

Maryland Recyclers Coalition, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
January 20, 2004
Liriodendron Mansion
Bel Air, Maryland

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman Bob Stumpff.
The following members were present:

Craig Stuart-Paul	President	Fairfax Recycling/Recycle America Alliance	Stuart-paul@att.net
Bob Stumpff	Chairman	UMCP	rstumpff@umd.edu
Marilyn Rybak	Treasurer	Prince George's County	merybak@co.pg.md.us
Richard Keller	Director	MES	rkell@menv.com
Bob Ernst	Director	Harford County	cernst@co.ha.md.us
Bruce Norton	Director	PEPCO	banorton@pepco.com
Brian Ryerson	Director	Office Paper Systems	Ryersonops@aol.com
James Wood	Director	Midshore Regional Recycling	jwood@friend.ly.net
Tom Parran	Director	Calvert Co. Gov't	tomparran@comcast.net
John Brunner	Director	University Park	Townhall@upmd.org
Ford Schumann	Director	Infinity Recycling	infinrecy@aol.com
Charlie Reighart	Director	Baltimore County	creighart@co.ba.md.us
Also Present:			
Virginia Lipscomb	Member	MDE	vlipscomb@mde.state.md.us
Becky Palazzi	Member	Harford County	
Hugh Snively	Member	Mid-Atlantic Waste Systems	hsnively@mawaste.com
Kelly Palmiotto	Member	MDE	kpalmiotto@mde.state.md.us
Laura Norman	Member	Baltimore Co.	lnorman@co.ba.md.us
Carol Taylor	Member	Anne Arundel Co.	Pwtayl45@mail.aacounty.org
Clif Dowling	Member	NMWDA	cdowling@nmwda.org
Jackie King	Staff	MRC	Jackie@ksgroup.org
Members			
Absent:			
Chaz Miller (1)	Director		cmiller@evasns.org
Pam Kasemeyer (1)	Secretary	MDDESWA	pmetz@schwartzmetz.com
Bruce Norton (1)	Director	PEPCO	banorton@pepco.com

MINUTES:

Moved, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2003 meeting.

PRESIDENT'S
REMARKS:

President Stuart-Paul thanked Bob Ernst of Harford County for hosting the meeting and for providing lunch. He hopes to initiate a greater business focus to MRC during his tenure as president. He wants to encourage outreach to the community and businesses about improving recycling. He would like the MRC to become a resource center for recycling in the state and would like to link member service areas on web site to demonstrate the resources that are available through the MRC membership.

TREASURER'S
REPORT:

Copies of the month-end financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2003 were distributed, reflecting total assets of \$8,977.44 for the period ending December 31, 2003.

Moved, seconded and carried to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period ending December 31, 2003.

A Cash Flow Forecast Worksheet through December 31, 2003 was distributed indicating a projected cash balance of -\$2315, which includes Deferred Dues for 2004 of \$8105.

REPORT FROM
PLANNING &
RECYCLING, MDE:

Virginia Lipscomb reported on the status of MDE Planning & Recycling Division's programs. (Attachment A).

LEGISLATIVE
AND POLICY
COMMITTEE :

Pam Kasemeyer was not present but submitted a report which is attached (Attachment B).

COMMUNICATIONS
COMMITTEE:

Laura Norman and Kelly Palmiotto reported that they met with Jackie King and Stuart-Paul prior to the meeting to discuss the MRC Newsletter. They recommended that the board approve publishing an electronic issue of The Voice in February 2004 and to use Lebovic Communications to provide layout and design of the newsletter. The board unanimously approved the recommendation to publish the February issue electronically.

Newsletter articles are needed by January 30 and are to be sent to King at jackie@ksgroup.org for online publication the week of February 2.

CONFERENCE
PLANNING
COMMITTEE:

MRC 2004 Conference – Richard Keller stated that the conference committee met on January 14 to continue planning the 2004 Conference. A copy of the minutes was circulated.

An agreement with CCBC Catonsville for the conference needs to be signed by Stuart-Paul as President of MRC.

Moved, Seconded and Carried that Stuart-Paul sign contract with CCBC Catonsville for the Annual Conference.

The committee plans to mail a save the date card out in January and mail the promotional piece by the middle of March. The committee is responsible for working with a designer and printer to publish the promotional materials and the onsite program.

Brian Reyerson of Office Paper Systems will lead a session on Document Destruction. The other topics and schedule were discussed. The committee would like any additional topic suggestions by February 4. The committee prefers not to have a theme for the conference.

