



NM SWANA ROADRUNNER CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

General Membership and Officers Meeting

Tuesday, February 15, 2022 - Remote Zoom Meeting

Submitted by JoAnne Weaver, Executive Secretary

Reviewed and Edited by Ken Ziegler, Secretary

Board Members and Guests in Attendance: Charles Fiedler, Angelica Gurule, John Holmes, Matt Kingsley, Randall Kippenbrock, Levi Lementino, Rafael Leos, Martin Lucero, [Amanda Otieno](#), Douglas Schimic, Shirlene Sitton, Ken Ziegler and JoAnne Weaver

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I. Call to Order: SWANA NM RR Chapter Business Meeting

Shirlene Sitton, President, called the monthly Chapter Meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.

[Rafael Leos](#)

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II. Safety Minute

Martin Lucero, the Roadrunner Chapter Safety Ambassador, presented *Drivers' Safety Report* as follows:

- **Think ahead.** Drivers should not put themselves in an unnecessary backing situation.
- **Park defensively.** Drivers choose an easy-exit parking space, like pull-through or where no one else is parked. Don't crowd neighboring vehicles; be sure to park your vehicle in the middle of your space.
- **Know your vehicle's blind spots.** Drivers need to remember that mirrors never give the whole picture while backing. In a medium-sized truck, blind spots can extend up to 16 feet in front and 160 feet behind the vehicle.
- **Do a walk-around.** Before entering your vehicle do a walk-around. This gives you a firsthand view of the backing area and any limitations. You can check for children, signs, poles, drop-offs, buildings, and other things you might hit if not attentive in your backing.
- **Know your clearances.** While performing your walk-around also check for obstructions, low hanging eaves and tree limbs, wires, and any other potential clearance-related obstacles.
- **Alley parking is a special circumstance.** If an alley doesn't permit driving all the way through or room to turn around, you should back into it (if ordinances permit) so when leaving you can pull forward into the street rather than backing blindly out into the street.
- **Use a spotter.** Have another person help when backing. The driver and spotter should use hand signals instead of verbal instructions. This may take some practice so that you understand each other's signals. Do not allow the spotter to be positioned directly behind your vehicle or walk backwards behind you while giving instructions. They should be off to the driver's side where you can see them in your side mirror.
- **Every backing situation is new and different.** Sometimes a driver visits the same location several times a day. The driver should be watchful each visit for changes and new obstacles (new vehicles, trash cans, people, etc.)



- **Drivers sometimes must spot for themselves.** They need to return to the vehicle and start backing within a few seconds after finishing their walk-around. This will allow very little time for people, cars, or other obstacles to change the backup conditions. Backing without a spotter should only take place after the driver has learned as much as possible about the area they are backing into.

Long-Term Solutions to Safe Backing

- **Install rear-vision camera systems in vehicles to eliminate rear blind spots.** Investing in a rear-vision camera system for vehicles can put drivers in full visual control of the rear of a vehicle
- **No amount of forward-driving** experience can help a driver with backing a truck or other vehicles. All drivers need practice, practice, practice in safe surroundings until they become familiar with the way the vehicle backs up compared to the direction the steering wheel is turned. Supervisors need to test and approve drivers' skills before allowing them on the streets.
- **Create and support a company-wide training program.** The program should include a driver's course to teach and review backing techniques, as well as covering equipment usage, hand signals, dangers to avoid, and other risk-lowering topics. OMAG has partnered with OSU/OKC's Precision Driving School to provide training to municipal drivers free of charge. Contact OMAG Risk Management Services to get more details on how to sign up.

III. Approval of January 11, 2022, Meeting Minutes

MSC: Martin Lucero and Rafael Leos to approve the January 11, 2022, minutes as presented.

IV. Approval of January 31, 2022, Financial Reports

MSC: Martin Lucero and Doug Shimic to approve the January 31, 2022, Financial Reports as presented.

V. Old Business – Further Discussion of Plans for 2022 Road-E-O

See Committee Reports below

VI. New Business – Announcements

Shirlene Sitton, President, announced she had met with Rafael Leos to discuss which committees he will choose on, which are as follows:

1. Education & Training Committee
2. Safety Committee
3. Awards Committee
4. Bylaws Committee

Shirlene also reported that she had met with the NMSWANA officers to discuss JoAnne Weaver's possible retirement and would be getting back with JoAnne with more information.

