

**SWANA New York State Chapter  
Annual Members' Meeting  
Minutes**

Date: May 4, 2009

Location: The Sagamore in Bolton Landing, New York (Lake George)

Attendees: Peter Kuniholm, President  
Jay Pisco, Vice President  
Debra Smith, Secretary  
Scott Menrath, IB Director  
Ted Pytlar  
Bob Matarazzo  
Mark Swyka  
Jim Bunchuck  
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Marty Bellew

John Hadfield, from SWANA National joined us.

Convened: 4:19 p.m.

Treasurer's Report – Peter Kuniholm  
FISCAL YEAR 2009 to date 10/1/08-4/28/09

Checking	\$26,478.65
Money Market	\$35,641.10
CDs	\$24,679.18
SWANA Nat.	\$5,000.00
Total	\$91,798.93

Total Expenses \$12,456.66

Membership- Peter Kuniholm

There are a total of 236 members:

Regular	102
Small Hauler	22
Sustaining	73
Retired	2
Student	1

Additional outreach was made to solicit college students to join.

#### Free E-sessions- Peter Kuniholm

Free access to SWANA E-sessions is still available to NYS Chapter members.

Over the 16 month time period approximately 20-25% of the membership has taken advantage of the free sessions.

A survey will be developed via the website to gauge the memberships continued interest and to inquire about topics of interest.

#### Nomination Committee- Bob Matarazzo

Bob read the slate for the Board of Directors. Peter asked for a motion to approve the slate. Steve Wing made a motion and Ted Pytlar seconded and the motion was unanimously passed.

#### By-Law Revisions- Scott Menrath

Peter announced the Board would like to revise the by-laws to align with National's categories of membership. Jay Pisco made a motion to revise the current by-laws to mimic National's membership categories, Ted Pytlar seconded; the motion unanimously passed.

#### Scholarships- Marty Bellew

Ten (10) applications were submitted. The scholarship committee will make a final decision during the week of May 12, 2009. The scholarship awards will be posted in the newsletter.

This year two corporate sponsorships were secured. They were from: Woodward & Curran- gold sponsor (\$1,000) level  
Cornerstone Environmental- Silver sponsor (\$500) level

#### Upcoming Events- Deb Smith, Ted Pytlar, Jim Bunchuck

Articles for the next newsletter are due to Deb Smith by June 12.

The newsletter continues to have a "Facility Spotlight" area. This features a NYS facility providing background information and photos of the facility. The Facility Spotlight is also featured on the website. Anyone interested in having their facility featured should contact Deb.

The next issue of the newsletter will be the last paper copy as the newsletter switches to a digital format.

The next technical seminar is scheduled for June 10, 2009 at the Ramada Inn in Syracuse. The title of the seminar is Challenges and Opportunities for Waste-to-Energy in NY.

For the November technical session the following topics were suggested:

- To examine how much recycling can be done and how to get past current rates; where do we go from here.
- The other suggestion is to examine recycling options of more problematic materials such as glass and electronics.

All members are encouraged to submit ideas for future technical sessions to the Board.

Draft DEC SWMP Policy Comments- Scott Menrath

The Solid Waste Advisory Group continues to meet and provide comments on the draft plan. It is anticipated a full draft will be available by the end of summer. Jay Pisco and Peter Kuniholm are the Chapter Representatives that participate as part of the group.

It was noted the NYS DEC is looking at possibly moving away from using recycling rates as a comparison and moving to per capital disposal weight instead.

The permit policy will be appearing on the Environmental Notice Bulletin shortly.

Adjournment

Steve Wing made a motion to adjourn; Jay Pisco seconded and the motion was unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:46pm.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Debra Smith, Secretary