

Maryland Recyclers Coalition, Inc.  
 Board of Directors Meeting  
 May 16, 2006  
 Liriodendron Mansion, Bel Air, MD

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

<b>Board Members Present (14):</b>	<b>Officer/Director:</b>	<b>Affiliation:</b>	<b>Contact Information (if new):</b>
Brian Ryerson	President	Office Paper Systems	
Bob Stumpff	Chairman	City of College Park	rstumpff@collegeparkmd.gov
Virginia Lipscomb	Vice Pres.	Citizen at Large	
Chaz Miller	Treasurer	Citizen at Large (employer: NSWMA)	
Charlie Reighart	Secretary	Baltimore County	
Bob Ernst	Director	Harford County	
Pam Kasemeyer	Director	MD-DE Solid Waste Assn.	
Steve Kullen	Director	Citizen at Large	St.Kullen@prodigy.net
Bruce Norton	Director	Constellation Energy	
Tom Parran	Director	Citizen at Large	
Ford Schumann	Director	Infinity Recycling	
Lori Scozzafava	Director	SWANA	
Craig Stuart-Paul	Director	Atlantic Recycling	craigsp@atlanticrecycling.com
James Wood	Director	Mid-Shore Regional Recycling Program	
<b>Others Present (4):</b>			
Gemma Evans		City of College Park	
Mike Fannon		cdm eCycling	
Joan Plisko		MD H2E	
Paula Reed		Abitibi Consolidated	
<b>Board Members Absent (3):</b>			
Marilyn Rybak (2)	Director	Prince George's Co.	
Steve Stein (2)	Director	R.W. Beck	
Alan Wilcom (1)	Director	Howard County	

## INTRODUCTIONS

### MINUTES

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the March 21, 2006 Board minutes.

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the April 18, 2006 Board minutes.

Secretary Charlie Reighart thanked Alan Wilcom for taking minutes at the April 18, 2006 Board meeting.

Chairman Bob Stumpff asked Board members to check and make sure they had his correct City of College Park e-mail address (see above).

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Brian Ryerson said MRC's focus needed to be on the conference in June, and thanked Virginia Lipscomb and Bob Ernst for their efforts in this regard.

There was considerable discussion about conference sponsors and exhibitors, including both those secured and other possibilities. Bob Ernst volunteered to check with Mid-Atlantic SWANA regarding sponsors and exhibitors.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Moved, seconded, and carried to approve the March financials. Treasurer Chaz Miller promised April financials would be disseminated once he received them.

Chaz Miller emphasized the financial importance of the conference to MRC.

## **MDE REPORT**

No report.

## **LEGISLATIVE & POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Legislative & Policy Committee Chair Pam Kasemeyer said she would re-send a 2006 state legislative session summary to the entire Board.

A bill to ban the sale of mercury thermostats was amended to include a charge to MDE to host a stakeholder meeting on managing the thermostats. Pam said she believed it would be appropriate for MRC to participate.

Pam said that newsprint recycled content legislation had been revised in terms of dates, but not in an overall significant way.

A bill initiated by Delegate Glassman of Harford County, under which local governments could remove facilities from an approved ten-year solid waste management plan, only affects a Harford County rubblefill, and may be litigated since it has retroactive impact.

Another bill that passed kept a solid waste facility from going into operation near a lake in Queen Anne's County. Pam emphasized her view that this bill could set a bad precedent in terms of long range planning for solid waste and recycling facilities.

Construction and demolition debris recycling legislation did not advance. Pam said she thought the proposed legislation was too aggressive to win serious consideration in this session. Lori Scozzafava said there was interest in the subject elsewhere, such as Massachusetts.

## **AWARDS COMMITTEE**

Awards Committee Chair Bob Stumpff said that at least two nominations were in the works. The deadline for receiving award nominations was extended to Friday, May 26<sup>st</sup>.

## **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

On May 4<sup>th</sup> Communications Committee Chair Laura Greaver sent out an e-newsletter deadline of Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Virginia Lipscomb reminded the Board that Laura is promoting the conference in a lot of places, and that Laura e-mailed this information to the entire Board.

## **CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Kaymie Thompson Owen's work on the website regarding the conference drew praise.

There was further discussion about sponsors and exhibitors. The deadline for integrating sponsors and exhibitors into the conference program is May 17<sup>th</sup>, but names can be placed in program inserts after that.

