



## SORA Board Meeting Minutes Nov. 5, 2024, 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM (EDT)

### Board Roll Call:

<b>P</b>	Region 1: Amanda Clark (CT)	<b>P</b>	Region 9: Michael Broussard (NM), <i>Treasurer</i>
<b>P</b>	Region 2: Stephen Marshall (NY)	<b>P</b>	Region 10: Jeremy Simmons (WA)
<b>A</b>	Region 3: Travis Sterner (MD), <i>Past President</i>	<b>P</b>	At Large: Lance Gregory (VA)
<b>P</b>	Region 4: Chris Edwards (KY)	<b>P</b>	Tribal: Chris Sams (Cherokee Nation)
<b>P</b>	Region 5: Mike Mettler (IN)	<b>P</b>	Canadian Provinces: Derek Smith (Manitoba)
<b>P</b>	Region 6: Nicholas Huber (OK), <i>President-Elect</i>	<b>P</b>	<i>Executive Director</i> : Eric Casey
<b>P</b>	Region 7: Eric Folks (MO)	<b>A</b>	<i>Secretary</i> : Marcia Degen (Retiree)
<b>P</b>	Region 8: Chuck Cousino (CO), <i>President</i>		

Invited Guests: Dick Bachelder/ Sheryl Ervin (COI Rep.); Membership chair: vacant; Jeanne Allen; Kambridge Stephens (OK); Becka Andranovich (CT)

1. Approval of October 1, 2024, Board Meeting minutes: Motion to approve: Chuck C; second: Eric F.
2. Executive Committee Reports
  - a. President's report: (Chuck)
    - i. Annual meeting (Nov. 12, 2024, 12:30 EST); agenda items
    - ii. Updating email lists for general members and COI, etc.
      1. Now up to date.
  - b. Treasurer's Report: (Michael)
    - i. Invoice status:
      1. Members
        - a. Member status: N. Carolina, Illinois? (Chris)
        - b. COI, Membership; all payments current?
      - ii. Current account balances:



1. Total Assets: \$46,401.47
2. Update on tax implications for high fund balance (Eric, Amanda, Travis)
  - a. As long as we do not exceed \$50K in receivables, we can maintain current status with past.
- c. Secretary's Report: (Marcia)
  - i. Absent
- d. Executive Director's Report (Eric C.):
  - i. Website updates
    1. Members only page; need to determine if this option is needed; cost/benefit analysis. Mtg. w/ Marcia, Becka, Michael
    2. Discussion regarding inclusion of a link to state OWTS regs on our webpage. Michael working to create a Quickbooks spreadsheet for this next year. Coordinate w/Eric C.
    3. Membership application: Share privileges for Google docs; This is in regard to who gets the notification when someone submits an application. Do we need to modify to ensure that application gets to all appropriate individuals. Eric is continuing to work on this item.
3. Standing Committee Reports:
  - a. Membership (Eric C.);
    - i. Member, online application status. Working as intended? Is site contacting Marcia, Michael, Eric, Becka? Updated language on form? Status?
  - b. Conference Planning (Eric C./Jeremy);
    - i. Review of NOWRA conference
      1. Over 500 attendees.
      2. Sessions were informative.
    - ii. Review of the SORA Tuesday evening event
      1. Tuesday evening event was successful; over 60 attendees.
        - a. \$500 less than what was budgeted.



2. Captains all seemed happy with the event, but a couple suggested broadening the event to include all the VIPs (e.g., NOWRA board, general major session speakers, EPA, etc.
        - a. Chris C. and Amanda C. agreed.
      3. Only one (1) COI did not want to consolidate bills for membership and our evening event. SORA will work to accommodate that request. Other COI will be provided a combined billing.
    - iii. Presentation on regulation development (Nicholas, Chuck, Jeremy) – Tricia Scott
      1. More questions posed to the panel than expected. The presentation resulted in discussion that could have continued had we not ran out of time.
  - c. Strategic Planning (Travis):
    - i. n/a
4. COI Report (Dick/Sheryl/Jeanne):
  - a. Response from COI contacts regarding a suggested modification to annual dues to cover both membership and event costs?
    - i. Email going out to the captains:
      1. The annual dues covering the event costs.
    - ii. Agrees to expanding the invite list to the SORA event but in a selective way.
      1. Feedback was mostly positive, only criticism was the narrowness of the event space.
5. Ad hoc Committee Reports:
  - a. Newsletter, (Eric C., Michael B., Mike M.)
    - i. Newsletter can be found under “For SORA members” tab
    - ii. Upcoming newsletter topics:
      1. Update on what’s happening with EPA
      2. Mega-Conference
      3. Sub-committee on OWTS funding
      4. NAWT issue (national septage disposal)
      5. Next publication expected prior to 12/15



- b. NAWT Training Coordinator (Kim Seipp) is stepping down from that position; but will still be involved with NAWT
- c. Dave Lentz (Infiltrator) wants to present at our annual meeting; regarding secondary safety and how the industry is pushing that forward.
  - i. The US doesn't have a national standard for what secondary safety is like Canada does.
    - 1. Derek S., 2023 implemented CSA B66
- d. OWTS funding, (Lance, Eric C.);
  - i. Working on platform to distribute a survey to our membership
  - ii. Next meeting in Dec.
- e. Policy (Chuck):
  - i. n/a

6. Old Business:

- a. National Waste Alliance; NAWT program; Status report, Nicholas (OK)
  - i. Jason will have some information next week.
  - ii. Quite a bit of discussion at NOWRA and the issue is nationwide.
  - iii. Looking to compile information from NOWRA to write a White Paper.

7. New Business:

- a. SORA Board vacancies for 2025; nominations
  - i. President-Elect; vacant – Derek Smith (?)
  - ii. Secretary; Marcia D. (Current Secretary) – Kambridge Stephens (OK)
  - iii. Treasure; Michael B. (Current Treasure)
  - iv. Region 1; Amanda C. term expires
  - v. Region 3; Travis S. term expires
  - vi. Region 6; Nicholas H. term expires (Slated for SORA President, 2025)
  - vii. Region 8; Chuck C. term expires (Past-President)

8. Action Items:

9. Adjourn –

**Meeting Dates for 2024 (First Tuesday of each month):** All meetings will start at 2:30 P.M. EST.

<del>November 5</del>
Annual Mtg. Nov. 12, 12:30 EST
December 3 (Nicholas, new president!)