



The Solid Waste Association of North America
Pacific Chapter (BC and Yukon)

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PACIFIC CHAPTER (BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON) OF THE SOLID WASTE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA held by videoconference at 12:10 PM on Wednesday, December 1, 2021. A "SWANA DAY" agenda of technical presentations preceded the meeting.

Annual General Meeting attended by 55 Voting Members.

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON

Mark Watt, Chapter President Chaired the meeting and Andrew Marr acted as Secretary of the Meeting.

2. CONSTITUTION OF MEETING/ APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Notice of the Meeting having been given and a quorum being present, the meeting was declared to be duly constituted at 12:14 PM. A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda and was ratified.

3. RATIFICATION OF ACTS OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded IT WAS RESOLVED THAT all acts and proceedings of the directors of the Society since the last Annual General Meeting be ratified and approved by the members.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mark Watt, President, presented his report. Mark recapped the past year including the continuation of essential services of solid waste and adapting to COVID and building and building enthusiasm for the upcoming PNW Conference. He noted that training has been consistent with online needs and encouraged others to become involved. He also mentioned upcoming new courses. He expressed his thanks to everyone for his last 6 years as President.

He welcomed back the existing Executive Committee and thanked our Executive Director.

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the President's Report be received and a copy be available as a schedule to the minutes of the meeting.

5. REPORT FROM THE TRAINING COMMITTEE

Nicole Steglich, Training Committee Chair, updated the membership on the work of the Training Committee during the 2021 fiscal year. It included training 110 people throughout the year. Nicole thanked the faculty for their training efforts and encouraged others to step forward and join our faculty.

6. REPORT FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Karen Storry, Pacific Chapter Advisory Board Representative, updated the Chapter on directions of the International Board. This included planning for upcoming 2022 events. Discussion of revenue and expense decreases with online events and forgiven pandemic loans. Strategic planning by SWANA International held at WasteCON. In 2022, areas of focus will include safety, climate change, Circular Economy, and other key materials.

7. SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Mike Stringer, Chair of the Scholarship Committee, presented details on the Stuart Somerville Memorial Scholarships once again sponsored by Ecowaste Industries. He thanked the committee of Tom Land, Deacon Liddy, Paul Henderson, Krysta Powers and Mircea Cvaci for their assistance. He then acknowledged the 3 recipients: Lori Clyde (Selkirk College, Nelson), Ibukun Olasanmi (UNBC, Prince George), and Emily Townsend (Royal Roads University, Victoria, and Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Vancouver);

8. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Al Lynch, Chair of the Membership Committee, presented the membership committee report noting the Pacific Chapter had 268 members including 51 Young Professionals and 23 student members.

9. CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Conference Committee Chair Tauseef Waraich presented the conference committee report and noted that 2021 SWANA Days had 129 online participants and 22 sponsors. Special thanks to the committee for putting together the SWANA Day program. Members were reminded of the Pacific Northwest Regional Symposium in April 2022 and the Canadian Symposium in April 2024. Call for volunteers is currently taking place.

10. SAFETY

Lynne Vidler, the Chapter Safety Ambassador provided the safety report and highlighted that there are a variety of safety resources available to SWANA members and encourage everyone to enroll in the regular newsletters from our Chapter and from SWANA International. The first Canadian Safety Summit was held this year.

11. YOUNG PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

Stephanie Moorman on behalf of the YP committee provided a brief overview that included 3 events held and another event being held this year.

12. TREASURER'S REPORT

Deacon Liddy, Treasurer, presented the financial statements for the fiscal year end September 30, 2021. A brief report was provided and current financial status of the organization being in good order.

The 2021 FY budget (due to the pandemic) was more conservative. 2021 saw lower revenues, while administrative costs remained largely unchanged. Total Revenue was \$74,494, with a Net Income of (\$4,597). As of October 2021, net assets were \$189,000. For FY2022, a deficit of \$25,000 is forecasted.

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the financial statements of the Society for the period ending September 30, 2021 be received and that they be attached as a schedule to the minutes of the Meeting. Financial Statements are available online using the password provided.

13. AUDIT

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the appointment of an auditor of the Society be waived for the next fiscal year and until the close of the next general meeting the Society shall not be required to appoint or have an auditor.

14. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Al Lynch, Chair of the Nominating Committee called for election of new Chapter Director Graham Fonseca as the YP committee chair. He called for any other nominations from the floor. There being none, the executive was acclaimed and the new director was appointed. . Thanks was given to departing President Mark Watt who now becomes Past-President and Al Lynch becomes a Board Director.

UPON MOTION duly made and seconded, IT WAS RESOLVED THAT those persons listed in the attachment to the minutes entitled "2022 Board of Directors (Officers and Directors)" be and are hereby elected directors of the Society for the ensuing year.

15. OTHER BUSINESS


No other formal Business was noted.

16. NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, January 20, 2022 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM by Zoom.

17. TERMINATION OF THE MEETING

There being no further business to come before the Annual General Meeting, a motion was made that the meeting be adjourned (12:57 PM).



Original signed by
Mark Watt
PRESIDENT
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Original signed by
Andrew Marr
SECRETARY of Meeting
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