

SWANA -MICHIGAN GREAT LAKES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 27, 2026

Virtual Teams Meeting

AGENDA DETAILS

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Call to Order was made by Chapter President, Summer Hitchens, at 12:01

2. ROLL CALL

- a. Roll Call was taken by Summer Hitchens - Paul and then Bryan 2nd

Present	Absent
Summer Hitchens	Tyler Ganus
Bob Swain	
Paul Sgriccia	
Matthew Biolette	
Brad Austin	
Kim Smelker	
Tim Sikma	
Bryan Marks	
Tami Craig	
Jennifer Bowyer	

3. REVIEW OF OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

I. SAFETY SHARE

Matt talks about recovery efforts during the big N Michigan snow event and how several trucks went into ditches and the need for caution though they always try to stay on the roads.

4. OFFICER REPORTS

- a. President – Summer Hitchens
 - i. RCon updates for 2026 in St Louis, Summer on content review committee. What people did and did not like about 2025. Early bird

discount. Having some trouble communicating w Nat'l on RCon. Bryan also brought up issue with our financials reporting, as it we but they could not find?

- b. Vice President – Jennifer Bowyer
 - i. Not present but may have some updates we will get at a later date
- c. Secretary – Bob Swain
 - i. No updates
- d. Treasurer – Bryan Marks
 - i. Financial statements
 - 1. Just under \$12k in the coffers. About \$900 in dues recv'd. Some money from Rochem for YP's

5. COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. Membership – Matt Biolette & Paul Sgriccia
 - i. Some conference activity helping w members. Need tangible to-do's. Hoping upcoming events will assist, such as tours. Paul adds that socials and LinkedIn have been beneficial
- b. Programs & Arrangements
 - i. 2Q Membership meeting will be at the QED facility in Dexter. Still looking for 3rd Q location and 4th Q annual will once again be at Grainger.
 - ii. Golf Outing also in the works
 - iii. Jennifer asks if interest in baseball game @ Lansing. Suggested to see if an evening game would receive better attendance
- c. Young Professionals – Tyler Ganus
 - i. ESD YP Happy Hour – went very well w 16 in attendance. Working on to-do's
 - ii. There will be a tour at the Wixom Spurt location this summer, no cost to attend
- d. Legislative – Kim Smelker
 - i. Two issue hanging out but. Ot much movement due to spring break
 - ii. Senate Bill 888 – no landfills within occupied dwellings.
 - iii. Project Lighthouse – HB 5710 and 5711, rolling back MI energy utility from back in the 50's, around methane landfill emissions and electric generation and BMP's. Next discussion April 18
 - iv. No further updates on part 115, at this point
- e. Safety Ambassador – Brad Austin
 - i. Nat'l release of industry stats on collection workers injuries up, landfill down. SWANA NWRA concerns on accuracy of data. Driver fatality in Oakland county last year and one in Westland

- ii. Road restrictions lifted last week
- f. Scholarship – Summer Hitchens
 - i. Danny? Was the recipient. From Ohio but works quite a bit in MI. With GT Environmental
- g. Region 9 – Tami Craig
 - i. Tami still not a part of the region though request have been sent. No Updates. Paul has Q on region 9 representation and potential issue with dues going more to Nat'l than state. Would like less going there but not sure how

6. NEW BUSINESS – N/A

- a. Paul – disposal of solar panels and wind turbine blades. Sites are rejecting and what might EGLE do to help out with these emerging waste streams. Currently handled more within Sustainability than waste. Paul also on MWEA speaks on goal to network w other organizations. They have an MOU and wondering if we have an interest in joining and that Tim Sikma is on their board. Tim speaks on how biosolids are characterized as waste more than a reuseable resource. Matt mentions support for both items Paul brought up. There is a restructure at his job and may need transition away from the board and there is another employee Molly at Fleis that he would like to take over. She is formerly from Kent County and Matt will introduce her later.
- b. Matt Biolette – biosolids, introduced Molly Sherwood as a replacement for his position on the board. Molly was at Kent County, now at same company for 3 years,
- c. MOU for MWEA – to collaborate each other. Matt made motion to determine if MOU is acceptable. Second by Tim Sikma, motion passed.
- d. Geoffrey Connell introduced himself and welcomed SWANA to the QED facility. Mentioned the Biogas Americas conference in May 18th. Will have off-site tours, offered to share SWANA information. Promotional information.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Region 9 – Annual membership dues are high and more should come back to the Chapters because this is where and why people stay engaged; this is where they get the more day to day benefits.
- b. Purpose Statement and 3 ways to meet the needs of membership. There will be some drafts to present perhaps at the next meeting.
- c. Matt brings up topic on what happened at Portage with single hauler and if we want to put together an abstract on the pro's and con's of single hauler for a city, and outsourcing vs keeping internal. Has support from board. We could send this out to various agencies for their conferences (APWA, MML, MWEA). Matt mentions that EGLE did a webinar after we discussed and feels we should still work on this. Jennifer asks when abstracts may be due for the orgs that this would help. Tim mentions that Novi went single hauler? Tabled to disuss at next board meeting

- d. Summer mentions the training we went thru at RCon and working on our why? Paul mentions some older direction from when the program started. Summer to maybe start a shared doc we can work on. Paul and Summer have not yet connected on the original doc's that he has. Summer to maybe start a shared doc we can work on Paul has original documentation from Chapter to give to Summer.
- e. Paul brings up the additional people on the call today and if they have any comments, they are welcome to speak up and asks if board is interested in the MWEA MOU mentioned a bit earlier. Asks about a motion and MAtt makes the motion with Tim 2nding that motion. All in favor and passes
- f. Geoff Connell from QED speaks up on hosting next meeting and some Detroit area tours, week of May 18 American Biogas council. Wants to speak w Jennifer on Logistics of the upcoming meeting

8. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Motion to Adjourn
 - i. Tim moved to adjourn, Bryan seconded
 - ii. Adjournment at 12:49 pm