



# SORA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 14, 2022

12:30 to 4 pm EST

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- 12:30 – 12:40      Welcome; Member Introductions – Marcia Degen (VA), President
- 12:40 – 12:50      President’s Remarks – Year in Review – Marcia Degen (VA), President
- 12:50 – 1:20        USEPA Decentralized Program Update – Zachary Lowenstein, EPA
- 1:20 – 2:20        NSF 46 Changing to NSF 385  
                         Jim Bell, BioMicrobics  
                         Kevin Sherman PE, PhD, SeptiTech, Inc.  
                         Blake Stark, NSF
- 2:20 – 2:30        NOWRA – Tom Groves, Executive Director
- 2:30 – 2:40        SORA – Eric Casey, Executive Director
- 2:40 – 3:10        Captains of Industry (COI) – Dick Bachelder, COI Board Rep.
- 3:10-3:20        Break**
- 3:20 – 3:50        SORA Business Meeting
- Treasurer’s Report – Michael Broussard (NM) Region 9 Board Member
    - Review 2022 budget
    - Review proposed 2023 budget
    - Michael B. brought up the 2022 and 2023 budget for review and discussion (Budgets included).*
  - Secretary’s Report – Matt Pace (OK), Region 6 Board Member
    - Matt P. discussed the secretary duties and reported on the membership activity for the previous year.*
  - Election of select Regional Board Representatives (Positions expire in 2022) Current reps willing to continue.



- Region 2: Stephen Marshall (NY)  
*No other individuals nominated; no objections; Stephen M. will serve as Region 2 representative until 2024.*
- Region 4: Chris Edwards (KY)  
*No other individuals nominated; no objections; Chris E. will serve as Region 4 representative until 2024.*
- Region 7: Eric Folks (MO)  
*No other individuals nominated; no objections; Eric F. will serve as Region 7 representative until 2024.*
- At Large: Marcia Degen (VA)  
*No other individuals nominated; no objections; Marcia D. will serve as At Large representative until 2024.*
- Committee Reports
  - Strategic Planning – Travis Sterner (MD) Region 3 Board Member, President Elect  
*Travis S. reported that the five members of the committee updated the plan with modifications colored in green; final draft to be presented at next board meeting.*
  - Membership – Dave Cotton (MI), chair  
*Dave C. reported that after reconciling existing membership lists that SORA has 227 members; we also are receiving online applications and have received eight new ones, including Tennessee, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and Texas.*
  - Conference – Chuck Cousino (CO), Region 8 Board Member  
*Chuck C. noted that the Mega Conference was just finished in Springfield, MO, and Eric C. will be taking over the SORA conference planning responsibilities.*

3:50 – 4:00

#### New Business

- Open Forum for member comment
  - Website – Suggestions for improvement?
    1. *Links to other useful and informative websites*
    2. *SORA members need to promote more use of website*
    3. *Include information from past conferences*
  - Newsletter – What kind of information would be of interest to our membership?
    1. *Sections for emerging issues*

### **- Adjournment of Annual Business Meeting –**



4:00 – 4:10

Board meeting: Election of Officers: President (Travis Sterner, MD); President Elect (Chuck Cousino, CO), Secretary (TBD); Treasurer (Michael Broussard, NM); New board member items

*All officer positions were voted upon by voice vote of board members for the 2023 year; all were affirmed without objection.*

- 1. Travis Sterner (MD): 2023 SORA President*
- 2. Chuck Cousino (CO): President-Elect*
- 3. Matt Pace (OK): Secretary*
- 4. Michael Broussard (NM): Treasurer*