren't sure if they've decided to move forward with this or not.

c. Strategic plan review

8. Old Business:

9. Action Item Review:

10. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Chuck Cousino

Seconded: Eric Folks

None opposed

Meeting adjourned

Future Meeting Dates for 2019 (First Tuesday of each month): September 3, 2019 @ 3:15 eastern time; October 1, 2019; October 13, 2109. All meetings will start at 2:30 P.M. EST.