

NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION
SOUTH JERSEY SECTION
Minutes of the March 25, 2025 Business Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

The business meeting of the New Jersey Environment Association South Section was called to order by President Steve Blankenship at 22:25 hours at The Bonesaw Pilot House at 1750 Deptford Center Road in Deptford, New Jersey. The following members were present at roll call:

Steve Blankenship, President
Kevin Whitney, Vice President
Kathy Collinge, Treasurer
Joe Rizzuto, Trustee
Joe Pantalone, Past President

Approval of Minutes: President Steve Blankenship made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2024 business meeting, approved by Kevin Whitney, seconded by Joe Rizzuto and unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

President's Report: Steve Blankenship

- Confirmed the attendance of our 10 Delegates for the upcoming NJWEA Governing Council meeting on September 20th.
- February 20th attended the South Section Annual Orientation meeting with our Committee Chairs.
 - Thank you, Joe Pantalone, for hosting the South Section Annual Orientation meeting at the ACUA Recycling Center.

Vice President's Report: Kevin Whitney

- April 4, 2025 - South section Executive Board Meeting.
- June 5, 2025 - Business Meeting and Awards Dinner at the Lobster House in Cape May.
- The scholarship deadline is Monday, we have received six scholarship applications.
- Health and Safety Committee, Industrial Committee, Seminar and Technology Committee and Young Professionals Committee to work together to plan an event for the Fall that includes a plant tour/lecture/class with TCH, a meal and a YP networking event – an attempt to combine the efforts of these 4 committees to collaborate and work toward a singular goal; we will need to establish a lead from one of the committees.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Collinge

- The South Sections Association checking account balance as of February 28, 2025 was \$56,913.56.
- The Section's Wells Fargo scholarship portfolio for February 2025 had a closing value of \$25,452.58. This value includes (3) \$6,000 dollar CDs maturing March 2025, November 2026, May 2027, and (1) \$7000 CD maturing November 2028. The current market value is \$25,198.57 and the cash and sweep balance is \$350.41.
- I will give Bill LaPorte the honor of reporting Vendor's Day. At present, I am collecting \$450.00 in open invoices from attendees. Once those are collected, 50% of the profits will go to SJWP.

- Attended an Annual Committee Chairs Meeting on February 20th.
- The most recent reconciliation, current budget vs. actual reports and profit/loss statements were sent electronically for ratification. The reports are available on request for anyone who would like to look at them. Please motion for approval before the end of this meeting. Thank you.
 - Steve Blankenship made a motion to approve the reported reconciliation, current budget vs. actual report and profit/loss statement, approved by Dave Kennedy, seconded by Dennis Palmer and unanimously approved.

Secretary's Report: Kevin O'Donnell, No report

Past President's Report: Joe Pantalone, No report

NJWEA Report: No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Health & Safety: Janette Kessler, No report

Memberships: Rocco Maiellano, No report

Sick & Welfare: Rocco Maiellano, No report

Nominating & Awards: Rocco Maiellano, Josh Palombo

- President Blankenship sent nominations for the South section awards.

Affiliates: Bill LaPorte

- Vendors' Day was a success with over 300 attendees, 2 classes and 65 vendor tables.

Industrial: Chris Jepson, No Report

Legislative Report: Dennis W. Palmer

- Late March going into April is the beginning of budget hearings in the Legislature for the next State budget (July 2025-June 2026). For March there were nine days of committee hearings or meetings and three days for the budget. The following are bills of interest or impact on association members:

Bill A5195 Requires manufacturer of certain firefighting equipment containing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances to provide written notice to purchaser; prohibits sale, manufacture, and distribution of certain firefighting equipment containing intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

Bill A5357 Establishes farm pesticide, herbicide, and fertilizer collection and disposal program. Hopefully, this will help to keep these chemicals from being disposed of by pouring down a drain into a POTW.

Bill S1991 Establishes time-frame for adoption of, and requires public comment on, proposed annual economic benefits for certain solid waste facilities; authorizes residents to petition State to establish or adjust annual economic benefit. This bill would amend the law pertaining to the establishment of host community benefit agreements for municipalities in which sanitary landfill facilities or solid waste transfer stations operate

Golf Outing: Joe Rizzuto

- Golf outing is scheduled for Friday, September 19, 2025 at Valleybrook Country Club.
 - Valleybrook Country Club increased costs per golfer from \$60.00 to \$65.00.
 - Valleybrook Country club increased draft beer/fountain soda package (1 hour before and 2 hours for dinner) from \$9.00 to \$10.00.
- The Golf Outing Committee meeting will be scheduled for over the next couple of months.

Scholarship Awards: Kevin Whitney

- The scholarship deadline is Monday, we have received six scholarship applications.

Seminar & Technology: Andrew Lieb, No Report

Young Professionals:

- The South Section YP meet-up will be during the May conference.
- Thursday, August 21, 2025 TopGolf of Mount Laurel
- Lamekia Berry and Kayla Golliday have volunteered as Co-Chairs of the YP.
 - Lamekia and Kayla both work at ACUA.

Archives: Kathy Collinge

- Please send any photos, articles or items.

Publications:

- SCAN and Effluents publications are accepting articles or ideas.

Program: No Report

New Business: No Report

Old Business: No Report

Good for the Membership: No Report

Adjournment / Time:

President Steve Blankenship made a motion to adjourn the meeting, approved by Dennis Palmer, seconded by Gerry Savidge and unanimously approved at 06:35 hours.