Stuart-Paul reported that Recycle America Alliance will sponsor the conference at the \$5000 level and Office Paper Systems at the \$2000 or Gold level. A new level of sponsorship will need to be created and included on the sponsor solicitation forms at the \$5000 level.

Richard Keller recommended that the sponsor, exhibitor and registration fees be maintained at 2003 levels.

Moved, seconded and carried that 2004 Conference exhibitor and registration fees be the same as 2003 and that a new sponsor level of \$5000 be added to the 2003 sponsor levels for sponsorship in 2004.

The next meeting will be held on February 4, 2003 at 9:30 am at the Bureau of Environmental Services in Columbia.

NOMINATIONS:

Stuart-Paul nominated Hugh Snively of Mid-Atlantic Waste Systems to serve as director to fill the vacancy on board created by Phil Bresee's departure.

Moved, seconded and carried to elect Hugh Snively of Mid-Atlantic Waste Systems as director to fill the position vacated by Phil Bresee.

MEMBERSHIP:

James Wood reported that the new MRC brochures are at the printer and should be ready for distribution during the first week of February.

Wood and Palmiotto will work together to call government and business members to see what service areas they support and link that information on the MRC web site.

King circulated a list of unpaid members. Monty Davison of Eastern Shore Environmental and George Erichson of St. Mary's County have decided not to renew their memberships. King stated that Keller notified her that MES will not be renewing the memberships of Keller, Charles Simms and John Sparkman.

Tom Parran announced that he will be retiring from Calvert County Government at the end of February, but will join MRC as an associate member after retirement.

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

King reported that KSG has hired a new staff person who will be working with MRC. Her name is Carol Hannan and she can be reached at x108.

KSG will be moving their offices on March 5 to the second floor of their building. Telephone and computer access will be unavailable that day.

MRC's bank transition to Forest Hill Bank is almost complete. King needs new signature cards to be completed by the new President and signed by the Secretary.

King stated that Pam Kasemeyer had offered to host the next board meeting at her offices in February. King will email Kasemeyer to ask her to arrange for the meeting space.

OLD BUSINESS:

Recycling Summit – Deferred until next meeting.

NRC Discussion – A letter from NRC President, Ben Walker, to Stuart-Paul was distributed to the board prior to the meeting. Keller stated that he found no new information in the letter and that he did not see it as a response to the substantive issues that were raised in the MRC letter of disaffiliation. Stuart-Paul said he would respond to the letter and reiterate the concerns that were raised in MRC's letter written by former president, Phil Bresee.

NEW BUSINESS:

ARD Calendars – Wood circulated sample America Recycles Day calendars that could be used as a future fundraiser by MRC.

COG – Stuart-Paul will be speaking behalf of MRC at the next COG meeting on February 5. He will encourage people to attend the upcoming conference, seek out sponsors, discuss plans for a recycling summit and distribute the new MRC brochures to those in attendance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Clif Dowling reported that Susquehannock Environmental Center is closing its recycling facility at the end of January. The center was a victim of its own success in promoting curbside recycling in Harford County. It is no longer cost-effective for them to continue operating a facility that handles less than 1% of recycling in the county.
- Harford County has purchased a fluorescent bulb crusher.
- Next Meeting will be held on February 17, 2004 at 10:00 am in Annapolis, MD.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jackie King
Executive Director



Maryland Department of the Environment

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Recycling/Solid Waste Managers Meeting

The County solid waste and recycling managers met on January 15 at MDE. Gerv Griffin, P.E., G.W. Griffin & Associates gave a presentation on landfill mining.

MDE Reorganization

Federal Facilities to Hazardous Waste Program (HWP): In order for the majority of our work with federal facilities to be housed under one Program, we are moving this group from the Environmental Restoration and Redevelopment Program (ERRP) to the HWP. This will provide a central program in WAS as the contact for issues involving contamination at federal facilities. As part of this initiative, the following individuals will now work in HWP: John Fairbank, Rick Grills, Dave Healy, Curtis DeTore, Peggy Nemoff, and Andy Zarins.

CHS Groundwater Enforcement to ERRP: As part of our implementing a “one cleanup” initiative for hazardous contamination, we are moving the hazardous groundwater functions under ERRP’s State Superfund Division. This would allow the Department to be more consistent with cleanup and restoration decisions. As part of this initiative, the following individuals will now work in ERRP: Chau Nguyen and Eugene Dejoise.

