

**SWANA PENNSYLVANIA KEYSTONE CHAPTER
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 5, 2009**

On February 5, 2009 at 12:30 p.m., the Chapter Board Meeting was held at the Hilton Hotel, Harrisburg, PA. Those members in attendance were:

Officers

Chuck Raudenbush
Robert Hasemeier
Dan Grow
Bob Watts

Board of Directors

George Barstar
Tim Hartman
Tanya McCoy-Caretti
John Wood
Bob Zorbaugh

Committee Chairs, Members & Visitors

Bob Barton
Sean Isgan
Jason Laub
Jerry Myer
Brooks Norris
Bob Schoenberger
Harry Smith

Approve Minutes of January 15, 2009

Mr. Raudenbush, asked about additions or corrections to the minutes of the January 15, 2009 Board meeting. **Ms. McCoy-Caretti** moved that the minutes be approved. **Mr. Zorbaugh** seconded. **Mr. Raudenbush** called for the vote; the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Grow stated that the bank statement was not received in time to present a written Treasurer's report for January 2009. He did report that according to the PNC Bank Statement there is a balance of \$22,152.64. He noted that the interest rate checking account with PNC Bank has decreased from a high of 4.75%, when the account was opened, to a current low of 1.11%. Mr. Grow added that there is a revenue shortfall of approximately \$8,000 from 2008 due to a shortfall in revenue from the fall conference and Road-E-O event.

Mr. Grow moved that the Board approve a credit card for Kay Dougherty, Chapter Secretariat to use to purchase postage, supplies, etc for the Chapter. **Mr. Hartman** seconded. **Mr. Raudenbush** called the vote; the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Zorbaugh asked if some of the Chapter's money could be put in short term CD's. **Mr. Grow** said that CD's are only getting about 2% to 2 ¼% in interest.

Mr. Raudenbush asked **Mr. Barstar** how things went with negotiating a new contract with the Penn Stater for the fall conference. A discussion followed.

Legislative/Policy Committee - Mr. Hartman submitted the following written report:

PENNSLVAVIA ISSUES

Alternative Energy, Climate Bill (House Bill 80/Senate Bill 92) Introduced

A bipartisan group of House and Senate legislators introduced legislation endorsed by Governor Rendell that would increase Alternative Energy Portfolio Standard requirements on electric utilities and provide for the capture and sequestration of carbon, which ultimately helps combat climate change. The bill which would accelerate Tier I requirements is opposed by some major environmental groups (PennEnvironment, Sierra Club PA Chapter, Clean Air Council and Clean Water) because the technology required to accomplish the enhanced goals is not yet commercially available.

Pennsylvania DEP Seeks Public Input on Climate Action Plan

PA DEP recently issued a press release inviting public participation to help develop recommendations to reduce or offset greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from industrial sectors. Recommendations will be evaluated by the 21 member Climate Change Action Committee (CCAC) created under the auspices of Act 70 to advise the DEP on the development of a climate change action plan due to the Governor and General Assembly in October 2009. A draft plan is expected in the May/June timeframe.

County Fees on Municipal Solid Waste Generation Revisited

The County Commissioner Association of Pennsylvania has contacted its membership requesting support for a new "County Fees" bill to be sponsored by Representative Mario Scavello of Monroe County. Reportedly, the primary difference between the new bill and last session's unsuccessful House Bill 934 is that this bill contains no escalator provision.

FERERAL ISSUES

Recycling Incentives and Landfill Gas/Waste-To-Energy Tax Credits Included In Federal Stimulus Package

The Stimulus Packages passed by the full House and the Senate Finance Committee contain provisions for extending for three years until December 31,2013 the in-service deadline for new landfill gas and waste-to-energy facilities and other renewable to qualify for production tax credits and would allow the option of taking an investment tax credit instead. Additionally, the stimulus package bill passed in the house would allow funds made available through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants Program authorized under the Energy Efficiency and Security Act of 2007 to be used for activities to advance material conservation programs such as source reduction, recycling, and recycled content procurement. SWANA's technical committees dealing with these issues are advocating members to support these provisions by writing to their congressional representatives.

The Federal Surface Transportation Board (STB) Has Announced Proposed Rulemaking Implementing the Clean Railroads Act of 2008

The interim rule published in the January 27 Federal Register, clarifies that states now have the authority over sites where solid waste is transferred to rail cars for shipment to disposal sites. However, the rule also outlines a petition process whereby the STB may in certain cases preempt state laws or rules pertaining to siting these facilities. Comments may be filed by March 23, 2009.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Solid Waste Has a New Name

To better reflect its heightened focus on conserving resources and recycling waste material EPA's Office of Solid Waste has been renamed the Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery. Additionally, the six divisions that constituted the old Office of Solid Waste have been consolidated into three new divisions: Materials Recovery and Waste Management, Resource Conservation and Sustainability and Program implementation and Information.

Membership Committee - Ms. McCoy-Caretti said that the current membership is at 223.

Program Committee - Mr. Barstar reported that the fall conference joint committee has prepared the Call for Presentation Abstracts for the fall conference. Abstracts are due by March 16, 2009. A discussion was held relative to speakers at the conference. Suggestions included Dr. Terry Madonna and State Attorney General Tom Corbett.

Road-E-O Committee - Mr. Watts reported that the next committee conference call is scheduled for February 12th. This year's Road-E-O will be held at Grand Central Sanitary Landfill on June 12th. **Mr. Raudenbush** said that the committee is looking for door prizes and smaller items (such as pens, pencils, etc.) for a "goody" bag for participants.

Scholarship Committee - Mr. Zorbaugh reported that the Scholarship applications are due on March 1, 2009. An email reminder about the scholarship program will go out this week to the membership. To date, five applications have been mailed to prospective recipients.

Calendar Update - Mr. Raudenbush reviewed the calendar.

International Director Report - Mr. Watts said that there was nothing new to report since the last meeting. He has been asked to contact Chapter members whose membership has lapsed. Mr. Watts will contact those members.

MOLO Course - Mr. Watts reported on the Chapter hosting a MOLO course in conjunction with the Mid-Atlantic Regional Road-E-O on the Monday through Thursday before the June 12th Road-E-O. He will have more information to report at the next meeting.

New Web Master - Bob Watts reported that the Chapter credit card will also be used for billing purposes for the web site host, Earthlink. After discussion, **Mr. Watts** said he will contract the web master for a price to redesign the Chapter web site.

Status of Letter to PADEP on Draft Regulations - A discussion was held relative to the Chapter's position on the draft regulations. It was the consensus of those members present

that it is still premature to respond to PADEP at this time.

SWANA Participation in Waste Watcher Award Program - **Mr. Raudenbush** received a request from PROP for a SWANA representative to participate in the Waste Watcher award program. **Mr. Watts** said that he would ask Nancy Fromnick from his office to be the SWANA's representative for the Waste Watcher Award Program.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Keystone Chapter Board of Directors will be held via conference call on Thursday, March 5, 2009, at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by **Mr. Wood**, second by **Mr. Zorbaugh** and unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Wood, Chapter Secretary