

Maryland Recyclers Coalition, Inc.  
 Board of Directors Meeting  
 September 20, 2005  
 Centennial Park, Columbia, MD

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Stumpff at 10:14 a.m.

<b>Board Members Present (10):</b>	<b>Officer/Director</b>	<b>Affiliation:</b>	<b>Contact Information (if new):</b>
Brian Ryerson	President	Office Paper Systems	
Bob Stumpff	Chairman	Citizen at Large (employer: City of College Park DPW)	Director, City of College Park DPW rstumpff@ci.college-park.md.us
Chaz Miller	Treasurer	Citizen at Large (employer: National Solid Waste Management Association)	
Charlie Reighart	Secretary	Baltimore County	
Bob Ernst	Director	Harford County	cernst@harfordcountymd.gov
Steve Kullen	Director	Subtractions, LLC	skullen@Subtractions.net
Ford Schumann	Director	Infinity Recycling	
Steve Stein	Director	GBB	
Craig Stuart-Paul	Director	Recycle America Alliance	
Alan Wilcom	Director	Howard County	
<b>Others Present (7):</b>			
Mike Fannon		cdm eCycling	
Michael Gately		Canusa Hershman Recycling Co.	
Angie Green		Goodwill	
Dave Mrgich		MDE	
Cliff Pintaro		Canusa Hershman Recycling Co.	
Joyce Redman		Baltimore County	
Carol Taylor		Anne Arundel Co.	
<b>Board Members Absent (7):</b>			
Virginia Lipscomb (1)	Vice President	Citizen at Large	
Pam Kasemeyer (1)	Director	MD-DE Solid Waste Association	
Bruce Norton (2)	Director	Constellation Energy	
Tom Parran (1)	Director	Citizen at Large	
Marilyn Rybak (1)	Director	Prince George's Co.	
Lori Scozzafava (1)	Director	SWANA	
James Wood (2)	Director	Mid-Shore Regional Recycling Program	

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

## **MINUTES**

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the July 19, 2005 Board minutes.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Brian Ryerson, noting the tremendous amount of demolition debris in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, suggested that MRC make a contribution to relief efforts. Moved, seconded, and carried to approve a \$500 donation to the American Red Cross for hurricane relief.

Brian suggested that relief in the form of “brain trust” assistance from MRC might also be helpful in the wake of the hurricane. In order to explore this possibility further, Dave Mrgich, head of the newly renamed Recycling and Marketing Division within MDE, agreed to contact recycling agencies in the three hardest hit states (Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama).

Brian informed the Board that he had just received a letter from Sarah Manning in which she resigned from the Board, effective immediately, citing health reasons. The Board received this news with regret, and expressed its hope that Sarah's situation would improve quickly. The Board decided to fill the vacancy created by Sarah's resignation. Moved, seconded, and carried that Steve Kullen of Subtractions, LLC be elected to the Board for a period starting immediately and running until the next annual meeting in 2006. At that time, in accordance with MRC's bylaws, there will be an election to fill a 2006-2007 Board slot originally slated to be the second year of Sarah's two-year term.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Chaz Miller stated that MRC was in very good shape financially, estimating that there would be approximately \$25,000 in the bank at the end of 2005.

Chaz identified three areas for the Board to focus on moving forward: securing additional help with the 2006 conference (probably from King Stringfellow Group), negotiating a new association management contract with King Stringfellow Group, and deciding whether or not to re-affiliate with the National Recycling Coalition.

Chaz said he would try to draft a 2006 MRC budget by October, in hopes that the Board could approve a budget in November.

The Board agreed to the formation of an ad hoc committee to negotiate with King Stringfellow Group, consisting of President Brian Ryerson, Treasurer Chaz Miller, and Craig Stuart-Paul.

Craig Stuart-Paul noted that while MRC is projected to have \$25,000 in the bank at the end of the year, MRC is considerably behind in its budgeted goals for 2005 membership dues. Chaz Miller acknowledged that membership dues were off 2005 budget targets by about one-eighth. Craig also recommended that a considerable amount of carryover money be used as seed money for the 2006 conference.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the August 31, 2005 financial statement.

## **MDE REPORT**

Dave Mrgich said that Hilary Miller, his supervisor, has followed up on discussions at a recent meeting of solid waste/recycling managers. Specifically, Hilary has sought to ease access for counties to electronics recycling funds expected to become available as electronics manufacturers contribute to a fund mandated by HB 575. The possibility of allowing counties access to these funds by sending some kind of “letter of intent” rather than having to modify their ten year solid waste management plans before applying is under review with lawyers for the State.

