SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
ANNUAL CONGRESS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2001
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Present: Jim Close, Outgoing Chair Karl Graham, Incoming Chair
Bob Wagner, Member Rudy Davidson, Member
George Crombie, New Member Ann Daniels, Staff liaison
Christine Andersen, At Large Director Liaison
Kathy Mestainer, SWANA representative
Jim Warner, SWANA representative
Herb Flosdorf, Facilitator

Absent: Gregg Varner, outgoing member

1. Jim Close called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Meeting summary notes were approved from the August 21, 2001 call.

3. Jim Close reported on the proposal the committee has forwarded to the Congress Program Review Committee and Patricia Kutt, Education Director, on the possibility of offering a Debris Management Pre-Con Workshop or a Super-Sized session at Congress 2002. He has sent a letter to the committee stating the strong desire for this to happen. The CPR committee will meet in November to review the education sessions.

Karl Graham reported that Larry Nadeau, incoming Chair of the Emergency Management Committee, asked if the Solid Waste Committee might offer this as one of its guaranteed sessions. Since all three sessions are completed for 2002, Karl will ask Larry to send a letter supporting the Solid Waste committee’s request as listed above.

4. Connie Hartline, Publications Manager, discussed the possibility of the committee’s composing an outline for a new publication on Uses for Closed Landfills. Included in the outline could be open space uses, uses for both old and new landfills, habitat for endangered species, and others. Ann Daniels reminded the committee of the large number of requests for information on this topic generated through the infoNOW community.

Following more discussion, George Crombie offered to prepare a draft outline for the committee’s review. Authors for proposed chapters and how much
involvement the committee feels comfortable in providing for this project will be discussed at the next conference call.

5. Christine Andersen, Director at Large, reported that the issue of the appointment cycle for PET members, duties of the PETs, and possible increase in membership will continue to be discussed by the Board of Directors during this meeting and at the January Board meeting.

The proposed Combine P/E/T meeting dates of November 30-December 2 were reviewed with only one of the committee members certain he could attend during those dates. Strong preference was stated for the meeting being held in the Spring so that the group had more time to prepare their plans for the next year’s sessions, etc.

6. President-elect Richard Ridings joined the committee and offered his encouragement and appreciation to the group for the work they are doing on behalf of our members and the Association. He agreed to discuss a change in the Combined PET meeting dates with the appropriate staff and At Large Directors.

7. A final review of the Solid Waste related duties during Congress was held with an emphasis placed on attendance at the Open Forum session.

8. Jim Close reviewed the Annual Report he will present at the Board meeting and Business Plan he will give at the Coordination Council Luncheon.

9. Karl Graham assumed the responsibility as Chair of the incoming committee.

10. Ann Daniels reported that two of the three Guaranteed Sessions have been completed for 2002 Congress. The only one outstanding is the material from Paul Ruesch on the Illegal Dumping Handbook. Karl Graham will remind Paul of the September 30 deadline.

11. Topics and authors for the February issue of the APWA Reporter were discussed. The following topics and authors were decided upon:
   1. Beneficial use of closed landfills (multi-faceted project) – Bob Wagner
   2. Beneficial use of closed landfill – Rudy Davidson
   3. Debris Mgt. (teaser article) – Jim Close

   The articles are due to Ann Daniels by January 15, 2002.

12. During a review of the Business Plan for 2001-2002, it was decided to amend the previously adopted plan to delete “Click, Listen and Learn” as a means of offering the Debris Management Session.

13. The discussion of proposing a policy/position statement on the topic of interstate waste was tabled until the October conference call.
14. The date and hour for conference calls was set for the Third Tuesday of the month at 11:00 Eastern, 10:00 Central, 9:00 Mountain, and 8:00 Pacific time.

15. Jim Close introduced Herb Flosdorf, a solid waste consultant from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, who facilitated the discussion concerning the need for the survey previously discussed by SWANA and APWA as a joint effort.

A very stimulating session was held with the outcome validating the need for the survey to be conducted. Jim Close agreed to have the newsprint sheets transcribed, serving as the notes from the session. Christine Andersen will discuss the capabilities of conducting the survey on-line with the APWA IT staff.

The members of the APWA Task Force and SWANA representatives to the Task Force will be included in the next conference call for further discussion.

16. Jim Close asked Rudy Davidson about the status of the Shared Responsibility Resolution adopted previously by the Conference of Mayors. Rudy stated that a work product is to be developed at the Fall meeting. Rudy will share that information when it is received.

17. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.