

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

Date: May 2, 2011

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

Attendees: Jay Pisco, President
Martin Bellew, Vice President
Debra Smith, Secretary
Scott Menrath, IB Director
Ted Pytlar
Bob Matarazzo
Mark Swyka
Anna Roppolo
Tony Gregory
Peter Kuniholm

Convened: 4:16 p.m.

There were 21 Chapter members present.

Treasurer's Report – Jay Pisco
Treasurers Report 12/31/10

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| Checking | \$14278.97 |
| Money Market | \$35,889.80 |
| CDs | \$25,961.85 |

Loan to Nat. SWANA \$ 5,000.00
(Anticipate repayment in 2011)

Total \$81,130.62

The Board is reviewing possible investment options. Money is used to provide member benefits such as the free e-sessions for members and allows the technical session registration fee to remain at a lower price.

Scholarship Committee-Marty Bellew

A total of five (5) sponsorships were secured to add to the pool of money available for scholarship awards. The following companies provided sponsorships: GHD, Shaw Engineering, Woodard & Curran, IESI, Cornerstone Environmental Group LLC.

A handful of applications were received; it is anticipated a few more will be received. The scholarship committee will set up a conference call to discuss the applications and make an award.

Membership-Tony Gregory

Membership numbers have been consistent. The e-session and other member benefits have been promoted. Current membership is approximately at 202 with a breakdown of 60 private entities/ 40 public entities.

Nomination Committee- Bob Matarazzo

Bob announced the slate of nominations for the Board (2 year terms) as follows: Jay Pisco, Marty Bellew, Debra Smith, Russ Rutkowski, Ted Pytlar, Peter Kuniholm, Anna Ropolo, Mark Swyka, Scott Menrath, Charlie Weidner and Bob Matarazzo.

Officers will be appointed in late summer.

Newsletter/Website- Debra Smith

The Chapter is continually looking for facilities to highlight as part of the Facility spotlight that appears in the newsletter and on the website. The website is also continually updated so members are encouraged to visit it.

Anyone interested in submitting an article can send it directly to Deb Smith. All articles are due by June 17 to appear in summer newsletter.

The Chapter also looked into various social media outlets. National SWANA is established on many (Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter) and members are encouraged to visit National SWANA's established sites.

Technical Session

The next technical seminar is scheduled for June 7, 2011 in Albany. The title of the seminar is Incentive Programs to Reduce Waste and Increase Recycling: Pay-As-You-Throw & Single Stream Programs.

Members are encouraged to the board with any ideas or suggestions for the November technical session. Currently anaerobic digestion is being considered as a possible topic.

National Updates

National SWANA has had a decrease in membership from 8,400 to roughly 7,700. National is looking at hiring a private marketing firm which proposes a ten percent increase in membership by the end of the first year.

WASTECON will be held in Nashville, Tennessee. More information on the event can be found on the National SWANA website.

The NY Chapter is investigating the ability of NY members earning pdh credits for e-sessions they participate in.

National SWANA has been using the NY Chapter e-session sponsored program for members as a template for other Chapters to pursue.

Other Business-Jay Pisco

NY Product Stewardship Council

The NYS Chapter had made a \$5,000 sponsorship to the New York Product Stewardship Council (NYPSC). The NYPSC supports battery, paint, etc legislation. The Board will need to vote again next year to approve another \$5,000 sponsorship.

Operator Training Guidelines

An option to require operators to have further training such as a SWANA course as part of the changes to Part 360. The board will continue to work on this.

IB Update

Several technical policies are under review. There is a mid-year meeting scheduled for May in Pennsylvania.

Adjournment

Ted Pytlar made a motion to adjourn; Michael Garland seconded and the motion was unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Debra Smith, Secretary