

Maryland Recyclers Coalition, Inc.
 Board of Directors Meeting
 March 21, 2006
 Offices of National Solid Waste Management Association, Washington, DC

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Stumpff at 10:02 a.m.

Board Members Present (13):	Officer/Director:	Affiliation:	Contact Information (if new):
Bob Stumpff	Chairman	City of College Park	
Virginia Lipscomb	Vice President	Citizen at Large	
Chaz Miller	Treasurer	Citizen at Large (employer: NSWMA)	
Charlie Reighart	Secretary	Baltimore County	
Bob Ernst	Director	Harford County	
Steve Kullen	Director	Subtractions, LLC	
Tom Parran	Director	Citizen at Large	
Marilyn Rybak	Director	Prince George's Co.	
Ford Schumann	Director	Infinity Recycling	
Lori Scozaffava	Director	SWANA	
Steve Stein	Director	R.W. Beck	
Craig Stuart-Paul	Director	WM Recycle America LLC	
Alan Wilcom	Director	Howard County	
Others Present (8):			
Marsha S. Boehm		Chesterfield Farms LLC	marketing@ chesterfieldfarmsorganic. com
Chelinda Bullock		Prince George's Co.	cvbullock@co.pg.md.us
Gemma Evans		City of College Park	
Kris Ferguson		R.W. Beck	kferguson@rwbeck.com
Kemba Saibou		Prince George's Co.	ksaibou@pg.co.md.us
Kara Schwenke		MDE	kschwenke@mde.state.md.us 410-537-3314
Carol Taylor		Anne Arundel County	ctaylor@aacounty.org
Julie Ventaloro		MDE	jventaloro@mde.state.md.us
Board Members Absent (4):			
Brian Ryerson (2)	President	Office Paper Systems	
Pam Kasemeyer (1)	Director	MD-DE Solid Waste Assn.	
Bruce Norton (1)	Director	Constellation Energy	
James Wood (1)	Director	Mid-Shore Regional Recycling Program	

INTRODUCTIONS

MINUTES

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the February 21, 2006 Board minutes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Chaz Miller distributed copies of MRC financial statements ending February 28, 2006. Copies of MRC's end of January financial statements had been distributed at the previous MRC Board meeting on February 21, 2006.

Chaz announced that MRC had a balance of about \$39,000 as of the end of February 2006. He said he had the 2005 tax forms King Stringfellow Group had prepared for MRC (for reporting purposes, not actual taxpaying). Chaz said he would forward the end of March financial statements to the Board once he receives them.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the January 31, 2006 financial report.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the February 28, 2006 financial report.

MDE REPORT

[electronic version requested from Dave Mrgich]

LEGISLATIVE & POLICY COMMITTEE

Bob Stumpff said that Senate Bill 553 (Construction & Demolition Materials Diversion) is likely to be referred to summer study, consistent with MRC's request.

House Bill 363 would allow counties to remove a solid waste facility from their ten year solid waste management plans under certain circumstances. While this bill is moving forward in Annapolis, Pam Kasemeyer said during a conference call Charlie Reighart participated in that this probably would not affect any facilities other than those in Harford County where the issue originated.

House Bill 1238 would alter the method of calculating recycled content percentage requirements for newspapers. Charlie Reighart encouraged those interested to seek out more information.

In the State of Washington, the legislature recently passed an e-cycling bill covering computers, monitors, and televisions. The bill requires manufacturers to establish recycling programs by 2009. Chaz Miller said that local governments could still end up bearing the costs. [Secretary's note: the Governor of Washington has signed the bill.]

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Marilyn Rybak asked about 2006 MRC awards. Bob Stumpff replied that he would again head up this committee.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

No report.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Bylaws Committee Chair Charlie Reighart reminded Board members about an important bylaws change approved in 2005. As a result of this change, directors' dues must be paid by the end of the fourth Board meeting of the year (April 15th this year) or their membership in MRC will lapse (as well as their status as a Board member). All other MRC members have until the end of April 2006 to pay dues and remain members. Those who do not pay dues become prospects.

CONFERENCE PLANNING

Virginia Lipscomb provided an update on conference-related matters. She noted that a Conference Committee conference call would be held the next day (Wednesday, March 22nd). There was still no contract between MRC and Towson University. However, efforts were underway for a letter from Towson University to serve as an attachment to the basic form Towson University uses for renting facilities. Bob Ernst said he had contacted Frank Henderson regarding the possibility of Mid-Atlantic SWANA obtaining insurance required by Towson University for the conference.

Virginia said that 9 of 17 speaker slots MRC needed to take care of for the conference had been confirmed, and that efforts to confirm more were proceeding. Mid-Atlantic SWANA is in the process of confirming speakers as well.

Virginia said conference registration costs would be \$10 higher per option than last year.

Ford Schumann offered Infinity Recycling's services if needed at the conference.

