

# Association of West Virginia Solid Waste Authorities

## Board Meeting – November 10, 2008

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The Association of West Virginia Solid Waste Authorities held its Annual Business Meeting at the Stonewall Resort in Roanoke, West Virginia on Monday, November 10, 2008. Chairman Roger Frame called the meeting to order.

Roll call was taken. The following officers and directors attended the meeting: Roger Frame, Joyce Harris-Thacker, Bob Wines, Rebecca Harlan, Tammy Bonar, Howard, Sherrie Hunter, Glenn Kocher, and Mike Grunau. The following individuals attended the business meeting: Henry Ahouse, Jerry Arnold, Richard Barnett, Wayne Bennett, Lowell Cook, Richard Cooke, Kenny Davidson, Wayne Eads, Arden Dale Fischer, Don Gasper, Paul Hamrick, Paul Hayes, Patricia Highland, Bill Hughes, Doris Jarvis, Charles Kinsey, Robert Kleinedler, Lynne Lashley, Elaine Lucente, William Madert, Sandy Jeff, McClure-Malcolm, Bob McConnell, Shirley Mullet, Palmer, Mike Pase, William Patton, Roger Randolph, G. Paul Ritcher, Ritchie Roach, Joe Ross, Howland Sharpe, Burl Smith, Norman Steenstra, Fred Taylor, John Tuckwiller, and Don Wikert.

- I. **Opening Comments:** Chairman Roger Frame called the meeting to order, and appointed Wayne Bennett as parliamentarian.
  
- II. **Minutes:** Chairman Frame reported one correction to the September 10, 2008 minutes; Tammy Bonar is to be re-elected as an officer instead of Howard Coffield. Michael Grunau moved to accept the minutes of the September 10, 2008 meeting. Fred Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
  
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** Financial Reports dated 11/5/08 were distributed. Bob Wines reported that in the spring of 2008 the board voted to move the financial accounts from Peoples Bank in Parkersburg, West Virginia to BB&T Bank in Fairmont, West Virginia, and to establish a permanent address with Pat Highland and Sandy McClure-Malcom of the North Central Recycling Cooperative, and gave a review of the financial reports and explained some of the line items. To date, SWA memberships are the most ever with 37 members.

Bob Wines reported a balance of \$36,103.85 for the AWVSWA general fund as of 11/5/08, and a balance of \$46,538.54 for the AWVSWA Educational Fund as of 11/5/08. The largest expenditure for the educational fund will be the conference master bill that will need to be paid within the next 30 days.

Chairman Frame asked if the treasurer's report needed to be accepted or filed for audit. There was discussion about accepting and or filing the report for audit. Michael Grunau moved to file the treasurer's report for audit. Bill Patton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### IV. **Conference Review:**

Bob Wines, Conference Chair reported that there is a good group of people that work well together to plan this conference. They have worked very hard to provide a good conference with a good slate meaningful speakers, vendors, meals, and etc. The first part of the year was spent

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overcoming obstacles. Changes were made to make the association and conference planning more organized and efficient.

The AWVSWA has been able to utilize volunteers to chair committees, and therefore has not had to pay anyone for conference planning, allowing the association to bring in higher quality speakers, and use the funds in a better way. The AWVSWA and Educational Conference is financially sound, and has 210 people registered for the full conference and about 15 to 20 people to attend the banquet.

With the growth of attendance at the conference not all facilities around the state are able to host the AWVSWA Educational Conference.

The conference planning committee is always willing to have additional help plan the conference and welcomes ideas and suggestions to be considered for future conferences.

- V. By-laws:** Michael Grunau reported that in reviewing the bylaws there are only two minor changes that need to be made to the bylaws, and the By-Laws Committee suggested the following changes be made to the bylaws:

Article VI: Elections. Section 1. Nominations– In the third sentence delete the words “*at least two*”.

Article VI: Elections. Section 1 to Nominations - “*The Nominating committee shall prepare a slate of candidates listing nominees for each Officer and Director positions.*”

Article VIII: Committees, Section 2. Standing Committees, Sub Section F: Nominating – In the first sentence change the words “five (5) to three (3).

