

Maryland Recyclers Coalition, Inc.
 Board of Directors Meeting
 February 21, 2006
 Law Offices of Schwartz & Metz, Annapolis, MD

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Stumpff at 10:15 a.m.

| Board Members Present (11): | Officer/Director: | Affiliation: | Contact Information (if new): |
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| Bob Stumpff | Chairman | City of College Park | |
| Virginia Lipscomb | Vice President | Citizen at Large | |
| Charlie Reighart | Secretary | Baltimore County | |
| Bob Ernst | Director | Harford County | |
| Pam Kasemeyer | Director | MD-DE Solid Waste Assn. | |
| Steve Kullen | Director | Subtractions, LLC | |
| Bruce Norton | Director | Constellation Energy | 410-470-1212 (new) |
| Tom Parran | Director | Citizen at Large | |
| Marilyn Rybak | Director | Prince George's Co. | |
| Ford Schumann | Director | Infinity Recycling | |
| James Wood | Director | Mid-Shore Regional Recycling Program | |
| Others Present (6): | | | |
| Gemma Evans | | City of College Park | |
| Mike Fannon | | CDM eCycling | |
| Laura A.T. Miller | | Howard County | ltmiller@ho.co.md.us |
| Joan Plisko | | MD Hospitals for a Healthy Environment | 410-706-1849 plisko@son.umaryland.edu |
| Paula Reed | | Abitibi Consolidated | |
| Carol Taylor | | Anne Arundel Co. | 410-222-7954 |
| Board Members Absent (6): | | | |
| Brian Ryerson (1) | President | Office Paper Systems | |
| Chaz Miller (1) | Treasurer | Citizen at Large (employer: NSWMA) | |
| Lori Scozzafava (1) | Director | SWANA | |
| Steve Stein (1) | Director | R.W. Beck | |
| Craig Stuart-Paul (3) | Director | WM Recycle America LLC | |
| Alan Wilcom (1) | Director | Howard County | |

INTRODUCTIONS

Joan Plisko, Technical Director for Hospitals for a Healthier Environment (H2E), introduced herself, and provided handouts. She emphasized that H2E is looking into recycling in all parts of the medical waste stream. Joan said she also serves as chair of Baltimore County's Council on Environmental Quality.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In President Brian Ryerson's absence, Vice President Virginia Lipscomb delivered the President's report. Brian urged continued efforts to recruit sponsors and exhibitors for the conference. Steve Kullen agreed

to contact representatives from Aveda Corporation who had expressed interest in helping out with the Silent Auction.

MDE REPORT

No report.

MINUTES

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the January 17, 2006 Board minutes.

LEGISLATIVE & POLICY COMMITTEE

Legislative & Policy Committee Chair Pam Kasemeyer reported on several bills before the state legislature.

Senate Bill 553, sponsored by Sen. Pinsky of Prince George's County, requires MDE to create a resource guide and develop model guidelines for construction and demolition materials. SB 553 also requires counties to develop plans, with percentage goal targets, regarding C&D diversion. A hearing is set for Tuesday, February 28, 2006.

Companion pieces of legislation (HB 363 – Del. Glassman; SB 682 – Sen. Dyson) have been introduced to allow for the removal of solid waste facilities, including recycling facilities, from ten year solid waste management plans under certain circumstances.

HB 411 would provide for an income tax credit for green building.

HB 1211 would create a task force for green building.

Moved, seconded, and carried to authorize MRC's Executive Committee to take positions on legislation during the 2006 state legislative session, with the stipulation that any positions be communicated to the entire Board prior to submitting those positions to the legislature.

Pam Kasemeyer volunteered to draft testimony, as needed, consistent with positions taken by the Executive Committee during the legislative session.

With respect to SB 553, Pam Kasemeyer said she would need to hear from the Executive Committee by Friday, February 24th to submit testimony on MRC's behalf for the February 28th hearing. [Secretary's note: MRC's Executive Committee adopted the position that the subject of SB 553, construction and demolition materials diversion, be referred for summer study, and communicated this to the entire Board via e-mail by February 24th; as of this writing, Pam Kasemeyer had circulated proposed testimony to the Board and was planning to submit it on February 28th]

Pam Kasemeyer also invited MRC members to access information on bills via Maryland-Delaware Solid Waste Association's website, www.legislativeservices.com/smei6.htm.

Pam also invited members of MRC's Executive Committee to participate in weekly conference calls sponsored by MDSWA (held on Mondays at 2pm).

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Steve Kullen reported that MRC's website is up to date.

CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Virginia Lipscomb reported on the process by which Towson University had been selected as the conference site, after Johns Hopkins University and the Equestrian Center in Prince George's County had been considered. Although no conference contract has been signed yet, the dates planned for the conference are Wednesday, June 14 through Thursday, June 15.

Bob Ernst said that Mid-Atlantic SWANA has offered to put the \$1,300 MRC owed it from the 2005 Conference towards the 2006 Conference.

During the course of Board discussion, there was emphasis on the amount of work remaining to be done for the 2006 Conference (including a save the date card to go out once a contract is signed and the question of a Wednesday night dinner) and the need to start planning for 2007.

