



SORA Board Meeting Agenda

February 4, 2020

2:30 PM Eastern Standard Time

MEETING MINUTES

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/Secretary, Past President: Matt Pace (OK), Region 7: Vacant

Region 8: Chuck Cousino (CO), Region 9: Vacant, Region 10/President: Jeremy Simmons (WA),

At Large: Marcia Degen (VA), 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), Stephen Marshall, NY, Angela Unrein, KS; Rachel Marlett (KS); Eric Folks (MO)

Green = Present; Red = Absent

Quorum Present

1. Review/edit meeting agenda
2. Approval of January meeting minutes;
*Motion to approve: Chuck C.; Second: Marcia D.; Voice vote: approved; **Motion passes.***
3. Executive Committee Reports
 - a. President's report: (Jeremy)
 - i. Officer elections and board replacements
 1. Region 2- Stephen Marshall, NY considering Board service
*Stephen Marshall (Stephen.Marshall@health.ny.gov) introduced himself and indicated willingness to serve on SORA Board
*Motion to invite Stephen Marshall (NY) to serve as Region 2 representative on the SORA Board: Amanda C.; Second: Chuck C.; Voice vote: approved; **Motion passes.****
 2. Region 7 - Angela Unrein, KS considering Board service
*Rachel Marlett (KS) (Rachel.Marlett@ks.gov) introduced herself in lieu of Angela Unrein (mistakenly added as a potential rep. after previous meeting), and indicated willingness to serve on SORA Board
*Motion to invite Rachel Marlett (KS) to serve as Region 7 representative on the SORA Board: Chuck C.; Second: Amanda C.; Voice vote: approved; **Motion passes.****



At this point in the meeting, Eric F. described his change of employment; although he will no longer be on the board he will remain an active member of committees.

3. President Elect –Chris Edwards considered for President-Elect.
Chris Edwards (KY) indicated willingness to serve as President-Elect after thoughtful consideration.

*Motion to designate Chris Edwards as President-Elect of SORA: Amanda C.; Second: Travis S.; Voice vote: approved; **Motion passes.***

- ii. Communications

1. President’s message

Jeremy sent his message and picture to Ann on February 2.

2. Letter to Fuji Clean

SORA will be sending a letter to the company welcoming them as a COI; Dick B. suggested that the letter be sent to Scott Samuel and will review the letter prior to sending.

- b. Treasurer’s Report (Amanda);

Amanda suggested that Eric F. be a SORA member to represent SORA with EPA’s Decentralized MOU partnership; however, Eric indicated that he would not be available; SORA may want to find someone to fill that role.

Amanda reviewed the financial statement for the SORA; aging report of outstanding payments was also reviewed; an invoice from NOWRA was received; Chuck C. to review invoice prior to paying.

- c. Secretary’s Report (Matt);

A few individuals added to the various listservs.

4. Standing Committee Reports:

- a. Membership (Chris);

Chris expressed a need to have a copy of the membership list; will work with secretary in providing;

Obtained memberships from individuals in Tennessee.

- b. Conference Planning (Chuck);

NOWRA not yet meeting for conference planning

Travis S. mentioned that the Strategic Planning Committee should be added to this portion of the agenda.

5. COI Report (Dick);

Dick reported that he hosted a conference call of COIs in which 7 members were present; they discussed the invoicing for COIs – should it be one invoice that combines the membership dues and the conference sponsorship or leave as it is (two separate invoices); after discussion it was decided to leave as is and extend the deadline to those yet to pay; COIs voiced a continued support to underwrite the reception costs – felt that the format works and the cost was reasonable; Dick expressed desire to remain on Conference Planning so that good communication could remain with the COIs.



Chuck C. reminded the board that a COI liaison for the regulators had yet to be nominated and he nominated Mike Mettler (IN);

6. Ad hoc Committee Reports:

a. Website (Ann)

No update

b. Retirees (Ed);

No update

Chuck indicated that Mary Clark may be interested in helping; Chuck and Amanda to contact her.

c. Policy (Chuck);

No update

7. New Business:

Chuck C. mentioned his attendance at the SW Onsite Conference in Laughlin, NV; he met a representative from the Arizona DEQ who is interested in being involved with SORA as part of region 9; Chuck will continue to develop that relationship;

Jeremy brought up the request by NOWRA to join several other environmental groups and sign a letter to Congress regarding funding for the USDA Household Water Well System Grant program; which would assist in funding decentralized wastewater systems.

The Board decided that SORA could not sign the letter of support as many SORA members are not allowed to be involved in lobbying efforts. Jeremy would notify Eric Casey (NOWRA) of this decision; it was suggested that SORA develop a position statement; this will be assigned to the policy committee.

8. Old Business:

a. EPA Partners Call; The board needs to decide who will attend and sign as the SORA rep. (typically this is a member from a state closest to D.C.)

b. Liaison to COIs

9. Action Item Review:

10. Adjourn

*Motion to adjourn: Amanda C.; Second: Chris E.; **Motion passes***

MEETING ADJOURNED

Future Meeting Dates for 2020 (First Tuesday of each month): March 3, 2020. April 7, 2020. May 5, 2020. June 2, 2020. July 7, 2020. August 4, 2020. September 1, 2020. October 6, 2020. November 3, 2020. December 1, 2020. All meetings will start at 2:30 P.M. EST.