

**SWANA Roadrunner Chapter**  
**General Membership and Officer's Meeting**

Friday, January 14, 2011

NMED-District 1 – Sandia Room

Albuquerque, NM

Submitted by JoAnne Weaver, Executive Secretary

Reviewed by Danita Boettner, Secretary & Jerry Kamieniecki, Communication Chairman

*\*Asterisks indicate there were handouts that are filed with the copy of these minutes*

**General Membership Attendance:**

Marcia Pincus, Danita Boettner, Jack Chappelle, Joseph Ellis, Marlene Feuer, Jerry Kamieniecki, Terry Nelson, David Robinson, Ramona Torres-Ford, Shote Forrester, Phill Westen and JoAnne Weaver.

**I. Call to Order and Welcome**

President Marcia Pincus called the meeting to order at 11:09 a.m.

**II. Approval of Minutes \***

**MSC:** Ramona Torres-Ford and Terry Nelson moved to approve the December 3, 2010 Annual Meeting minutes as written.

**III. Approval of Treasurer's Report \***

David Robinson, Treasurer, reviewed the December 31, 2010 Balance Sheet and the Actual to Budget Summary Report as follows:

- Rio Grande Credit Union accounts: \$24,030.13
- SWANA National E-Business account: \$ 10,953.53
- Accounts Receivable: \$235.00 (Training/Annual Mtg. Invoices less prior class credits)
- Total Income for December 31, 2010: \$1,482.57 (Budget: \$1,735.00)
- Year-to Date Income: \$32,246.59 (Budget: \$38,539.00)
- Total Expenses for December 2010: \$2,446.22 (Budget: \$1,320.00)
- Year-to-Date Expenses: \$28,874.66 (Budget: \$32,402.00)
- Year-to-Date Net Profit: \$3,371.93 (Budget: \$6,137.00)

**MSC:** Ramona Torres-Ford and Terry Nelson moved to approve the Treasurer's report as presented.

**IV. Special Reports**

The planned agenda was set aside so the Board of Directors could consider three special timely items as follows:

### **A. Legislative Letter**

Marlene Feuer, NM Waste Management, thanked the NM SWANA Roadrunner Chapter for approving, writing and sending a letter to the New Mexico State Legislature supporting Bill 643 and its amendments to the Solid Waste Act. This amendment would allow privately owned and operated landfills to have the same permit time period as publicly owned and operated landfill. This bill would allow twenty-years between renewals of solid waste landfill permits for all landfills within the State of New Mexico regardless of whether they are privately or publicly owned and operated.

Marlene indicated that this bill is to go before the legislature during the second week of the 2011 legislative session, which starts on January 18, 2011.

### **B. Recommendations to Improve the Funding of NMED-SWB \***

Jack Chappelle, Engineering Solutions and Design, Inc., proposed that the Roadrunner Chapter identify a way to support solutions for funding the New Mexico Environmental Department-Solid Waste Bureau (NMED-SWB) operations, which due to under funding cannot consistently provide the staff and resources necessary to ensure proper management of solid waste activities in New Mexico.

Jack recommended that the SWANA Roadrunner Chapter of New Mexico, being the largest solid waste organization in the state, provide support for establishing additional funding for NMED-SWB that would provide operational funds outside of the State's General Fund. A study would need to be performed and would need to be in conjunction with NMED-SWB representation to ensure that the following outcomes be provided:

1. Identify a realistic level of service that can be provided by the NMED-SWB.
2. Determine a level of funding required to meet this level of service.
3. Evaluate various reliable funding sources for carrying out this level of service.
4. Determine the method to establish this funding source(s).

Jack also stated that if the chapter does not move forward in a timely manner, it would be failing the solid waste education and oversight in New Mexico.

To accomplish these outcomes, Jack offered the ES&D staff to complete an initial analytic study on the matter and provide a preliminary recommendation. Ultimately, an appointed SWANA Roadrunner Chapter Task Force would need to be formed to best move forward in a

1. Prompt manner of about 6-months, not 3-years
2. Making sure that the NMED-SWB staffing is adequate to meet the needs of their responsibilities.



3. To lower the cost of training both for the State and solid waste facilities

Jack elaborated on possible ways training and certification could be improved upon with costs lowered as follows:

1. Hold all training at a 3-4 day conference, once or twice a year.
2. Use a variety of trainers including consultants who would offer their services.
3. Seek sponsor support as well as vendors to offset the cost of the event(s).
4. Hold these trainings in a centralized location such as Albuquerque beginning in 2012.

**MSC:** Phill Westen and David Robinson to approve a motion that the ES&D staff do an initial analysis for review at the March 14, 2011 Membership and Officers Meeting.

**(Adm. Note:** Jack Chappelle will be at the March 2011 meeting, but is not able to attend the February meeting.)

#### **C. Action on Training Locations and Possible Scholarships**

At the request of Connie Pasteris and Joseph Ellis, Training Committee Co-Chairs, a decision be made on the following topics:

1. Whether training locations should be used that charge a fee
2. Facilities, able to assist in providing locations that are free, be offered a full scholarship for registration of their staff

An open discussion followed resulting in the following motion:

**MSC:** Terry Nelson and Phill Westen to approve a motion that rent-free locations are to be used for all training courses, and should a facility assist in obtaining a rent-free location, two of their staff be offered a 25% (\$50) discount.

#### **V. 2011 Meeting Locations and Dates**

The following Membership and Officers Meeting Schedule for the first 5-months of 2011 was consensually agreed upon as follows:

- Tuesday, February 8 – CDM Conference Room
- Tuesday, March 8 - NMED District 1 - Sandia Room
- Tuesday, April 12 – Possible Roundtable Meeting (location to be determined)
- Friday, May 13 - if Road-E-O is held (location not determined)

#### **VI. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

