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Happy Holidays, ISOSWO Members!

As we look forward to the upcoming new year, I want to say thank you for being a member of ISOSWO and collectively supporting solid waste management issues. Many of you have also dedicated numerous hours of volunteer time on the board, committees, conferences, and outreach that is also much appreciated.

We have a couple of important changes regarding communications with our members. Erin Vorac has managed the conference activities and ISOSWO's website and social media. She has relinquished those duties to spend more quality time with her family. We are grateful for the many years of stellar services that she has provided for ISOSWO. Thank you, Erin, and best wishes to you and your family.

At the December ISOSWO Board Meeting, two new agreements were approved, one for each of the annual conferences: the ISOSWO Spring Conference and the joint ISOSWO and IRA Iowa Recycling and Solid Waste Management Conference. We are proud to announce that former IRA President, Shannon Meister will be ISOSWO's new conference planner. We look forward to working with her.

The Board also approved a separate agreement for the services of Web Content Coordinator. Rhonda O'Connor with Grit Marketer will be taking over website maintenance, posting to the site, updates, e-blasts and many other web related activities. We look forward to working with Rhonda.

Committee chairs were approved and will be reaching out to the membership for those interested in volunteering for their specific committees. The current committee list will be available on the website as well as the 2019 meeting schedule. We have scheduled two "on-the-road" meetings this year, spring will take us to Great River Regional Waste and to Metro Waste Authority.

Look for information regarding a spring Heavy Equipment Operator training event; Spring Conference, April 4-5; and the Fall Conference, Sept. 30 to Oct. 2.

The deadline to apply for the Professional Sponsorship for SWANApalooza is Jan. 21. You can download the application on the ISOSWO website.

We are looking forward to working with all members in 2019 and wish you a Happy New Year!

– Bill Rowland