MDE is planning to organize another America Recycles Day Sculpture Contest again this year. It will occur on Friday, November 18, 2005. Dave Mrgich asked MRC to provide financial support as it had last year. Moved, seconded, and carried to approve a \$500 donation to MDE for the 2005 America Recycles Day Sculpture Contest.

Dave announced that the Recycling and Marketing Division was now authorized to fill three vacancies, including one at the section head level Dave left to take his current job plus two at the level Kelly Palmiotto had recently vacated.

Dave said he was still in the process of verifying counties' claims for 2004 source reduction credits.

### **LEGISLATIVE & POLICY COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Legislative & Policy Committee Chair Pam Kasemeyer, Steve Kullen reported that MDE has already identified more than 100 manufacturers who will be obliged to contribute to the electronics recycling fund called for in HB 575. Pam told Steve that her understanding from Hilary Miller at MDE is that Hilary is estimating \$500,000 in funds for the first year of the HB 575 program.

### **CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

Bob Ernst said that no meeting with Mid-Atlantic SWANA in reference to a joint 2006 conference had occurred yet, but that Mid-Atlantic SWANA has already designated five people to serve on a joint conference committee. Craig Stuart-Paul said that if an "exotic" location is desired, it will be important to move quickly. Bob Ernst said that he believed there was a consensus to select a location somewhere in the middle of Maryland to make the conference more widely accessible. Bob also said that he continues to try to recruit Richard Keller as 2006 Conference Chair.

### **AMERICA RECYCLES 2005**

Steve Kullen said that his successor at the national level on America Recycles 2005 efforts, Jimmy O'Connor, started right before the National Congress at the end of August. Alan Wilcom said he would mail America Recycles 2005 posters to anyone who contacted him.

### **ROC REPORT**

ROC liaison Chaz Miller reported on his time at the National Recycling Congress. 900+ people attended the Congress, down from 1,300 in San Francisco the year before.

Fifteen state recycling organizations met on Sunday, August 28, 2005. Not very much business was transacted. Georgia will affiliate, one year before hosting the 2006 National Recycling Congress. Some leaders of the Texas recycling organization aren't pleased with the timing of the 2006 Congress because it's just one week after the Texas RO's previously scheduled statewide conference.

Mike Taylor of Recycle America Alliance, who has Maryland ties, was elected to the NRC Board.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Canusa Hershman Recycling Company announced it will move to a larger facility, on Quad Avenue and near Eastpoint Mall in Baltimore County, on or around October 3, 2005.
- Alan Wilcom announced that Howard County had opened a transfer station at its landfill last week, and that the county is starting a vegetable oil collection program.
- Steve Kullen reported that Subtractions had sent out a press release the prior week promising to contribute a dollar toward Hurricane Katrina relief for each computer or monitor dropped off at Subtractions' warehouse. Steve also reported that MRC Board member Tom Parran was in Amsterdam.
- Craig Stuart-Paul said that Recycle America Alliance's materials recovery facility is now rising at Kit Kat Road in Howard County. He projects the facility will be ready to use by the end of 2005.
- Charlie Reighart announced Baltimore County's next electronics recycling collection event would occur on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, and emphasized that host sites are needed for upcoming MRC Board meetings.
- Steve Stein reported that GBB was initiating a beach litter survey on the West Coast, and that he sensed somewhat less concern regarding litter as an issue in Maryland as opposed to Virginia. Some Board discussion followed regarding various state and local anti-litter programs in Maryland.
- Bob Ernst announced that Vinnie Legge had been named solid waste bureau chief in Carroll County. Subtractions is Harford County's vendor for its permanent e-cycling site. Harford County plans to hold a compost bin sale in November near the Baltimore County line, and a household hazardous waste event in late February or early March of 2006.

## **REVIEW OF TASKS**

**Dave Mrgich** will contact recycling agencies in the three states hit hardest by Hurricane Katrina to see if MRC might be able to provide helpful "brain trust" assistance.

**Chaz Miller** will write \$500 checks to the American Red Cross (for hurricane relief) and MDE (to sponsor the America Recycles 2005 Sculpture Contest).

**Chaz Miller** will draft a 2006 MRC budget.

**Charlie Reighart** will attempt to set up a schedule for MRC Board meetings in upcoming months. Board members, and MRC members generally, interested in hosting a meeting are encouraged to contact Charlie.

**ADJOURNED:** 11:23 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, October 18, 2005 – 10:00 a.m.  
National Solid Waste Management Association  
4301 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 300  
Washington, DC -- Thank you Chaz!