



## Meeting Minutes

Glacier Brewhouse, Anchorage, Alaska

January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005

12:00 PM

- I. **Call to Order** by Richard Bonwell at 1:20PM
- II. Meeting agenda approved.
- III. October 2004 minutes were approved with the following amendment to the Legislative Liaison committee report:  

Leslie Simmons proposed to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation management that draft rules under consideration be disseminated to the SWANA email list. This proposal has not been approved or denied at this time.
- IV. Board and general membership issues

### 1. Committee Reports

#### A. Treasurer's Report –

- Julie Makela prepared a quarterly Treasurer's Report and the 2004 annual report.
- As of January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005, the Chapter balance in all accounts is \$37,355.37.
- Certificate of Deposit 81 matured on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2004, and was deposited into the checking account.
- Insurance costs down due to national decision to decrease burden on smaller chapters. Now costs about \$630.
- Motion passed to deposit \$10,000 into a 3 year C.O.D. bearing ~3.5% interest

#### B. Program Committee –

- See the Technical Meeting section for 2005 agenda

C. **Membership Committee** – Mike Blair stated there are currently 72 chapter members, a decrease of 4%. The decrease is likely a result of MOLO course attendees from October 2003 allowing their memberships to lapse.

D. **Scholarship Committee** – Applications for the Alaska SWANA scholarship are due on April 4th. The applicants will be considered for award at the quarterly meeting in Sitka on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Lanie Hughes will be handling the applications on behalf of Cathy Mayer who has a child submitting an application.

E. **Legislative Liaison** – Leslie Simmons mentioned ongoing work on the ADEC's comprehensive overhaul of solid waste regulations. The overhaul includes administrative improvements such as better clustering of topics. The revised rules



will include a location calculator and additional RD&D language. The ADEC is also creating solid waste guidance manuals for municipal and industrial users. The Solid Waste Program is preparing a “package” of these proposed changes for the Attorney General. Leslie recommended to the ADEC management that SWANA be given an opportunity to review and comment on the new regulations and manuals after the Attorney General but prior to the public comment period. If ADEC agrees to the SWANA review, it is still several months away.

2. **Director’s Corner** –.Greg Goodale stated that national SWANA has posted a uniform set of definitions for solid waste terms on their website (<http://www.swana.org/>). These are very useful for public relations and the media (i.e. giving a definition of “leachate” to a reporter).

- V. **Technical Meeting:** The following 2005 quarterly meeting times and places were established:

- April 22<sup>nd</sup> in Sitka
- July 22<sup>nd</sup> in Soldovia
- October 14<sup>th</sup> in Anchorage, with an optional morning landfill tour
- January 2006 at an Anchorage eatery (similar to this meeting).

A new committee was formed called the Training Committee. It will be responsible for scheduling Rural Alaska Landfill Operations (RALO) and Manager of Landfill Operations (MOLO) courses. The committee may also address registration and accommodation logistics. The Training Committee is composed of the following members: Leslie Simmons, Kurt Eilo, Greg Goodale, Mike Blair, Lanie Hughes and Jennifer Williams. They scheduled their first committee meeting as a teleconference.

A motion was passed to fund the Training Committee with not to exceed \$1000 for administrative costs and to participate in a booth at the Alaska Forum.

A motion was passed to create an annual budget in response to the growing complexity of our organization. The officers are suggested to have a draft budget by the April 22<sup>nd</sup> quarterly meeting.

Mike Blair stated that the Training Committee needs monetary authority to reproduce RALO manuals. Leslie Simmons stated that the Training Committee needs to revise manuals, and probably do so continuously.

- VI. **Member Comments:**

Paul McLarnon resigned his position as vice president due to unavailability stemming from a time consuming, work related project. There was a general consensus of gratitude for all of Paul’s service to SWANA.



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Keith Howard was nominated and subsequently elected as the new vice president, so that our current officers are now as follows:

- President: Richard Bonwell
- Vice President: Keith Howard
- Treasurer: Cory Hinds
- Secretary: Patrick Cox

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Keith Howard – Do we want a thermometer exchange program where households trade their old mercury thermometers for new digital thermometers? Other states are doing this.

Greg Goodale has read recent leachate reports that indicate an emphasis on e-waste but agrees that mercury is probably more important. Greg likes the idea of a thermometer exchange.

Kurt Eilo suggests putting SWANA logos on the digital thermometers.

Cory Hinds mentioned a USDA grant (possibly difficult to fill out according to Greg Goodale) for rural communities with less than 10,000 residents.

Cory Hinds announced a constructed wetland presentation hosted by CH2Mhill in Anchorage on May 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, with the cost to be determined.

Kurt Eilo praised SWANA (ourselves!) for being an energetic, effective organization, self aware of our mission and goals.

**VII. Next Meeting Date & Agenda**

SWANA Quarterly Meeting: Friday, April 22nd, 12:00PM – Sitka, Alaska.:  
Landfill tour.

**VIII. Adjournment** – meeting was adjourned at 3:23PM.