

Maryland Recyclers Coalition, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
July 21, 2004
Arbutus Public Library
Arbutus, Maryland

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

Board Members Present (12):	Officer/Director	Affiliation	E-mail Address
Bob Stumpff	Chairman	Univ. of MD – College Park	rstumpff@umd.edu
Brian Ryerson	Vice Pres.	Office Paper Systems	ryersonops@aol.com
Chaz Miller	Treasurer	Citizen at Large	cmiller@evasns.org
Charlie Reighart	Secretary	Baltimore County	creighart@co.ba.md.us
Bob Ernst	Director	Harford County	cernst@co.ba.md.us
Anita Grayson-Evans	Director	SP Recycling	anita.grayson-evans@spnewsprint.com
Virginia Lipscomb	Director	Citizen at Large	valipscomb@aol.com
Bruce Norton	Director	Constellation Energy	bruce.a.norton@constellation.com
Tom Parran	Director	Citizen at Large	tomparran@comcast.net
Lori Scozzafava	Director	Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA)	lscozzafava@swana.org
Steve Stein	Director	Gershman, Brickner & Bratton (GBB)	sstein@gbbinc.com
James Wood	Director	Mid-Shore Regional Recycling Program	jwood@friend.ly.net
Others Present (6):			
Shahid Anis		PEPCO	smanis@pepco.com
Ilana Flax		Baltimore County (intern)	
Laura Greaver (formerly Norman)		Baltimore County; MRC Communications Committee co-chair	lgreaver@co.ba.md.us
Richard Keller		Maryland Environmental Service	rkell@menv.com
David Mrgich		Md. Dept. of Environment (MDE)	dmrgich@mde.state.md.us
Kim Reichart		Howard County	kreichart@co.ho.md.us
Board Members Absent (5):			
Craig Stuart-Paul (1)	President	Recycle America Alliance	stuart-paul@att.net
Pam Kasemeyer (1)	Director	Maryland-Delaware Solid Waste Association	pmetz@schwartzmetz.com
Marilyn Rybak (1)	Director	Prince George's County	merybak@co.pg.md.us
Ford Schumann (1)	Director	Infinity Recycling	infinrecy@aol.com
Alan Wilcom (1)	Director	Howard County	awilcom@co.ho.md.us

MINUTES:

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2004 annual meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Unable to attend the Board meeting, President Craig Stuart-Paul e-mailed the Board on July 20, 2004. First, he recommended the establishment of an ad hoc committee to look into the possibility of a joint conference in 2005 with the Mid-Atlantic chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA). Moved, seconded, and carried to establish such a committee. In his e-mail, Craig asked for volunteers to serve on the ad hoc committee, which he volunteered to chair. During the meeting four Board members volunteered to serve on this committee with Craig: Bob Ernst, Virginia Lipscomb, Lori Scozzafava, and Steve Stein.

Craig Stuart-Paul also suggested that he set up a meeting with the Maryland Department of the Environment's Acting Director of Waste Management Administration, Horacio Toblada, regarding recommendations emanating from the Maryland Recyclers Coalition annual conference in May. The Board discussed this suggestion, and determined that Craig should provide the data regarding those recommendations to the Board prior to proceeding any further with MDE.

The third matter raised in Craig's July 20, 2004 e-mail to the Board, the possibility of reaffiliating with the National Recycling Coalition, was taken up under New Business.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Chaz Miller said he would distribute month-end financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2004 to the Board via e-mail (done the afternoon of July 21st).

REPORT FROM PLANNING & RECYCLING, MDE:

David Mrgich reported on several items:

- Preliminary statewide MRA waste diversion rate for 2003 is 39.6% (36.8% recycling rate plus 2.8% source reduction credit);
- MDE is convening an electronics recycling workgroup, consistent with enactment of House Bill 109 in this year's state legislative session; Pam Kasemeyer will serve on the group; the workgroup will convene for the first time in a public, but unpublicized meeting (for details, call Hilary Miller of MDE at 410-537-3431);
- MDE's next quarterly solid waste/recycling managers' meeting will occur in August or September, and MRA reporting will be an item on the agenda; and
- MDE, during the past weekend, held a Kids Fest at Timonium Fairgrounds to raise awareness of the dangers of lead.

