



SORA Board Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2019

2:30 PM Eastern Standard Time

Board Roll Call:

Region 1/Treasurer: Amanda Clark (CT), Region 2: Vacant,
Region 3: Travis Sterner (MD), Region 4: Chris Edwards (KY), Region 5: Mike Mettler (IN),
Region 6/Past President: Matt Pace (OK), Region 7/President: Eric Folks (MO),
Region 8: Chuck Cousino (CO), Region 9: Vacant, Region 10/President Elect: Jeremy Simmons (WA),
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

Note: Go To Meeting will not load for about half of the attendees present at the beginning of the call. Eventually most members got on the webinar.

1. Review/edit meeting agenda
2. Approval of October meeting minutes
 - a. October

Motion to approve October Minutes: Chuck Cousino
Seconded: Matt Pace
None opposed: Passes

- b. November

Changes noted and provided to Secretary
Motion to approve November Minutes: Chuck Cousino
Seconded: Matt Pace
None opposed Passes

Discussion: Do the Business Meeting Minutes need to be approved at the next board meeting or the next Business Meeting? Board decided that Business Meeting Minutes are approved at the next board meeting.



3. Executive Committee Reports

a. Presidents report: (Eric)

i. Officer elections and board replacements

1. Region 2

Amanda will look touch base with contacts in NY to solicit participation.

2. Region 9

Chuck will solicit participation at upcoming Arizona Conference at the end of January.

3. At-large consideration: Marcia Degen,

Marcia has been approved by her organization to join SORA Board. We will invite Marcia to the January meeting to ask her if she is interested in joining the Board and hold a Board vote.

Tribal –Michael Bolt has not attended a meeting in several meeting and does not respond to our messages. We will look for a member to represent tribal communities. Michael will be listed as the rep. until a replacement is found

Discussion: Board needs to recruit a replacement for the Treasurer position. Look for creative solutions. Maybe a co-treasurer scenario?

Strategic committee: Amanda will contact Mary Clark regarding her involvement with the committee as well as the Ad Hoc Retirees committee. Travis Sterner will consider being committee chair and respond during the January meeting.

Membership committee: Remove Jeremy Simmons and Paul Cannon from this committee. Chris Edwards is the Chair of this committee.

Policy: Chuck is chair. Marie Christine Bilanger has not responded. Remove: Fred Vengrouskie

ii. Committee start-up

b. Treasurers Report (Amanda)

Regulator Membership invoices have gone out. COI invoices will go out in the coming weeks.



Checking: \$6815

Savings: \$21226

Annual budgets are about \$10,000 so savings is about two years of annual costs.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report: Matt Pace

Seconded: Chuck Cousino

None Opposed: Passes

c. Secretary Report (Jeremy)

Will hand over Secretary duties to Matt starting in January

4. Standing Committee Reports:

a. Membership (Chris)

Will start having meetings soon

b. Conference Planning (Chuck)

Will start having meetings shortly after NOWRA initiates its meetings for the 2020 conference

5. COI Report (Dick)

Amanda reports: Some COIs did not know that they were expected to pay for sponsorship of the SORA event. They possibly did not receive the email or a call. Discussion: we should be gracious and try to ensure that all COIs understand that we value their partnership. We will send an email/letter to the specific COI that questioned the billing, apologizing for the confusion and letting them know that it was our mistake and that no payment is due. The President will send this.

The Board sees this as an opportunity to improve communications with COIs. Chuck Cousino will contact both Dick Bachelder and Jeanne Allen to see how this can be improved.

6. Ad hoc Committee Reports:

a. Website (Ann)

The website is updated. New COI is listed. It now says accepting applications for 2020 membership.

b. Retirees (Ed)

No report



c. Policy (Chuck)

No report

7. New Business:

a. Strategic plan review

Need to get this committee restarted to ensure that we routinely review our goals. Will discuss more in January.

8. Old Business:

Discussion of NESC grant discussion from November meeting. Do we need to have a formal vote? Discussion: we don't have the capacity to do this kind of work at this time. We may be able to do this in the future. We could use the grant to fund a support staff position to perform oversight. The Board supports this work and the possibility of SORA involvement but not at this time.

9. Action Item Review:

- Amanda will send out ppt for EPA Decentralized Meeting 12.4.19 for comment due by COB today.

10. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Matt Pace

Seconded: Amanda Clark

None opposed: Passes

Future Meeting Dates for 2019 (First Tuesday of each month): January 7, 2020; February 4, 2020. All meetings will start at 2:30 P.M. EST.

Board of Directors 2019-2020

<i>Representative Area</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>3 Year Term Expiration</i>
Region 1	Amanda Clark (CT)	2022
Region 2	Vacant	2020
Region 3	Travis Sterner (MD)	2021



Region 4	Chris Edwards (KY)	2022
Region 5	Mike Mettler (IN)	2020
Region 6	Matt Pace (OK)	2022
Region 7	Eric Folks (MO)	2022
Region 8	Chuck Cousino (CO)	2021
Region 9	Vacant	
Region 10	Jeremy Simmons (WA)	2020
Canada	Derek Smith	2020
Tribal	Michael Bolt (NC Cherokee)	2019
At Large	Vacant	

Officers (1 Year Term, * Indicates 2 Year Term)

President	Eric Folks (MO)	2020
President-Elect	Jeremy Simmons (WA)	2020
Past President	Matt Pace (OK)	2020
Secretary*	Matt Pace (OK)	2021
Treasurer*	Amanda Clark (CT)	2021

Standing Committees (5-Member, 2 Year Term, elected by Board)

- **Strategic Planning** Chair Mary Clark (RET), Amanda Clark (CT), Nicholas Huber (OK), James Cruver (COI-Salcor), Nick Noble (COI-Orenco), Jeanne Allen (Presby), Ed Corriveau (RET)
- **Conference Planning** Chair Chuck Cousino(CO), Mike Mettler (IN), Eric Folks (MO), Randy Trox (OR), Sheryl Ervin (COI-Bio-Microbics), Dick Bachelder (COI-Infiltrator Systems), Jim King (Eljen)
- **Membership** Chair Jeremy Simmons (WA), Chris Edwards (KY), Dave Cotton (MI), Denise Wright (IN), Dick Bachelder (COI-Infiltrator), Paul Cannon (Norweco)

Ad Hoc, (Indefinite term):

- **Captains of Industry (COI)** Dick Bachelder (Infiltrator), all other COI members
- **Retirees** (Chair) Ed Corriveau and Russ Martin
- **Policy** (Chair) Amanda Clark (CT), Chuck Cousino (CO), Mike Mettler (IN), Dick Bachelder (COI-Infiltrator), Marie Christine Bilanger (Premier Tech Aqua), Duncan Welch (MS), Marcia Degen (VA), Fred Vengrouskie (Presby)