Article VIII: Committees, Section 2. Standing Committees, Sub Section F: Nominating – *The committee shall consist of three (3) members, each of whom is a member of a member Authority.*

John Tuckwiller moved to accept the changes to the bylaws. Bill Patton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **VI. Old Business:**

Roundtable Committee Report: Chairman Frame reported that the roundtable group has been working on information to propose to the legislators that would expand the responsibilities of litter control officers. Wayne Eads reported that the group is trying to get approval for litter control officers to write citations, and for proof of proper disposal. Richard Barnett gave a further explanation it is for proof of proper disposal and writing additional citation authority only. He passed out copies of the *proposed legislation to amend Chapter 7, Article 1, Section 3ff of the Code by granting additional to additional citation writing authority for County Litter Control Officers, specifically for no proof of proper disposal (§22C-4-10) and for creating an open dump (§22C-15-10).*

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*Currently, Litter Control Officers may only issue citations for violations of Chapter 22-15A-4(a). This proposed legislation will give county litter control officers the authority to issue citations for violating section 10 article 15, chapter 22 (creating, contributing or allowing and open dump to exist) of this code. Nothing in the proposed legislation supersedes the authority or duty of other law-enforcement officers to preserve law and order and enforce the litter control program.*

Mr. Barnett shared that when roundtable the group met together one of the items that that the group wanted to do something about was the authority of litter control officers. The roundtable group wanted to make sure that everyone around the state is aware of and okay with this.

Chairman Frame reported that he and Howard Coffield met with Senator Jeff Kessler, Chair of Judicial Committee, gave him a copy of, and discussed the proposal with him; Senator Kessler is working with his department to get something started on this. They are working on a rough draft that they will get back to us soon.

Michael Grunau moved that voting member authorities present accept the report and approve the writing as amended giving litter control officers additional powers. (With the understanding that this not something we can have happen just looking for support from the AWVSWA that this is something that should be done.) Wayne Eads seconded the motion.

There was discussion; and with approval and support from the AWVSWA association this is information is conceptual and any possible tweaking shall be presented to legislators for review and possibly placed in the legislative session for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

### **VII. New Business:**

#### **A. Nominations and Election of Officers:**

In behalf of the Nominating committee, Michael Grunau, Nominating Committee Chair reported that the nominating committee in reviewing the nominees and checking with each of those listed and receiving affirmative responses from them present the following slate of officers:

Roger Frame from Marshall County Solid Waste Authority to be the AWVSWA Chairman.

Joyce Harris-Thacker from Upshur County Solid Waste authority to be the AWVSWA Vic-Chairman.

Sherrie Hunter from Raleigh County Solid Waste Authority and Tammy Bonar from Ohio County Solid Waste authority were nominated to be AWVSWA Board of Directors.

Robert Kleinedler moved to accept the nominating committees slate of officers. Norman Steenstra seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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There were no nominations from the floor for AWVSWA Chairman. Wayne Eads moved to close nominations from the floor for AWVSWA Chairman. Robert Kleinedler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There were no nominations from the floor for AWVSWA Vice-Chairman. Ralph Taylor moved to close nominations from the floor for AWVSWA Vice-Chairman. Bill Patton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There were no nominations from the floor for AWVSWA Board of Directors. Robert Kleinedler moved to close nominations from the floor for AWVSWA Board of Directors. Howland Sharpe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Grunau requested an acclamation from the floor to accept for Roger Frame, Chairman, Joyce Harris-Thacker, Vice Chairman, Sherrie Hunter and Tammy Bonar, Board of Directors. There was an acclamation from the floor and all were in favor.

- B. **Approval of 2009 Conference:** Bob Wines reported that the AWVSWA received proposals from the Waterfront Place Hotel and Lakeview Resort in Morgantown, The Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur springs, and Oglebay Resort in Wheeling. Due to the volatile market and fuel prices none of the four places will quote or lock in food prices at this time. No one will quote food until about 45 days before the conference. At this time we can only make the decision on where to have next year's conference based on room rates and conference space. After having reviewed the proposals, it is recommended that the conference be held at the Waterfront Place Hotel in Morgantown. It is a relatively new property and they have proposed a contract with a room rate of \$109.00 per night for single or double occupancy, or a suite for \$139.00 per night. The Waterfront Place Hotel would really like to host the 2009 AWVSWA/DEP Educational conference and have agreed to work out several things for us for our conference. The Waterfront Hotel does not have a November date available and is proposing October 18, 29, & 20, 2009 for the conference.

Michael Grunau moved that AWVSWA hold the conference on October 18, 19, and 20, 2009 at the Waterfront Place Hotel in Morgantown, West Virginia. Glenn Kocher seconded the motion.

There was discussion about the Waterfront Place Hotel. The Waterfront has reserved 150 rooms reserved for the AWVSWA on site. There was discussion about whether or not moving the conference to different locations around the state hurts the attendance; it was the thought of some that it does not.

The motion passed unanimously.

### VIII. **Solid Waste Issues from the Floor:**

Members were asked to review their addresses and contact information and please inform officers of any correction that need to be made. Chairman Frame invited encouraged any and all members to be a part of the quarterly board and conference planning meetings. The first one will held in

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January 2009 at the Waterfront Place Hotel. Sherrie Hunter asked the she be contacted if anyone knows of any company that would like to be an exhibitor next year.

**IX. Adjourn:** Glenn Kocher moved to adjourn the meeting. Bill Patton seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Roger Frame,      Chairman

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Rebecca Harlan, Secretary