AMERICA RECYCLES DAY COMMITTEE:

David Mrgich said MDE will conduct an ARD sculpture contest again this year. James Wood said he will attend the “roll-out” ARD meeting in San Francisco on Tuesday, August 31, 2004 unless someone else indicates a willingness to do so. At this time, the position of MRC ARD chair for 2004 remains vacant, and James Wood has stated that he will not take on this role. In an e-mail to the Board on July 20, 2004, Charlie Reighart stated that, unlike at least the past four years, Baltimore County staff will not take on this role this year.

AWARDS COMMITTEE:

Awards Committee Chair Bob Stumpff noted that two 2004 MRC awards were personally presented to awardees at their locations since the awardees were unable to attend the conference, and that this seemed to work well. This approach may be considered in the future. Bob also thanked Laura Greaver and Kelly Palmiotto, MRC Communications Committee Co-Chairs, for obtaining trade journal coverage of MRC’s 2004 awards program.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:

Communications Committee Co-Chair Laura Greaver reported that some presentations from the MRC Conference are being placed on the MRC web site with assistance from Steve Kullen. Stories or items for the next MRC e-newsletter, probably to be issued in September, are welcome. Richard Keller suggested a mid-September issue would allow for follow-up coverage of the National Recycling Congress in San Francisco. Laura Greaver agreed to follow up on Bob Stumpff’s request that the Communications Committee keep the Board posted of its e-newsletter plans via e-mail.

MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH COMMITTEE:

Membership & Outreach Committee Chair James Wood passed out membership brochures and encouraged everyone to encourage others to join MRC or bump up their membership levels. He also welcomed others to join him on the committee. David Mrgich suggested, and James Wood agreed, that the next time a membership brochure is prepared it should specify that dues cover a calendar year period.

James said he had no new members to report, but he is working with Executive Director Jackie King on developing a prospects list. Anyone with suggestions should give leads to James Wood or Jackie King.

With respect to outreach, James Wood suggested informal discussion meetings be held following MRC Board meetings, on topics such as zero waste, bottle bills, and e-cycling. Again, James emphasized that for such meetings to become reality he would need additional help on the committee.

ROC REPORT:

Recycling Organization Council liaison Chaz Miller said he would attend the ROC meeting in San Francisco on Sunday, August 29, 2004, and then report back to the MRC Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board discussed the possibility of reaffiliation with the National Recycling Coalition, paying particular attention to newer Board members' interest in learning more about why the Board decided to disaffiliate in 2003. Following extensive discussion, the Board came to consensus on two points. First, the Board wants to see a proposal from the NRC prior to anyone from MRC, including but not limited to President Craig Stuart-Paul, discussing the possibility of reaffiliation any further with NRC representatives. Second, the Board would be open to NRC representative(s) coming to a MRC Board meeting so that the entire Board would have the opportunity to hear directly what NRC might wish to propose.

The Board decided to move its next meeting date from Tuesday, September 21, 2004 to Tuesday, September 14, 2004 in order to avoid a conflict with SWANA's WASTECON. If interested in hosting the September 14th Board meeting, or any other future meetings, please contact Jackie King.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- "Nothing going on" in Harford County, according to Bob Ernst.
- Baltimore County's next e-cycling event to occur on October 9, 2004.
- David Mrgich reports there may only be enough money left for one more e-cycling event to be scheduled through Maryland Environmental Service.
- Howard County has started distributing 18-gallon bins to residents willing to come and get them.
- According to James Wood, giving away a Panasonic camera to a randomly selected participant in a recent e-cycling event led to increased publicity.
- Richard Keller of Maryland Environmental Service brought sample bags of TreadSpread to the Board meeting.
- According to Lori Scozzafava, SWANA's new e-cycling course had a successful debut in June. Also, SWANA is close to finalizing a lamp recycling guide that could serve as the basis of SWANA grant-funded workshops at a MRC conference. This could be a hook by which to bring in attendees from the Building Owners and Managers Association.
- Charlie Reighart circulated a sheet of paper at the Board meeting asking anyone interested in serving on or learning more about committee(s) to make a note. Charlie said he would get the information to the appropriate people in the organization. A total of eight people indicated interest in one or more MRC committees.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at Noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Reighart
Secretary

