

Maryland Recyclers Coalition, Inc.
 Board of Directors Meeting
 July 19, 2007
 The Liliodendron Mansion
 502 West Gordon Street
 Bel Air, MD

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Bob Stumpff called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. The meeting was held in the absence of a quorum, with nine Board members necessary to transact business.

| Board Members Present (8): | Officer/Director: | Affiliation: | Contact Information (if new): |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Bob Stumpff | Chairman | City of College Park | |
| Chaz Miller | Treasurer | Citizen at Large (employer: NSWMA) | |
| Angie Green | Director | Goodwill Industries | |
| Joan Plisko | Director | Hospitals for a Healthier Environment | |
| Charlie Reighart | Director | Baltimore County | |
| Kemba Saibou | Director | Prince George's County | |
| Ford Schumann | Director | Infinity Recycling | |
| Lori Scozzafava | Director | SWANA | |
| Others Present: | | | |
| Tim Dunn | | Baltimore County | |
| Bob Ernst | | Harford County | |
| Gemma Evans | | City of College Park | |
| Peter Houstle | | Mariner Management | |
| Board Members Absent (9): | | | |
| Mike Fannon (1) | Director | CDM eCycling | |
| Pam Kasemeyer (1) | Director | MD-DE Solid Waste Association | |
| Steve Kullen (1) | Director | Citizen at Large | |
| Virginia Lipscomb (1) | Vice President | Citizen at Large | |
| Bruce Norton (1) | Director | Constellation Energy | |
| Paula Reed (1) | Director | Abitibi Consolidated | |
| Brian Ryerson (1) | President | Office Paper Systems | |
| Craig Stuart-Paul (1) | Director | Citizen at Large | |
| Alan Wilcom (1) | Secretary | Howard County | |

INTRODUCTIONS

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Chaz Miller reported that for the period ending on June 30, 2007, MRC had \$71,871.85 in the bank. Executive Director Peter Houstle noted that roughly \$2,000 to \$3,000 in conference-related bills had yet to arrive.

Discussion about the 2007 Conference at University of Maryland – College Park ensued. MRC netted approximately \$32,000 on the conference, taking into account the \$2,000 to \$3,000 in outstanding invoices. In particular, registrations were much improved. Some conference participants expressed concern about traffic encountered in reaching the conference.

Looking forward to 2008, following extensive discussion intended to avoid potential conflicts with other activities, Peter Houstle will look into reserving the same conference site either the week of Tuesday, May 27, 2008 or Monday, June 23, 2008.

Following discussion relating to conference matters, a broader discussion about what MRC might do given its improved financial posture took place. The following is a summary of some of the more specific ideas offered during the meeting:

- creating a model school in terms of recycling (Joan Plisko)
- getting news out to MRC members more regularly (Lori Scozzafava)
- partnering with Maryland Environmental Service/attracting businesses to MRC with emphasis on energy conservation (Bob Ernst)
- spurring recycling interest in smaller municipalities (Ford Schumann)

Peter Houstle offered to share a proposed strategic thinking process with the MRC Board by August 2007 (via e-mail), a process he estimated would take two to three months to complete once started. Peter emphasized his view that MRC needs a clearer vision prior to undertaking activities and spending time and money. This view met with general assent at the meeting. Furthermore, Peter said he thought MRC (and organizations of like resources generally) would be better off to focus on being very good at one to three things than trying to do many things.

MDE REPORT

No report.

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LEGISLATIVE & POLICY COMMITTEE

There was brief discussion about the possibility of proposed bans on plastic bags, such as the one introduced in the City of Annapolis. Lori Scozzafava questioned whether plastic bags were receiving disproportionate scrutiny relative to their volume in landfills. Some other Board members noted that the visibility of plastic bags is contributing to the scrutiny.

Chaz Miller said that he would be interested in seeing legislation requiring recycling at public events, at least to the extent of focusing on PET bottles. Chaz offered to look up the State of Washington's legislative history in this regard. Kemba Saibou said that some Virginia counties build public event recycling requirements into their permitting processes.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Bob Ernst asked about the status of an award for James Wood, who recently left the MRC Board after many years of service. Committee Chair Bob Stumpff said that Charlie Reighart had previously reminded him about this, and that he (Bob Stumpff) intended to follow up.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

No report.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

No report.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Board members commented on the leadership jobs well done by Richard Keller and Virginia Lipscomb in reference to the 2007 Conference.

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

No report.

MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Joan Plisko reported that she, Mike Fannon, Paula Reed, and Peter Houstle had discussed the possibility of holding tours at cdm eCycling, Waste Management's Kit Kat Road single stream facility, and/or grocery stores involved in recycling. Paula Reed is researching the grocery store angle. Bob Ernst suggested that a Whole Foods store could be worth looking into.

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Joan Plisko also suggested that MRC members might be interested in items such as MRC shirts and coffee mugs.

Lori Scozzafava mentioned that obtaining the capability to bring people into statewide conference calls could help MRC.

Peter Houstle asked Charlie Reighart if he had looked into how MRC's bylaws could be amended to allow for 12-month rolling memberships instead of the current calendar year memberships. Charlie said that once the Board comes to consensus on what it wants, particularly in terms of what the qualifications for Board members should be, making the necessary changes to the bylaws should not be too difficult. Considerable discussion ensued as to whether the Nominating Committee needs to be sure someone is a MRC member at the time of being placed on the slate, at the time of election, or within some time following election. Following a straw vote in which 7 of 8 Board members present supported a shift to rolling 12-month memberships (and the 8th Board member abstained), Charlie agreed to take a closer look at how MRC's bylaws could be amended to allow for this and present something for the Board's consideration.

AMERICA RECYCLES DAY

No report.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

No report.

ROC REPORT

Chaz Miller said that the early bird registration for the National Recycling Congress had been extended to mid-July. Although Chaz Miller and Charlie Reighart plan to attend the Congress, which will conflict with the next scheduled MRC Board meeting of Tuesday, September 18th, that meeting date will stand.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chaz Miller said the RISE (Recycling Investment Saves Energy) bill was in trouble on Capitol Hill, in that it failed to get out of committee. Chaz said it is unclear if the legislation might be brought up in another manner.

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Ford Schumann said that former MRC Board member Beryl Friel would hold an educational meeting promoting recycling in Talbot County on July 18th, and that she might become involved in some way with Infinity Recycling.

Kemba Saibou announced that Prince George's County now had a new Associate Director of Waste Management, and that the county recently received \$18,000 for e-cycling from MDE.

Angie Green announced that Goodwill had begun recycling paper at their main office in Baltimore.

Charlie Reighart announced that Baltimore County had recently completed its 2007 Reuse Directory, and that Tracie Reynolds had recently been reassigned from Anne Arundel County's recycling office to a public information position with the county. Tracie's former position is now being advertised by Anne Arundel County.

Gemma Evans said that the City of College Park received \$11,000 from MDE for e-cycling.

REVIEW OF TASKS

By August, Peter Houstle will make strategic thinking materials available for the Board to consider.

Charlie Reighart will prepare revised bylaws language, for the Board's consideration, to facilitate a move toward 12-month rolling MRC memberships.

ADJOURNED: 12:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 18, 2007 – 10:00 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Reighart
Acting MRC Secretary (Alan Wilcom's designee)

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