

**SWANA PENNSYLVANIA KEYSTONE CHAPTER
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4, 2010**

On February 4, 2010, at 12:15 p.m., the Keystone Chapter Board Meeting was held at the Harrisburg Hilton. Those in attendance were:

Officers

Chuck Raudenbush
Robert Hasemeier
Dan Grow
Bob Watts

Board of Directors

George Barstar
Tim Hartman
Tim O'Donnell
Bill Stullken
John Wood
Bob Zorbaugh

Committee Chairs, Members & Visitors

Mark Mehall
Mark Messics
Larry Taylor
Bill Tobin

Approve Minutes of January 7, 2010 - **Mr. Raudenbush** asked about additions or corrections to the minutes of the January 7, 2010 Board meeting. **Mr. Watts** moved the minutes be approved. **Mr. Hartman** seconded. **Mr. Raudenbush** called for the vote; the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - **Mr. Grow** said that the bank statement had not been received for period ending January 31, 2010. Mr. Grow reviewed the expenses for January. On motion by **Mr. Hasemeier**, second by **Mr. O'Donnell** and unanimous vote the Board approved the Treasurer's report as presented, subject to audit. Mr. Grow will email the updated written Treasurer's report from January to the Board when the bank statement has been received.

Ad Hoc Finance Committee - **Mr. O' Donnell** reported that due to the current revenue situation of the Chapter, he and Mr. Watts met with Kay Dougherty to discuss what items could be done by Board members and what responsibilities should continue to be done by the Secretariat.

Mr. Watts said that Steve Tucker has been doing the budget for years. Mr. Watts asked Mr. Tucker to put a draft budget together for this meeting to serve as a starting point. The Ad Hoc Committee will continue to work on the budget.

Mr. Watts also said that SWANA National is now changing their fiscal year to June 30th. The Chapter should think about aligning with International SWANA. Since this would require a change in the By-laws, the change could be made at the annual meeting in September.

Mr. Grow reported that the Hilton Hotel would not accept the Chapter's W9 form as proof of the Chapter's tax exemption status. The Chapter must hold a certificate of exemption from PA Sales Tax. Mr. Grow will work on getting the chapter the certificate necessary to be exempt for PA Sales Tax.

Legislative Committee - Tim Hartman presented the following written report

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ENERGY RECOVERY COUNCIL, WEEKLY UPDATE, January 22, 2010

WTE DEVELOPMENTS

Sen. Byron Dorgan (D-N.D.), the third ranking Democrat in the Senate, contradicted his party's assertions that a climate change bill can pass this year, saying that there won't be enough political will left to undertake such a contested bill after the health care process plays out. "It's my assessment that we will not do a climate bill, but that we will do an energy bill instead," Dorgan said. "The energy bill will be climate-friendly." The energy bill was passed in June by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on a bipartisan vote. It includes a requirement for utilities to increase the amount of renewable energy to generate power, including waste-to-energy. Dorgan is among a number of moderate Democrats and Republicans who have, for months, urged Reid and President Obama to shift to a stand-alone energy bill this year, given the economic recession and election-year politics. The Energy Recovery Council supports passage of a stand alone energy bill that includes a renewable portfolio standard that recognizes waste-to-energy as renewable.

ENERGY RECOVERY COUNCIL, WEEKLY UPDATE, January 29, 2010

WTE DEVELOPMENTS

The Obama Administration formally embraced the Copenhagen Accord on global warming this week, a day after the president urged a fractious U.S. Congress to get to work on comprehensive legislation to stem the nation's emissions. The Administration gave notice to the United Nations that the country will aim for a 17 percent emissions cut in carbon dioxide and other gases blamed for global warming by 2020, from 2005 levels. Trying to lead by example, President Barack Obama directed the federal government to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions 28 percent by 2020. The federal government is the single largest energy consumer in the U.S., spending more than \$24.5 billion on electricity and fuel in 2008, the administration said in a statement. Meeting the targets would reduce federal energy consumption by the equivalent of 646 trillion BTUs, equal to 205 million barrels of oil, and taking 17 million cars off the road for one year, according to a statement from the White House press office.

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Governor Cuts \$5 Million More From Environmental Agencies

Gov. Rendell this week, (Jan. 29, 2010), announced \$5 million in additional cuts to the departments of Environmental Protection and Conservation and Natural Resources as part of a package of \$161 million in additional cuts [he said in December](#) were needed to help balance the state budget in the face of declining state revenues.

