



# SORA Board Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2020

2:30 PM Eastern Standard Time

## **Board Roll Call:**

Region 1/Treasurer: Amanda Clark (CT), Region 2: Stephen Marshall (NY),  
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: Rachel Marlett (KS)  
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)

Green = Present; Red = Absent

1. Review/edit meeting agenda
2. Approval of February and March meeting minutes (April meeting was canceled);

*Motion to Approve February and March minutes – Chris E.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> – Marcia D.*

*Voice vote – Motion approved*

3. Executive Committee Reports
  - a. President's report: (Jeremy)
    - i. Communications

1. Discuss recent communications

EPA Decentralized Work Plan Meeting 4-30-20

*JS discussed the EPA meeting from April 30. He asked the board to review the workplan and send comments to him. JS indicated that the workplan illustrates the work that EPA is doing.*

2. Identify any needed or anticipated communications



b. Treasurer's Report (Amanda);

*AC reported that there is \$9,000 in membership dues outstanding. Board discussed wither or not to forgive unpaid 2020 dues or put a hold on them.*

*Motion to extend payment deadlines until June 30 until modified by the board – Chuck C.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> – Stephen M.*

*Voice vote: Motion passes*

c. Secretary's Report (Matt);

*Matt P inquired as to the status of Tennessee. Thought they had paid but has not seen any notification.*

4. Standing Committee Reports:

a. Membership (Chris); *No report*

b. Conference Planning (Chuck); *Chuck indicated that the conference may occur virtually; NOWRA is considering options.*

c. Strategic Planning (Travis) *No report*

5. COI Report (Dick); *Dick B. asked if anyone had contact information for Ron Suchecki from Hoot, and to pass along to him.*

6. Ad hoc Committee Reports:

a. Website (Ann) *No report*

b. Retirees (Ed); *No report*

c. Policy (Chuck); *No report*

7. New Business:

a. Potential Region 9 SORA Recruit, and Board Member, Lori Harris (AZ DEQ) (Chuck)

*Find out if AZ submitted an application*

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.)

*Marcia D. will represent SORA at the EPA MOU signing*

9. Action Item Review:

10. Adjourn

**Future Meeting Dates for 2020 (First Tuesday of each month):** 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.