

Maryland Recyclers Coalition, Inc.
 Board of Directors Meeting
 November 20, 2007
 Solid Waste Association of North America
 1100 Wayne Avenue, Suite 700
 Silver Springs, MD

CALL TO ORDER: Bob Stumpff called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

Board Members Present (10):	Officer/ Director:	Affiliation:	Contact Information (if new):
Bob Stumpff	Chairman	City of College Park	
Brian Ryerson	President	Office Paper Systems	
Virginia Lipscomb	Vice President	Citizen at Large	
Alan Wilcom	Secretary	Howard County	
Bob Ernst	Director	Harford County	
Paula Reed	Director	Abitibi Consolidated	
Charlie Reighart	Director	Baltimore County	
Ford Schumann	Director	Infinity Recycling	
Lori Scozzafava	Director	SWANA	
Craig Stuart-Paul	Director	Citizen at Large	
Others Present:			
Shannon Crawford		SWANA	
Brent Dieleman		SWANA	
Gemma Evans		City of College Park	
Peter Houstle		Mariner Management	
Anne Marcher		Baltimore County	
Bob Wolfe		SWANA	
Board Members Absent (6):			
Chaz Miller (3)	Treasurer	Citizen at Large (employer: NSWMA)	
Mike Fannon (1)	Director	cdm eCycling	
Angie Green (1)	Director	Goodwill Industries	
Pam Kasemeyer (1)	Director	MD-DE Solid Waste Association	
Bruce Norton (1)	Director	Constellation Energy	
Joan Plisko (1)	Director	Hospitals for a Healthier Environment	

INTRODUCTIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the Board of Directors Minutes from the October 16, 2007 meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Brian Ryerson suggested that the deadline be extended from December 1 to a later date for the initial components of the strategic management initiative. After some discussion of an adjusted timeline, it was agreed to extend the initial deadline to February 1. Peter Houstle encouraged participants that he would accept survey work early as it is completed before the deadline. Also, a recent article about the percentage of electronic waste that was processed overseas was discussed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Peter reported that the MRC should hit or come out ahead of its budget by a few thousand dollars. It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the Treasurer's Report for November 2007.

MDE REPORT

No report.

LEGISLATIVE & POLICY COMMITTEE

No report.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

No report.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

No report.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Peter has been working with Steve Kullen to begin the web-site and other web-site management duties. While assuming management of the web-site Peter proposed some changes that should be made to make the site more user-friendly and interactive. Peter believes the changes will give the MRC a stronger presence on the internet. This may include a blog for recycling information distribution. Total cost for the web-site facelift and technology enhancements may be between \$5,000-10,000. Peter will solicit several proposals for the changes. 2 to 3 members will be needed to assist with quality inputs and oversee the changes. In addition, the board is still looking for an overall Communications Committee Chairman.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Bob Stumpff reported that Richard Keller will again serve as Co-Chair of the committee along with Virginia Lipscomb. Other members who agreed to serve on the committee are Lori Scozzafava, Bob Ernst, and Alan Wilcom. Virginia went through the list of duties required for

the conference preparation and members who assisted with those tasks from last year. Charlie reported that after discussion with Steve Lippy and Robin Ennis, Mid Atlantic SWANA President and Vice President, SWANA is pleased with their duties and monetary arrangement. It was moved, seconded, and carried to authorize Brian to write a letter to Mid Atlantic SWANA detailing cooperation between the 2 bodies as in past and for the MRC to pay them \$1,500 for their assistance. Rooms and space at the University of Maryland was discussed along with the conference theme and presentation topics. Peter has received a proposal from Turf Valley for hosting the 2009 Conference. After reviewing it he will present it to the board at its next meeting. The conference committee is hoping to meet the first part of December.

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

No report.

MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Paula Reed outlined a Holiday Party/Meeting for December. She proposed having it at Damon's Bar and Grill in Arundel Mills Mall on December 18 from 4:30-6:30 pm. Total costs for a separate room and appetizers will be about \$400. Abitibi would contribute \$200 towards the cost and another \$200 sponsor is needed or the MRC will pick-up the remaining \$200. All MRC members and non-members are welcome to attend. Paula and Peter will work out the details such as RSVP deadline, notices, and web-site language. It was moved, seconded, and carried to proceed with a Holiday Party at Damon's.

AMERICA RECYCLES DAY

No report.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

No report.

ROC REPORT

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Charlie presented the proposed service agreement and contract with Mariner. There are no major differences between this contract and last years except Mariner will assume management of the website, provide administrative support for the development of a strategic vision, and the agreement is for 2 years instead of 1. The total fee per year will increase from \$22,200 to \$24,900 for a 2 year total of \$49,800. It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the

service agreement and contract as proposed with Mariner. Then many board members commented on the excellent work Mariner has done to date. In many cases Mariner has exceeded the terms of the contract such as attending all of the board meetings and providing and acting on suggested improvements to the organization. With that it was moved, seconded, and carried to give Mariner a one time bonus of \$1,500 based on past years services.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bob Ernst announced that **Robin Ennis** has left the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority to become Chief, Collection Section of Montgomery County Solid Waste Bureau.

Ford Schumann announced that Infinity Recycling provided recycling collection services for the 16,000 people who attend the Water Fowl Festival.

Shannon Crawford discussed SWANA's Recycling and Special Waste 2008 Conference to be held in Corpus Christi, Texas from February 4-9.

Charles Reighart announced that the America Recycles Day Sculpture contest at MDE was a success with over 50 students participating. In addition, Baltimore County has rolled out a new theme and logo for recycling, which is *Your Waste Your Responsibility*. Also a new leafcycling program has been developed that encourages residents to take care of their leaves on their own property. The 150 bins given by the MD Beverage Association for event recycling has worked well.

REVIEW OF TASKS

Paula and Peter will work out the details for the Holiday Party/Meeting scheduled on December 18 from 4:30-6:30 pm at Damon's Arundel Mills.

Peter will provide a proposal to the board about the web-site enhancements.

Peter will present Turf Valley's proposal for the conference site in 2009.

Brian will send a letter to Steve Lippy detailing SWANA's cooperation with the conference.

ADJOURNED: 12:10 pm

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, December 18 – 4:30 pm.

Holiday Party and Meeting
Damon's Arundel Mills
7051 Arundel Mills Circle
Hanover, MD

Respectfully submitted,
Alan Wilcom