Community Redevelopment Coordinator: Jim Carroll was recently hired in the ERRP to promote redevelopment of Brownfields’ sites across the State. Jim has a technical background and experience in redevelopment projects. He will market the program to developers, citizens’ groups, and local governments to spur new opportunities for redevelopment. This is part of the Governor’s administrative reforms to the Brownfields’ program.

Solid Waste Program: Martha Hynson has been promoted to Chief of the Operations and Projects Division; Kassa Kabede is Head of the Construction and Maintenance Section and Dean Bullis has moved from the Lead Program to work on enforcement in Central Maryland.

Reallocation of Recycling, Marketing and Operations Program (RMOP) staff:

- Darshana Patel is moving to the HWP. Darshana will be assisting Ed Hammerberg with RCRA regulations and other program authority issues.
- Gail Castleman is moving to the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (LPPP). Gail will continue to be responsible for scheduling meetings and hearings for WAS and will be assisting in various duties in the LPPP.
- Maria Stephens is moving to the Office of Administrative Services (OAS). Maria will continue to be WAS Public Information Act (PIA) coordinator.
- Fran Stierstorfer is joining the Recycling and Marketing Division with Virginia, Dave and Kelly.

Solid Waste Fee Bill

The solid waste fee bill will not be introduced by MDE this legislative session.

Mercury

EPA headquarters and Region 3, DC, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia are talking with Giant Foods about implementing a mercury thermometer exchange program. Giant Foods has proposed that they set up a booth at all their stores in Maryland to be manned by MDE to educate the public about mercury and exchange mercury thermometers for non-mercury thermometers. Since MDE does not have the resources to do this we are working with them on alternatives.

Grant Proposals

WAS is working with the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority (the Authority) on two grant proposals. MDE is partnering with the Authority on an application for an EPA Innovative Work Group Grant. The grant will look at ways to improve recycling at shopping malls by identifying receptive mall managers, developing a "How To" manual and implementing one or more pilot programs. The application was submitted Dec. 5. Grants will be awarded in 2-3 months. Additionally, MDE is supporting the Authority on a Dell recycling grant application to implement electronic recycling events in several Maryland counties (members of the Authority). Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City and County, Carroll County, Harford County and Howard County are collaborative partners. The Authority is putting up a matching \$10,000 to be used to promote the events. We expect to hear whether The Authority got this grant within a week or two.

Recycled-Content Newsprint Law

MDE met with representatives of the Washington Post and MD-DC-DE Press Association regarding the goals for newsprint recycled content. They are concerned that they will not be able to get enough recycled-content newsprint to meet current goals and would like to see them rolled back.

MRC LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT JANUARY 2004

The General Assembly opened on January 14 and should prove to be a contentious and difficult session. Virtually everything is affected by the budgetary struggles of the State and leadership clashes of the Governor, Senate President and House Speaker. The general press continues to keep you up to date on that score.

As for recycling relevant issues, it appears that MDE will not advance a permit fee bill as expected this year. I think there are a number of reasons why that proposal will not go forward and I have not specifically talked to Jonas Jacobson since the start of session. Without additional funding, the Waste Administration is severely strapped for personal and resources and there focus will undoubtedly be on maintenance of effort.

There will however be a several other initiatives of interest to MRC. There are mercury and e-waste disposal and management ban bills being introduced as I write this memorandum. The Brownfields initiative and renewable energy portfolio legislation will advance. The former an Administration initiative, the latter a House leadership initiative and at this juncture, the environmental community wants to severe limit the applicability of an RPS to waste to energy, an issue that has impact on those jurisdictions that utilize or wish to utilize waste to energy. Finally, the environmental community had a summit yesterday in Annapolis where there suggested state revenue enhancements were proposed which included increased fees, tipping fee surcharges and other ideas which will undoubtedly be advanced in one or more legislative vehicles. Finally, I would expect the environmentally preferential product legislation will again be introduced but budget issues may make that unattractive unless it can be sold as revenue neutral. MRC will want to become engaged.

I will be happy to arrange meetings with the environmental subcommittee chairs of the relevant committees if that would be of interest to MRC leadership. I need preferred days of the week, excluding Monday so that I may schedule accordingly. A small group of 2 or 3 per meeting is preferential. The next few weeks are best for scheduling purposes as the legislators are not that busy yet. Please advise accordingly.

Pam Kasemeyer – January, 2004