

On May 14, 2026, at 10:05 am, the Keystone Chapter of the SWANA Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by **Scot Sample**. The meeting was in person at the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority, with some members attending virtually. Those in attendance were:

Officers	Board of Directors		Committee Chairs, Members, Visitors
Scot Sample	Mike Brubaker	Chris Toevs	Chanda Martino
Michele Nestor	Thomas DaCosta	Dave Yesavage	David George
Ashley Dobak	Adrienne Fors	Dan Youngs	
Denise Wessels	Chuck Raudenbush	Jim Zendek	

Not present: Skip Garner, Dan Brown, Dan Fellon, Jill Hamill, Scott McGrath, Bob Watts

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Sample presented the minutes from the April 2, 2026, Board of Directors Meeting.

Youngs moved to approve the minutes without edits, and **Toevs** seconded. A vote was called, and the motion passed unanimously.

The April 2, 2026, Board of Directors Meeting minutes are attached and included in the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Martino presented the Treasurer's Report. The signatures have been updated with the bank for the investment account. As a result, two \$12,000 CDs were purchased to avoid having cash sitting in the investment account.

Fors motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, including paying the Business Manager's invoice, as presented. **DaCosta** seconded. The vote was called, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report and Business Manager invoice are attached and included in the minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advisory Council

Toevs gave an update from the April 9th Advisory Council Meeting. Big SWANA reported that revenues are \$300,000 under budget, and expenses are \$421,000 favorable to budget. RCon came in more favorable to the budget, and labor expenses are down.

Membership numbers are lower, SWANA's training is down 44% this year, and they are spending more on digital marketing and consulting services. They've signed a contract with a third-party professional management association for internal labor.

2026 RCon will be in St. Louis, Missouri, at the end of September.

Articles & Bylaws

No report.

Audit/Budget/Finance

No report.

Communications & Newsletter

Possible June or early July for next newsletter distribution. If anyone has any articles for the next newsletter, send them to Denise or Adrienne.

Legislative & Policy

Raudenbush noted that the House and Senate are both working on their budgets with a June 30 deadline for the 2027 fiscal year. PROP has approached us to support House Bill 1233, the battery bill. PWIA and PROP are 100% behind the legislation. It passed the House and is now before the Senate Environmental Committee.

Following a brief discussion, **Toevs** moved to send a letter in support of House Bill 1233. **Youngs** seconded. The vote was called, and the motion passed unanimously.

Raudenbush will provide the PROP letter.

Membership & Marketing

No report.

Personnel & Nominating

Dobak sent out the call for nominations. Nominations run through the end of May; the slate of nominees will be presented at the June meeting. Email Ashley or Chanda if interested in running.

Fall Conference

Nestor reported Early Registration went live for last year's exhibitors and sponsors. Next week, regular registration will go live.

The theme of the conference is changes in attitudes, so the focus is on waste aversion, waste of energy, and a few sessions on resiliency in the workplace. The agenda is nearly full and posted on the chapter website.

Mini-Tech Seminars

Wessels reported that the April 16 Advanced Recycling Technology Mini-Technical Seminar at CCRRA went well. She is looking to host another mini-tech in October or November.

Road-E-O

Martino reported that 37 competitors are signed up for 7 events. It would be helpful to have more volunteers register. Currently, there are 19 volunteers. The Road-E-O is June 26th at Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority.

Safety

Yesavage would like to visit sites this summer with site safety and heat stress information. Potentially add battery disposal information.

Scholarships

Chapter scholarship applications were updated and sent out to members a few weeks ago. The deadline was extended to July 1.

Strategic Planning

No report.

Young Professionals

No report.

CHAPTER CALENDAR

May 2026

- 5/14, 10 am - **Board Meeting, Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority**
- 5/31, BOD nominations Deadline

June 2026

- 6/4, 10 am - **Board Meeting virtual**
- 6/4, Nominating Committee presents Slate of Officers and Directors for election
- **6/26 – 2026 Mid-Atlantic Regional Road-E-O**, Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority

July 2026

- 7/1, Chapter Scholarship Application Deadline
- 7/2, 10 am - **Board Meeting virtual**

August 2026

- **No Board Meeting**

September 2026

- **9/9 & 9/10 - Annual Joint Fall Conference, Hilton Harrisburg**
- **9/10, Chapter Annual Business Meeting and Election** immediately following Fall Conference
- Chapter Fiscal Year Ends

OLD BUSINESS

Toevs provided feedback to Big SWANA on how they are interacting with local state chapters. He believes the message was received because, in one of their latest publications, they shared a visit to a Baltimore Merf and partnered with Mid-Atlantic SWANA to put on that tour.

NEW BUSINESS

A scholarship is offered for the PROP conference. If anyone is interested in an application, contact Denise.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Keystone Chapter Board of Directors will be held virtually on June 4, 2026, at 10:00 am.

ADJOURN

With no further business to address, **Raudenbush** moved to adjourn the meeting, which **Fors** seconded. A vote was called, and the motion passed unanimously at 10:38 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chanda Martino, Business Manager