Minutes
SWANA Florida Sunshine Chapter
Annual Chapter Business Meeting via WebEx
June 9, 2020 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

President Keith Howard called the meeting to order. He mentioned that it is Waste and Recycling Workers Week and reminded everyone that waste and recycling workers are on the front lines in our communities, and our chapter has been celebrating them this week. He said collection services are essential to the health and safety of our communities.

Keith also shared that the board and technical committees are exploring ways to bring value to members during this pandemic, and he asked members to reach out with any ideas they may have. If you’re not involved in a technical committee, he encourages you to reach out to him or the committee chair. Keith said this may be a challenging year, but is confident we can get through it together.

Treasurer Becky Bray gave the chapter financial report. She explained that revenues are down this year due to the cancelation of the Road-E-O and Summer Conference, but expenses are also down. The lack of events this year has hurt, but thanks to our previous savings we are in a good position to weather this fiscal year. We are beginning to work on next year’s budget. The board is looking for opportunities to increase revenues and reduce expenses now and in the future.

Scholarship Chair Nathan Mayer announced that Tara Kari from the University of Florida is the winner of the $2000 chapter scholarship this year. The Scholarship Committee also reviewed many applications for the SWANA national scholarships and have sent a nominee in each category to SWANA for consideration.

Nominations Chair Tammy Hayes announced the new directors for the 2020-2022 term. They are Michael Fernandez with Miami Dade County, Earl Gloster with the City of Clearwater, Damien Tramel with Hillsborough County and Ravi Kadambala with the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County. Their term will begin on July 1, 2020.

Conference Chair Tammy Hayes shared that WASTECON 2021 will be November 1-3, 2021, in Kissimmee, FL. Our chapter will be involved with several components of the event. She’s looking for volunteers to coordinate the golf tournament, publicity, technical tour and technical sessions. If you are interested, please contact Tammy at HayesT@cdmsmith.com.

Keith Howard recognized outgoing board members and thanked them for their service to the chapter: Allan Cole with Orange County Solid Waste, Nathan Mayer with the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County, Bill Pickrum with the City of Dunedin and Sam Levin with S2Li.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted
Crystal Bruce, Chapter Administrator