These cuts are on top of [the drastic cuts the agencies](#) received in the 2009-10 budget. The cuts suffered by DEP now total \$61.8 million and for DCNR \$22 million totaling over \$83 million for the fiscal year. [A detailed List of Cuts is available online.](#)

Long-Time Democratic Chair Of Senate Environmental Committee Ray Musto To Retire

Sen. Ray Musto (D-Luzerne), long-time Democratic Chair of the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee, this week (Jan. 29, 2010), announced he will retire from the Senate at the end of his current term.

"After nearly 40 years of public service to the citizens of the northeast and seven terms serving the 14th Senatorial District, it is time to retire from the Senate," Sen. Musto said. "I have been fortunate and blessed, and I am grateful for all the kindness that has been extended to me over the years."

For many years Sen. Musto has been the regarded as a leading voice on environmental issues in the Senate and as a fierce advocate for his district. He has been involved in the passage of every major state environmental law and program for the last 30 years

BILL #	Description	Status
H.B. 80 (S.B. 92)	Creates a carbon sequestration network and expands the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards.	Removed from table Jan. 26, 2010
H.B. 594	Provides a PA DEP program for home-generated medical sharps.	Passed House June 6, 2009. Referred to Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee June 11, 2009.
H.B. 961 (S.B. 886)	Extends \$2.00 per ton recycling fee through December 31, 2015.	Incorporated with H.B. 1768 re-referred to Senate Appropriations Committee. Oct. 2, 2009.
H.B. 1069 (S.B. 887)	Authorizes a per ton MSW fee of up to \$4.00 for participating counties.	Recommitted to Appropriations Committee May 6, 2009.
H.B.1447	Prohibits solid waste facility siting within 2,400 feet of a public water supply.	Referred to Environmental Resources and Energy Committee May 6, 2009.

H.B. 1577	Increases maximum annual household hazardous waste collection grants to \$150,000 for counties with populations of 250,000 or more.	Referred to Environmental Resources and Energy June 2, 2009.
H.B. 1768	Extends \$2.00/ton recycling fee through 2020. Provides \$1.25 from recycling fund for tire remediation. Adds “adjacent municipality” designation for requesting municipalities within one mile of landfill or Resource Recovery Facility footprint with inspection, training, reporting receipt and benefit fee negotiation rights.	Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee October 1. Re-reported as committed, Oct. 9, 2009.
H.B. 2218	Extends the Recycling Fund \$2.00 per MSW ton fee from its current sunset date of December 31, 2012, until December 31, 2020. This bill contains no special used tire set aside.	Referred to Environmental Resources & Energy Committee, Jan. 20, 2010
S.B. 92 (H.B. 80)	Establishes a carbon sequestration network and expands the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards.	Referred to Environmental Resources and Energy Committee. March 19, 2009.
S.B. 547	Provides additional penalties for repeat violations of landfill regulations and requires compliance certifications for permit modifications and expansions.	Re-referred to Appropriations Committee. June 23, 2009.
S.B. 886 H.B. (961)	Extends the \$2.00 per ton recycling fee through 2020 and authorizes a \$1.25 million from the fund for used tire remediation.	Incorporated with H.B. 1768. Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee Oct. 1, 2009. Re-reported as committed, Oct. 9, 2009.
S.B. 887 H.B. (1069)	Authorizes up to a \$4.00 per ton MWS fee for participating counties.	Referred to Environmental Resources and Energy Committee. May 27, 2009.

INSERT ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY COMMITTEE SUMMARY OF
AMENDMENT #A03907 TO HOUSE BILL 1768

A lengthy discussion was held regarding these and other legislative items. Larry Taylor explained the concept of carbon sequestration.

Membership Report - Ms. Dougherty reported the following:

<u>MEMBER BREAKDOWN BY TYPE</u>		<u>STATUS BREAKDOWN</u>	
Public Sector Individual	109	Active	190
Private Sector Individual	80	Suspended	17
Small Business Individual	13		
Retired	3		
Student	0		
Life	2		
TOTAL Members	207		

Newsletter Report - Mr. Hasemeier said that an email notice was sent to Chapter members in January requesting articles for the newsletter by February 5th. The next newsletter will be ready to be emailed to the membership by the end of February.

A discussion was held relative to selling advertising, as well as job advertisements in the newsletter. Mr. Hasemeier suggested that the chapter accept these items, request a donation to the scholarship fund and set a minimum fee. It was the consensus of the members at the meeting for Mr. Hasemeier to accept ads for the newsletter.

