



SORA Board Meeting Minutes June 2022
Tuesday, June 7, 2022 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (EST)

Board Roll Call:

Bolded names in attendance

Region 1: Amanda Clark (CT)	Region 8: Chuck Cousino (CO)
Region 2: Stephen Marshall (NY)	Region 9: Treasurer: Michael Broussard (NM)
Region 3: President Elect: Travis Sterner (MD)	Region 10: Jeremy Simmons (WA)
Region 4: <i>Past President: Chris Edwards (KY)</i>	Tribal: Michael Bolt (NC Cherokee)
Region 5: Mike Mettler (IN)	Canadian Provinces: Derek Smith (Manitoba)
Region 6: Secretary: Matt Pace (OK)	At Large: President: Marcia Degen (VA)
Region 7: Eric Folks (MO)	

Invited Guests: **Dick Bachelder (COI Rep.)**, Sheryl Ervin (COI Rep. back-up), Ann D’Alfonso (website), Dave Cotton (membership), **Dale Ladouceur (membership; Eric Casey (Executive Director)**

1. Review/edit meeting agenda.

It was suggested to add Eric C. to the names in attendance.

*Motion to approve agenda as amended: Chuck C.; Second: Eric F.; voice vote; **motion approved***

2. Approval of meeting minutes May.

Chuck C. noted that his update for the conference planning committee should be modified (completed by Matt P.)

*Motion to approve the meeting minutes from May as amended: Chuck C.; Second: Travis S.; voice vote; **motion approved**.*

3. Executive Committee Reports

- a. President’s report: (Marcia)

Introduce Executive Director: Eric Casey took some time to introduce himself to the board.

- b. Communications:

- i. *Letter to Salcor: The sympathy letter to Sally Cruver was drafted and sent; special thanks to Eric F. for thinking of this.*



ii. Signed MOU for conference with NOWRA

c. Treasurer's Report (Michael);

i. Invoice status – Elke Ursin status? Florida invoice not received yet.

ii. Current: **Savings: \$23,148** Checking: **\$16,022** Total: **\$39,170**

Michael B. reported that \$9,900 in invoices remained outstanding; \$13,050 in invoices have been sent

iii. *Board to consider waiver of dues for Mike M. (waiver application available on SORA website)*

d. Secretary's Report (Matt):

No report given.

Action items: *review email and membership information for Elke Ursin; ensure the email address for Amanda C. is correct on the listserv.; add Eric C. to listserv*

4. Standing Committee Reports:

a. Membership (Dave);

Dale L. did not have anything new to report

b. Conference Planning (Chuck);

Chuck C. reported that the SORA planning committee had a meeting after the last Board meeting; committee decided to send a survey to the membership to solicit information about the type of annual meeting is best, either in person, online or both

Chuck also noted that the committee has obtained a menu for the facility and has a room reserved for the reception hosted by SORA.

c. Strategic Planning (Travis):

i. Survey

Travis S. reported that the survey went out and nine responses were received; Travis will summarize and report to the board.

5. COI Report (Dick);

No report given



6. Ad hoc Committee Reports:

a. Website (Ann)

No report given;

Chuck C. thought of asking Eric C. to either work on or assist with the website since the previous update was done in August of 2021; Eric C. indicated that he has experience with building websites (see NOWRA).

b. Retirees (Vacant);

No report given

c. Policy (Chuck)

No report given

Chuck C. did inquire about the NOWRA infrastructure bill. There are questions about the status of appropriations and actions states should take. Eric C. stated that he had spoken to Tom Groves (executive director of NOWRA) and found out that nothing had been appropriated and that it may be fiscal year 2024 before anything is available.

7. Old Business:

a. Executive Director – Marcia

b. First Internet to be new bank. Status:

Marcia D. reported that SORA is moving to the new bank, and it should be set up in the next month or so. Thanks to Mike M. for finding and suggesting.

c. Update of regional listings for SORA website

We should be nearing a time to do this

8. New Business:

a. Newsletter

Amanda C. discussed utilizing a section of the EPA Tank Talk for adding SORA information; Eric C. to be responsible

b. EPA article

Marcia D. requested comments by June 14



c. Amanda C. brought a white paper to the attention of the board.

9. Action Items:

- a. From February: Dave – write up the process for accepting applications from the website and moving through invoicing and adding to list serve

10. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Michael Broussard; Second: Chuck C.;

Meeting adjourned

Meeting Dates for 2022 (First Tuesday of each month): All meetings will start at 2:30 P.M. EST.

January 4	July 5
February 1	August 2
March 1	September 6
April 5	October 4? (Annual Meeting to coincide with National conference)
May 3	November 8 (Election Day)
June 7	December 6