Ken Ziegler announced that [Reaching out to Universities about Student SWANA memberships.](#)



Charles will talk to NM Tech.

Rafael-will talk to NM State.

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VII. 2021/2022 Committee Reports

- **Nominating Committee:** Shirlene Sitton, President and Chair of this committee indicated that she, Douglas Shimic and Angelica Gurule make up this committee but that there was nothing new to report this month.

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- **Education/Training Committee:** Angelica Gurule, Committee Chair reported as follows:
The NMSWANA Education and Training Committee is working on developing a continuing education program that would allow operators to obtain CEU's in an expedited manner. This new CEU opportunity may potentially be held in collaboration with NM EDGE. All trainings will require pre-approval from NMED Solid Waste Bureau Chief. During this transition period, the subcommittee will host round table discussions for operators to earn CEU's. These will also require pre-approval from NMED. SWANA webinars are still available for solid waste operators to take as a way to earn CEU's.

Levi Lementino, NMED-SWB, added information regarding the March 8-10, 2022, Transfer Station Operator Certification course as follows:

1. The class will take place at the Moriarty Civic Center with 22 persons in attendance.
2. This class is by invitation only and will not be announced on the NMSWANA website.

Action Item: *Levi will be placed on each month's agenda to give news update regarding plans and dates for further planned training plans.*

- **Road-E-O Committee:** Shirlene Sitton announced that there will not be a local NMSWANA 2022 Road-E-O but all are encouraged to attend the TxSWANA Road-E-O and conference to be held on April 22 and 23, 2022 in Lubbock, Texas.

Charles Fiedler also reported that he will be involved in the TxSWANA Road-E-O and urged board member facilities to plan to attend this event. Charles also shared a form as follows:

TxSWANA 2022 Road-E-O

Lubbock, Texas is the location of the Texas Lone Star Chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America (TxSWANA) 2022 ROAD-E-O, April 22-23, 2022. The TxSWANA Road-E-O is a highly anticipated annual competition for top truck driving, equipment operating, and mechanic honors between representatives of solid waste management organizations, private and public waste sector companies, and other organizations. Come showcase your skills and compete to determine who is the best of the best!

A special Road-E-O early registration room rate of \$149.00 is available for the dates of April 22-23, 2022 at the DoubleTree by Hilton. The early registration rate expires April 7, 2022. Reservations are open now – call to reserve your room and provide the group code (CDTSAC) or follow the link below to receive the special rate.

DoubleTree by Hilton – Lubbock University Area, 505 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Texas

Reservation Line: (806) 516-0400

Reservation Link: [2022 TxSWANA Road-E-O](#)

Take a moment to complete the registration form and reserve your place as a competitor, judge, or



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sponsor at the TxSWANA 2022 Road-E-O!

For any questions, please contact me at roadeo@txswana.org or (806) 775-2335.

Sincerely,

Brenda Haney, PE, Chair

- **Safety Committee:** Martin Lucero, Safety Committee Chair, explained EVSWA's Safety Program. The innovate award EVSWA received resulted from enabling employees to be in contract through a safety incentive program. The program requires employees to complete deliverables and at the end of their contract term they are able to receive a safety incentive, which amounts to a monetary value.

Action: Shirlene Sitton, President, strongly suggested that Martin use the proposed Education and Training Committee program to incorporate a Regional Training class for this Safety Award education.
- **Legislative Committee:** Charles Fiedler, committee chair again noted that the legislature called into session during January, has no solid waste items noted on the agenda.
- **AB Region 2 and National Reports:** Charles Fiedler, Region 2 Rep and Committee Chair, reported as follows:
 1. SWANA's new premier technical spring conference, is taking place **March 21-24, 2022, in Kansas City, MO**. SOAR brings together professionals and experts from ALL disciplines of the resource management community, offering technical education, networking events, peer-to-peer learning and actionable, fact-based solutions to advance the future of resource management.
 2. Climate Change emphases should on Greenhouse Gasses
 3. Elizabeth Reed is heading up the Nominating Committee
 4. The Annual Conference will be in the State of Utah
 5. The U.S. Senate is working on recycling issues

VIII. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:41pm.