Charlie Reighart asked who would be active on the Conference Committee in addition to Virginia Lipscomb and Bob Ernst. Tom Parran and Paula Reed indicated they planned to be active.

AMERICA RECYCLES 2006 COMMITTEE

America Recycles 2006 Committee Chair James Wood reported on the 2005 national drawing held at Prince George's County's MRF. None of the winners (of a hybrid car and five bicycles) were from Maryland. ☹ Based on recent contact with the national ARD coordinator, James is not aware of any major, imminent changes in the program.

Marilyn Rybak said she had become aware of an EPA grant for stadium-related recycling. Kemba Saibou, a co-worker of Marilyn's, will come to the next MRC Board meeting to discuss the subject and see if MRC might want to become involved. Marilyn mentioned the possibility of recycling with the Redskins, Ravens and/or Terrapins, perhaps linked to America Recycles 2006 efforts. Bob Ernst suggested special events recycling as a conference topic. Bob Stumpff said Penn State University and North Carolina State could be models to consider.

MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Membership & Outreach Committee Chair James Wood exhorted everyone to pay their dues and encourage others to join MRC as new members. James said he would like MRC to create a system whereby certain sponsors and exhibitors would automatically become MRC members. Charlie Reighart said that James, Chaz Miller, and Charlie had been charged by the Board with looking into this and coming up with recommendation(s).

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved, seconded, and carried to create a 2006 Nominating Committee, with Tom Parran, Ford Schumann, and Marilyn Rybak as members. Charlie Reighart, Bylaws Committee Chair, pledged to provide the committee with guidance, including but not limited to making sure each committee member had a copy of MRC's bylaws. Steve Kullen also asked to receive the bylaws electronically, so he could

post them on MRC's website. [Secretary's note: MRC Association Coordinator Karen Jackson sent each member of the MRC Board an electronic copy of MRC's bylaws]

Ford Schumann noted that Kim Reichart of Howard County's Office of Recycling is the point person for the 2006 Silent Auction. Ford also volunteered the Stevensville Library in Queen Anne's County as the site for MRC's Board meeting on July 18, 2006.

The Board discussed whether and how MRC should make itself available to assist MDE regarding the State's Computer Recycling Fund, which contains approximately \$150,000 from fees paid by computer manufacturers doing business in the State. MDE must spend the money by June 30, 2006 or have the money return to the State's general fund. MDE had indicated its intention to spend most of the money on education and outreach about computer recycling, with assistance to jurisdictions that have not mounted any computer recycling programs a second priority. Following Board discussion, it was agreed that Virginia Lipscomb would contact MDE on MRC's behalf to assess whether MDE would be open to MRC input or assistance.

Charlie Reighart brought up the idea of MRC establishing a "rainy day fund" given MRC's relatively good financial situation. According to at least one school of thought in association management, having a reserve fund equal to approximately four to six months' worth of expenses is wise. Charlie suggested MRC might be in a position to consider setting aside an amount equivalent to two months' of expenses (\$11,000) now, in hopes of adding to this after another strong year. Charlie emphasized that he sought only to stimulate thinking at this meeting, and that he would want Treasurer Chaz Miller, with whom he had traded e-mails on this subject, present for any vote. James Wood said the Board should also consider sponsoring scholarships to the 2006 Conference, and Paula Reed took that idea a step further by suggesting the possibility of MRC funding scholarships for college students studying in the environmental field.

REVIEW OF TASKS

- 1) Everyone - seek conference sponsors and exhibitors.
- 2) MRC Executive Committee – monitor state legislation (and follow up with the Board, especially Pam Kasemeyer, as appropriate).
- 3) Richard Keller, Virginia Lipscomb, [and Dana Murray of Mid-Atlantic SWANA] – finalize conference contract with Towson University for June 14-15.
- 4) James Wood, Chaz Miller, and Charlie Reighart – consider issue of providing certain conference sponsors and exhibitors with MRC memberships.
- 5) Nominating Committee – begin work with Charlie Reighart's guidance.
- 6) Virginia Lipscomb – contact MDE regarding Computer Recycling Fund.
- 7) Everyone- recruit new MRC members.
- 8) Steve Kullen – post MRC bylaws on MRC website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bob Ernst announced a household hazardous waste collection event in Harford County on March 11th.

Steve Kullen thanked everyone for offering their support and condolences after his father passed away.

Joan Plitko said she looked forward to working with others.

Marilyn Rybak announced that Carol Bracaglia had been promoted to head Prince George's County's recycling section.

James Wood said that biodiesel would be reintroduced when the weather turned warmer, there would be a household hazardous waste collection event in Queen Anne's County this spring, and there was a controversy about a rubblefill in Queen Anne's County.

Paula Reed said that Abitibi Consolidated would be announcing a partnership with the Keep America Beautiful chapter in Prince George's County, and that Harford County's library system had partnered with Abitibi.

Charlie Reighart announced that Baltimore County would hold an electronics recycling collection event (April 1st or April 8th) and a compost bin sale (Earth Day – April 22nd).

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

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, March 21, 2006 – 10:00 a.m.
National Solid Waste Management Association
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Washington, DC