Charlie Reighart recommended that the Board take a close, hard look at the conference situation before moving forward and signing a contract. In particular, he suggested looking at how far along both MRC and Mid-Atlantic SWANA are in confirming speakers, and at the as of yet unresolved contractual situation with Towson University. Lengthy Board discussion ensued. Bob Stumpff offered to see if he could obtain information about the possibility of an alternate conference site in the September time frame.

Moved, seconded, and carried to authorize MRC's Executive Committee to make a final decision, no later than Thursday, March 23, 2006, on whether to move forward on a conference at Towson University June 14-15, 2006.

MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Chaz Miller distributed hard copies of lists of paid and unpaid MRC members (James Wood had sent these lists to Board members electronically). Chaz commented that the list of 89 already paid members was a good sign as far as membership retention (better than at similar points in the past). Board members split up responsibility for calling those on the 23 unpaid members list.

AMERICA RECYCLES DAY COMMITTEE

Kemba Saibou of Prince George's County's recycling office raised the possibility of greater involvement by Prince George's County, and perhaps MRC, in recycling where sports fans get together outside stadiums to "tailgate." This involvement could be in conjunction with American Recycles Day efforts. Kemba said the Redskins and FedEx Field might be an option, though the Redskins had not been approached yet. Kemba thanked Bob Stumpff for referring her to Penn State University for information on stadium recycling.

In response to a question from Tom Parran, Kemba acknowledged that the companies responsible for recycling inside a stadium would need to be considered in pursuing recycling for tailgaters.

Marilyn Rybak said recycling could also be considered for tailgaters outside Baltimore's football stadium, and Bob Stumpff commented that the Maryland Stadium Authority might be helpful.

Kemba said that people from EPA's "Recycling on the Go" initiative were coming to Prince George's County on March 28th, and that she would keep MRC in the information loop.

Lori Scozzafava said the national ARD Board has started the process of folding the ARD effort underneath the National Recycling Coalition. Lori said she has not seen how the ARD campaign might be packaged as part of a broader NRC campaign yet.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominating Committee Chair Tom Parran said the Nominating Committee had met in the morning before the Board meeting. Overall, Tom said the committee is waiting for responses from some people, but that the situation is in good shape.

ROC REPORT

Chaz Miller said that MRC had sent in its dues to join the National Recycling Coalition as a non-profit member, and that NRC had acknowledged the dues payment.

MARSHA BOEHM, CHESTERFIELD FARMS INTERNATIONAL COMPOSTING AWARENESS WEEK

Marsha Boehm of Chesterfield Farms addressed the MRC Board in regards to International Composting Awareness Week (May 7-13, 2006). Weeks so designated go back to the year 1999. The U.S. Composting Council and its counterparts in the United Kingdom and Canada promote this specially designated week. Partners closer to home include Prince George's County, MDE, Master Gardeners, and the Institute of Local Self-Reliance.

The goals of International Composting Awareness Week are to increase diversion of organics and the proper use of soil amendments. Marsha said there are a variety of resources available to those interested, and provided handouts at the meeting. The web site www.compostingcouncil.org is one place for further information, especially for teachers. Steve Kullen offered to link MRC's web site to the U.S. Composting Council's web site. Marsha said she hopes Maryland will issue a proclamation in connection with International Composting Awareness Week this year.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilyn Rybak announced a mulch giveaway by Prince George's County on March 29-30, 2006.

During the last week of June there will be a shredding event.

Bob Ernst said that Harford County would hold an Earth Day celebration (Saturday, April 22nd) in Aberdeen from 10am-4pm. Six tons of HHW were collected at an event two weeks ago.

Lori Scozzafava said that she and her co-workers cleared out 640 pounds of paper during a recent Clean Your Files Day at her SWANA headquarters office. Lori also said she would e-mail the Board with information on how volunteers are providing recycling opportunities to visitors for the Cherry Blossom Festival the first two weekends in April. SWANA is providing a course and e-sessions on collections issues during April.

Gemma Evans announced that the City of College Park would hold its first electronics recycling collection event on Saturday, May 13th.

Charlie Reighart announced that Baltimore County would hold an e-cycling event at the Southwest MTA Park and Ride in Catonsville on April 8th and a compost bin sale at Timonium Fairgrounds on Earth Day (April 22nd).

Steve Stein, who recently opened an office in Chevy Chase as a senior consultant for R.W. Beck, stressed that his new e-mail address is SrStein@RwBeck.Com.

REVIEW OF TASKS

All Board members should make sure their MRC memberships are current no later than the fourth Board meeting of the year (Tuesday, April 15th).

MRC's Executive Committee should decide, no later than Thursday, March 23rd, whether to move forward with a conference at Towson University June 14-15, 2006. [Secretary's note: on March 23rd, the Executive Committee decided to move forward regarding the above]

All Board members who volunteered to make follow-up calls to people on the unpaid MRC members list should do so. April 30th is the deadline for members who are not on the Board.

Steve Kullen will connect MRC's web site to the U.S. Composting Council's.

ADJOURNED: 11:56 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 18, 2006 – 10 a.m.
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