A discussion was held relative to having a "marketing" committee. Also discussion was held on how to get more CEU training credits for the members. Mr. Zorbaugh said that when staff attends WASTECON the trips to facilities have been very well received.

Program Report - Mr. J. Wood reported that there were 64 people registered for the mini technical seminar. He expects the chapter to make a few hundred dollars after Ms. Dougherty's expenses.

Mr. Barstar reported on the plans for the fall conference. There was a lengthy discussion held regarding the venue and whether the conference should be a one or two day event. It was the consensus of those members in attendance that the fall conference should be held at the Penn Stater, State College. Mr. Barstar and Mr. O'Donnell will meet with Mary Webber of PWIA after today's meeting to discuss the venue and whether it should be a one or two day event.

ROAD-E-O Committee - Mr. Watts reported that the plans are underway for the 2010 ROAD-E-O event. The parking lot of the Holiday Inn, Morgantown will be the site for the truck competition and the Conestoga Landfill will host the landfill equipment competition. A site visit is scheduled for next week.

Mr. Watts said plans are being made to host a MOLO course during the week of the Road-E-O. The MOLO course would be held Monday, June 7th and be completed on Thursday morning, June 10th. Operators would be able to spend the entire week and participate in both events. A visit to a landfill will be made on Tuesday afternoon. He has about 12 people who

have said they are interested in taking the course. The following is the proposed cost for MOLO course:

	SWANA Member	Non-Member
Course & Exam	\$650	\$885
Course Only	\$550	\$175
Exam Only	\$200	\$300

Mr. Hasemeier moved that the proposed cost of the MOLO course be approved and authorized Mr. Watts to proceed with the course. **Mr. Hartman** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Scholarship Committee - Mr. Zorbaugh presented the following written report:

1. Deadline for receipt of applications is March 1, 2010.
2. Have received through 2/1/10 six requests for applications from members.
3. Contacted Tom Imphong to inquire if he would be willing to continue to serve on the Scholarship Committee. He respectfully declined. He would like to have newer members participate.
4. During the month of February we will continue to notify members about the scholarship opportunity and March 1, 2010 deadline through email notices.

Currently members on the Scholarship committee include: Robert Zorbaugh, Jen Cristofolletti, Bill Tafuto and Jim Echard. Mr. Zorbaugh has asked Max Persun to also be on the committee.

Scholarship Donation - **Mr. Watts** presented a check in the amount of \$544.79 to Bob Zorbaugh for the Chapter Scholarship Fund. The donation was from royalties received by Chester County Solid Waste Authority (CCSWA) for hosting a wireless internet antenna that is used by CCSWA and other local businesses.

International Director Report - **Mr. Watts** presented the following written report:

1. Region 4 Conference Call - the Audit results were good. Revenue so far this year is under budget, but expenses are down so we are net ahead. WasteCon Long Beach lost money. WasteCon Boston sales are good, already sold as much space as Long Beach.
2. Finance Committee Conference Call - WasteCon Long Beach \$150,000 below budget.

Calendar Update - **Mr. Raudenbush** reviewed the calendar.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Stullken reported that the southeast region of PADEP has advised him that formaldehyde testing/modeling is going to be required for SECCRA's new landfill gas-to-energy project

before SECCRA gets the permits required to build and operate. This is an "11th hour" in their permitting process and jeopardizes SECCRA's schedule.

Mr. Stullken said his recommendation to DEP (looking for SWANA's backing) is to keep the process going, issue the permits that are currently in process and go through the already established rules for developing a set of regulations and/or guidelines for this new permitting requirement.

Mr. Hasemeier said that the state has been challenged to enforce the federal rules which have been on the books for quite a while. It comes out of an obscure part in one of the appendices for hazardous air pollutants (HAP). EPA is going after the various states that have been lax in their enforcement. New Jersey, New York and Maryland have all been challenged by EPA to start enforcing this HAP requirement. The regulatory/permitting program is already established and has been awaiting State enforcement. The states are at risk for losing their authority to issue air permits if they do not comply with EPA requirements.

Further discussion followed. Mr. Raudenbush asked that together with Tim Hartman, Legislative Chair, they come up with a position for the March meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Keystone Chapter Board of Directors will be a conference call meeting scheduled for Thursday March 4, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. Chuck Raudenbush will host the conference call.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by **Mr. Stullken**, second by **Mr. J. Wood** and unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Wood, Chapter Secretary