

Maryland Recyclers Coalition, Inc.
 Board of Directors Meeting
 December 14, 2004
 Lowe House Office Building
 Annapolis, MD

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m. by Chairman Bob Stumpff.

Board Members Present (11):	Officer/Director	Affiliation	Contact Information
Craig Stuart-Paul	President	Recycle America Alliance	cstuart@recycleamerica.com
Bob Stumpff	Chairman	Univ. of MD – College Park	bstumpff@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.ha.md.us
Pam Kasemeyer	Director	MD-DE Solid Waste Assn.	sue_kullen@house.state.md.us
Bruce Norton	Director	Constellation Energy	Bruce.a.Norton@constellation.com
Tom Parran	Director	Citizen at Large	tomparran@comcast.net
Ford Schumann	Director	Infinity Recycling	infinrecy@aol.com
James Wood	Director	Mid-Shore Regional Recycling Program	jwood@friend.ly.net
Others Present (8):			
Bill Davidson	Member	Montgomery County	240-777-6409
Matt Helbig	Guest	Greencycle Industries	sales@capitaltrees.com
Tina Jones	Host	Aide to Delegate Mary Roe Walkup	Mary_roe_walkup@house.state.md.us
Delegate Sue Kullen	Guest	House of Delegates	sue_kullen@house.state.md.us
David Mrgich	Member	MDE	dmgich@mde.state.md.us
Ed Mulheron	Guest	Greencycle Industries	sales@capitaltrees.com
Kelly Palmiotto	Member	MDE	kpalmiotto@mde.state.md.us
Bryan Vickers	Member	Glass Packaging Institute	703-684-6354
Board Members Absent (6):			
Anita Grayson (1)	Director	SP Recycling	anita.grayson@spnewsprint.com
Virginia Lipscomb (1)	Director	Citizen at Large	valipscomb@aol.com
Lori Scozzafava (1)	Director	SWANA	lscozzafava@swana.org
Marilyn Rybak (1)	Director	Prince George's Co.	merybak@co.pg.md.us
Steve Stein (1)	Director	GBB	sstein@gbbinc.com
Alan Wilcom (1)	Director	Howard County	awilcom@co.ho.md.us

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Craig Stuart-Paul reported that he was preparing to sign a contract for services with King Stringfellow Group for 2005, following up on the Board's authorization to do so at its November meeting.

At Craig's request, Bob Ernst, Conference Committee co-chair, updated the Board on discussions with representatives of Mid-Atlantic SWANA regarding possible cooperation in terms of the 2005 MRC Conference. Bob Ernst said that Wednesday and Thursday, June 8-9, 2005 were the dates targeted at CCBC-Catonsville. Moved, seconded, and carried to hold the 2005 MRC Conference at CCBC-Catonsville June 8-9, 2005, and further to authorize Conference Committee co-chairs Virginia Lipscomb and Bob Ernst to negotiate details of an agreement with Mid-Atlantic SWANA, subject to approval by MRC's Executive Committee.

Craig Stuart-Paul then opened up a lengthy period of the meeting in which many present, Board members and others alike had the opportunity to share ideas for advancing recycling and waste prevention in Maryland. Delegate Sue Kullen, from District 27B in Calvert County, participated in this discussion. Tina Jones, aide to Delegate Mary Roe Walkup from District 36 (Caroline, Cecil, Kent, and Queen Anne's Counties), was present as well. After being contacted by Board member Ford Schumann, Delegate Walkup made the arrangements for the Board meeting to be held in the Lowe House Office Building.

Some of the more prominent topics of discussion included, but were not limited to:

- 1) Identifying alternative uses of glass collected in recycling programs (e.g., glassphalt, road sub-base)
- 2) Prospects for advancing electronics recycling, especially in light of State-convened e-cycling work group not coming to consensus, either on scope of electronics recycling to focus on (e.g., inclusion of televisions) or manner in which to move forward (advance recycling fee, producer responsibility model, etc.)
- 3) Promoting recycling for its environmental benefits and also for its many economic benefits (e.g., net revenues, jobs created, enhanced tax bases, etc.); energy savings would be an example of both an environmental and economic benefit
- 4) The relative merits of increasing recycling in Maryland by setting higher percentage mandates or more aggressive and/or targeted seizure of opportunities on a voluntary basis; some of the materials mentioned included food residuals, textiles, carpet, and construction and demolition materials
- 5) Maryland's unique status (one of three states in U.S.) in having a formal system crediting jurisdictions for their efforts to prevent waste, not just recycle; Maryland has a voluntary statewide goal of 40% waste diversion by 2005, with a credit of up to 5% available to jurisdictions engaged in specified waste prevention activities
- 6) The need to become more innovative in capturing more recyclables from the waste stream (e.g., trying to extract recyclable paper from dry commercial "trash" loads)
- 7) The degree to which mercury should be a target of efforts to keep it out of landfills and/or incinerators

