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**MEETING MINUTES
FOR
NEW MEXICO SWANA ROADRUNNER CHAPTER
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AND OFFICERS' MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2024
(VIRTUAL MEETING)**

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Rafael Leos called the New Mexico Roadrunner Chapter Board of Directors meeting on December 10, 2024 at 11:00 am, held virtually via Zoom.

II. ROLL CALL

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Rafael Leos, President/Safety Ambassador
Stephanie Mosley, Secretary
Tyler Zack PE, Young Professionals Chair
Danita Boettner, PE
Charles Fiedler, PE
Shirlene Sitton

MEMBERSHIP PRESENT

Wes Glakas
Tom Parker
Armando Gabaldon
Garry Moore
Levi Lementino
Alejandro Romero

GUESTS PRESENT

None

III. SAFETY MINUTE

Safety Ambassador Rafael Leos initiated dialogue on line of fire and zone of safety. Rafael spoke about a need to ask operators where the zone of safety is on their equipment and ensure that all workers are aware and can demonstrate.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes for Regular Meeting held November 12, 2024 via Zoom.

Stephanie Mosley motioned for the vote to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Tyler Zack. The motion passed unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF BUDGET & FINANCIAL REPORTS

BALANCE SHEET & P&L

Treasurer Randall Kippenbrock was unable to attend the meeting, the financial forms were delayed due to bank error, requested to table this topic until next meeting.

Danita Boettner motioned for the vote to table the budget info until the next meeting on January 14, 2025, the motion was seconded by Charles Fiedler. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A: TALKING TRASH SUMMIT

Shirlene Sitton spoke how it came to be because of the Governor's Initiative of Beautification. Initial purpose was to assist in launching the new litter campaign and to get ideas and share info on how we can support the beautification efforts in New Mexico. Open dialogue expressing agreeance that this Summit was a great first step in bridging the gap between industry and lawmakers, giving them the ability to see industry hurdles. Group take-aways being we need to keep it going beyond the hurdles, suggestions were made to get speakers from the summit to speak at the SWANA conference.

ITEM B: UPDATE IN FINANCIAL BOOKKEEPER TRANSITION/ BENCHMARKS & STARCHAPTER

There was no update on financial or bookkeeping transition, Rafael Leos spoke on the new Roadrunner Chapter website currently in the works, no update on launch as of yet.

ITEM C: BYLAWS REVIEW COMMITTEE & EDITABLE DOCUMENTS TO BOARD MEMBERS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS & MODIFICATIONS

Rafael Leos spoke on the bylaws being sent to board members for feedback, then subcommittee will review. Soft deadline will be by the end of next week, December 20th. Danita Boettner mentioned MOU with region, Rafael clarified that the MOU would need to be refreshed and familiarized with, and additional documentations may be added later. Ultimately any changes will need to be in coordination with National SWANA. Garry spoke on concerns he has seen of boards meeting quorum, spoke that it may be necessary to write additional text in bylaws to overpass if there is ever a need.

ITEM D: LEGISLATIVE SESSION NMED/SWB & SOLID WASTE INDUSTRY OPERATORS & FEE STRUCTURE DISCUSSION

Old and new legislative sessions coming up in January. There have been discussions held with the bureau about fee structures. Shirlene Sitton requested joint meeting with NM Chapter Subcommittee to discuss the "proposed fee schedule" which is not part of the legislative process, it is in fact the only aspect that SWANA can control. A committee should be formed to help determine the fees, Rafael will submit requests for meeting times and find the best way to organize.

ITEM E: SWANA LANDFILL REBRANDING COMMITTEE UPDATE DISCUSSION

Rafael Leos spoke on a meeting he attended on landfill rebranding, topics of discussion: PFAS & accumulation in compost, developing program for RCon, marketing, and bridging the gap between legislatures and production, and ensuring education on how landfills

actually work. Shirlene spoke about upcoming rebranding of NMED to be called Resource Recovery Bureau after the fiscal year. Danita Boettner emphasized the importance of addressing landfill issues unique to the New Mexico climate and the importance in the involvement in regulations. Rafael highlighted the need for public education with all of the knowledge available to the public, they need to have the tools to understand the information they have available. Shirlene suggested bringing the concerns to the regional level.

VII. COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS & REPORTS

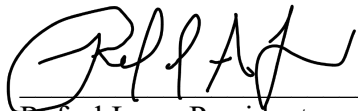
- **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** – Currently idled, no report.
- **RECRUITMENT/MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** – Tyler Zack spoke on a new member to be added soon. He spoke about plans to start reaching out to UNM as soon as the holidays are over and the new semester begins. Rafael would like to create a plan with NMU as well. Alejandro Romero spoke on his organization encouraging and supporting him being a SWANA member and being happy to be involved. Garry Moore spoke on wanting to become a member of the recruitment and membership committee, he spoke on a lack of communication he faced in the chapter, and would like to help improve that aspect for others.
- **EDUCATION/TRAINING COMMITTEE** – Danita Boettner spoke on conversations she had after the Talking Trash Summit with possibly joining forces soliciting feedback on the MOU. Danita is in the process of setting up a meeting with Levi Lementino.
- **ROAD-E-O COMMITTEE** – Nothing to report, Rafael is looking for support, would like for Las Cruces to possibly host. Armando added to sub-committee.
- **SAFETY COMMITTEE** – Nothing to report.
- **SWANA AB REGION 2 & NATIONAL REPORTS** – Rafael spoke on Matt Kingsley possibly not getting all the communication, Shirlene will work with Matt to ensure he gets access to the information needed for the role. Rafael also spoke on a board of directors meeting he attended for national SWANA, expressing accountability being the top priority.
- **YOUNG PROFESSIONAL (YP)** – Tyler Zack will be meeting with Wes Glakas. Tyler expressed the inability to do much this time of year due to holidays and finals, will start back up in January to get on a committee at UNM. Rafael spoke about accountability and wanting to make a change, he would like to look into implementing a professional development program with time in position possibly granting free membership. Rafael also suggested to Tyler to get a full list of eligible YP members.
- **LEGISLATIVE** – Charles Fiedler spoke on upcoming important legislative dates. January 2, 2025 – January 17, 2025 the legislation may be pre-filed, January 21, 2025 at noon will be the opening day, February 20, 2025 is the deadline for introduction, March 22, 2025 at noon the session ends, April 11, 2025 Legislation not acted upon by the Governor is pocket vetoed, and June 20, 2025 is the effective date of legislation not a general appropriation bill or a bill carrying an emergency clause or other specified date.
- **ROUND TABLES** – Danita Boettner will talk with Garry Moore to see if he would be willing to host, Shirlene spoke on the state possibly being involved in the discussions. Rafael suggested something to be put to paper and get this going before January Board Meeting.

- **SCHOLARSHIP/STIPEND COMMITTEE** – Rafael inquired on how we can help YP members, possibly reach out to other chapters to see what their process is. He also stated that we would need to address the MOU's and bylaws before anything is decided.
- **BYLAWS COMMITTEE** – Nothing to report.
- **ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEE** – Rafael spoke on a possible collaborative meeting with NMRC in order to be a supporting role. Charles stated that venues in Santa Fe are more likely due to running out of affordable venues in Albuquerque. Rafael insists on the importance of being ahead of this in order to make the conference effective, and something of substance.

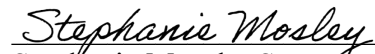
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, President Rafael Leos adjourned the meeting at 12:16 pm.

APPROVED THIS 14TH OF JANUARY 2025 BY THE SWANA NEW MEXICO
CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS:



Rafael Leos, President



Stephanie Mosely, Secretary