Lori Scozzafava advocated publicity to a broader range of potential exhibitors. Paula Reed expressed the need for clarification about whether tickets to the reception and dinner came automatically with certain levels of sponsorship (for now, the answer is no). Craig Stuart-Paul discussed plans for dinner at Paolo's in Towson. Bob Ernst mentioned that the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority was offering two conference passes to each of its member jurisdictions.

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Nominating Committee Chair Tom Parran reported that the Nominating Committee had succeeded in putting together a full slate of officers and directors for the membership's consideration. Alan Wilcom has agreed to join the slate as a candidate for Secretary.

## **ROC REPORT**

Chaz Miller said that the next ROC meeting will be held in October 2006.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Bob Stumpff emphasized the need to start looking soon for a 2007 conference site. The general consensus of the Board members who expressed a view was that a 2007 site should be somewhere reasonably close to the middle of the state in order to maximize attendance. Lori Scozzafava suggested that MRC contact local visitors' bureaus to obtain information about possible sites. Chaz Miller recommended focusing on site selection over this summer, in hopes of making an announcement in September.

## **MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

Membership & Outreach Committee Chair James Wood distributed a list of paid-up MRC members and another list of former members whose dues have lapsed. Various Board members volunteered to contact people who had not yet paid 2006 dues.

James emphasized that this is the time of year where the best way to recruit new members is to focus on encouraging people to attend the conference. James mentioned collectors as a possible target for membership growth. James Wood, Chaz Miller, and Charlie Reighart are tasked with developing mechanisms for treating big sponsors well, and offering recommendations to the Board. James renewed his request that someone step up and replace him as Membership Chair.

### **AMERICA RECYCLES 2006 COMMITTEE**

Neither Maryland's America Recycles 2006 Committee Chair James Wood, national ARD Board member Lori Scozzafava, or former national ARD coordinator Steve Kullen had any recent information on what is going on with this year's campaign. The national website still has a 2005 look to it.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chaz Miller said that Senator James Jeffords' (I-VT) recycling bill is still being worked on.

Lori Scozzafava reported that SWANA's Communication, Education & Marketing Division recently held an e-cycling event and set up a library for the exchange of materials.

Craig Stuart-Paul said the single stream recycling plant in Elkridge he's been working on for a long time is now in the testing stage.

Paul Reed distributed a handout concerning the Great American Paper Chase sponsored by Abitibi Consolidated during March and April.

Gemma Evans announced that 48 people participated in College Park's first e-cycling event, held on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Mike Fannon said that cdm eCycling had just started servicing permanent e-cycling collection sites in Frederick and Cecil Counties.

James Wood announced that an April 29<sup>th</sup> HHW/e-cycling event drew 400 cars in Queen Anne's County, and netted 120 cubic yards of electronics. Queen Anne's County is back on biodiesel.

Joan Plisko circulated a fact sheet on MD H2E (Maryland Hospitals for a Healthier Environment). Joan said MD H2E is asking Maryland hospitals to sign agreements to engage in beneficial environmental practices. She said she would soon start to introduce hospitals and county staffs to each other. Joan mentioned that she spoke at a recent MDE meeting with solid waste and recycling managers at Rocky Gap, and that there would be a recognition event involving MD H2E and EPA in June.

Steve Kullen said that he is currently self-employed on behalf of his wife's (Sue's) House of Delegates campaign.

Frank Henderson stopped by and offered a free ticket to the Mid-Atlantic SWANA crab feast to anyone willing to join the organization on the spot.

Bob Ernst announced that at a Harford County HHW event a couple months ago residents in 250 cars brought 11 tons of material. Harford County's permanent e-cycling site at the landfill brings in 7-10 tons of electronics per month. Lastly, Bob said that Harford County is looking into establishing a swap shop, with the provision that Harford County would take in material at no charge but then charge residents to take items from the swap shop.

Charlie Reighart announced that on Earth Day 724 compost bins had been sold at Timonium Fairgrounds.

### **REVIEW OF TASKS**

Take note of new e-mail addresses for Bob Stumpff, Steve Kullen, and Craig Stuart-Paul.

Seek out sponsors, exhibitors, and attendees for the June conference.

Submit materials for the MRC newsletter by Friday, May 19.

Follow up commitments to check with people who have not paid 2006 MRC dues.

**ADJOURNED: 11:50 a.m.**

**NEXT MEETING:** MRC's Annual Meeting – Wednesday, June 14, 2006 (9:45 a.m.)  
MRC/Mid-Atlantic SWANA Annual Conference  
Chesapeake I and II, University Union  
Towson University  
Towson, MD

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Reighart  
MRC Secretary