- 8) The importance of public education and the ways in which the State might help with this (e.g., from hard dollars to educating local officials on importance of public education)
- 9) The possibility of the producer responsibility model serving as a way to make progress in the future

MINUTES:

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2004 Board meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Chaz Miller reported a projected 2004 end balance of \$3,427. Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the Treasurer's report, subject to audit.

Chaz distributed a proposed 2005 budget (available by contacting the Executive Director), with all line items the same as the 2004 budget except for a reduction for KSG fees in accordance with the recently negotiated contract.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approved the proposed 2005 budget.

James Wood encouraged everyone to recruit new members to help achieve 2005 budget targets.

REPORT FROM PLANNING & RECYCLING, MDE:

Dave Mrgich noted that annual tonnage numbers had recently been released. Kelly Palmiotto thanked MRC for its \$250 sponsorship of the 2004 MDE sculpture contest in conjunction with America Recycles 2004 efforts. Some of the winning sculptures are on display in the lobby of the Montgomery Park building where MDE is based.

AMERICA RECYCLES 2004:

James Wood, who became coordinator of America Recycles 2004 efforts in Maryland, complimented national America Recycles head Steve Kullen for obtaining a Ford Escape hybrid SUV as a grand prize. James announced that the following five counties led the way in terms of highest number of 2004 pledges: Calvert, St. Mary's, Queen Anne's, Garrett, and Baltimore City. 20,000 bookmarks and 500 posters were distributed to counties during the 2004 campaign. James asked anyone aware of media coverage of Maryland's America Recycles activities to bring that to his attention.

James Wood encouraged planning for America Recycles 2005 to start soon, and requested someone else to take on the role of chair for 2005. There will be a workshop for state coordinators on Friday, January 28, 2005 in Santa Fe, NM.

MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH COMMITTEE:

Membership & Outreach Committee chair James Wood announced that first invoices had been sent out, with 35 members paid and 80 unpaid as of the latest report. \$4,605 in 2005 dues has been collected. A new association coordinator, Tracy Glennon, will be serving MRC at KSG.

[Tracy Glennon's extension is 110] James urged everyone to think of MRC when making new contacts.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:

Co-chair Kelly Palmiotto said that she and co-chair Laura Greaver are putting together the January 2005 issue of MRC's newsletter. Contributions of news are needed from around the state. Kelly stressed that the newsletter offered an excellent way for businesses to get out their messages to government personnel.

ROC REPORT:

ROC liaison Chaz Miller said the next ROC meeting would be held in Santa Fe, NM on January 28, 2005. Chaz said he was not sure if he would be attending.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was brief discussion regarding MRC's relationship with the National Recycling Coalition.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) Representatives from Green Cycle Industries announced that they believed they would be the successful vendor regarding a major yard materials composting procurement by the Maryland Environmental Service.
- 2) James Wood said he thought Queen Anne County would probably be the first in the state to shift to biodiesel fuel fleetwide. He also mentioned a recent glassphalt project next to the municipal building in Centreville, as well as a successful e-cycling event in Easton.
- 3) Bob Ernst announced that Harford County, effective December 1st, started a pilot program at their landfill for the acceptance of electronics (but not TVs); Subtractions is the vendor. Groundbreaking for a waste-to-energy facility was set to occur 12/16/04. Bob also said he had heard that USA Lights might be entering the electronics recycling field.
- 4) With thanks from the Board, Ford Schumann offered to look into ways to minimize waste associated with eating and drinking at Board meetings (e.g., reusable versus disposable items).

REVIEW OF TASKS:

- 1) Craig Stuart-Paul will sign 2005 management contract with KSG.
- 2) Virginia Lipscomb and Bob Ernst will negotiate with Mid-Atlantic SWANA and report back to MRC's Executive Committee for approval of an agreement relating to the 2005 MRC Conference.
- 3) All Board members are charged to seize opportunities to recruit new MRC members.

- 4) Submit items and ideas to Kelly Palmiotto or Laura Greaver for the January newsletter by December 31, 2004.

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, January 18, 2005 (10am) – SWANA Headquarters, 1100 Wayne Avenue – Suite 700, Silver Spring, MD

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Reighart
MRC Secretary