

Minutes of the January 17, 2012 ANJR Board of Directors' Meeting at South Brunswick Township, NJ

Members Present: D. D'Altilio, B. Fiedler, M. Williams, R. Hutchinson, B. Peterson, M. Vangieri, D. Caputo, R. Casapulla, F. Cornell, W. DeFeo, D. DeMatte, M. Fisher, A. Giordano Sr., M. Gismondi, P. Jones, A. Kontovrakis, E. Kuhlwein, P. McGaheran, J. McNellis, A. Moore, D. Napoleon, N. Paquette, J. Pellichero, G. Russell, C. Tolmachewich, A. Yoss, M. Kruzan

Members Absent: V. Montecalvo

Members Excused: J. Clark, M. Vastano

Guests: Guy Watson, NJDEP

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 10:11 A.M. An attendance sheet was circulated in lieu of roll call.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the December 6, 2011 meeting were distributed via e-mail prior to the meeting. Reenee Casapulla added that at the last meeting she asked Guy Watson if the County Recycling Coordinators can be copied when the supplemental checks are sent to the towns. Janet Pellichero made a motion to approve the minutes with the one addition. Nancy Paquette seconded; all were in favor.

Correspondence: - There were no correspondence.

Officers' Reports

President's Report

Upcoming Board Meetings:

President D'Altilio reported that the February 21st Board meeting will be held in Morris County and the April 17th Board meeting will be held at the PSE&G facility in Paulsboro.

Finance Committee:

President D'Altilio reported that the finance committee held a meeting on January 12th, Bernie Peterson will provide details with the Treasurer's report.

New Environment and Solid Waste Committee Chair:

President D'Altilio reported that Assemblyman McKeon has been replaced by Assemblywoman L. Grace Spencer as the Chairperson for the Environment and Solid Waste Committee. President D'Altilio will contact Frank Brill to set-up a meeting between ANJR and Assemblywoman Spencer.

Winter Newsletter:

President D'Altilio asked Mark Vangieri if the winter 2012 newsletter is complete. Mr. Vangieri stated it's complete, but he is having problems converting it to a PDF.

Vice Presidents:

Administration:

Barbara Fiedler presented the bylaws changes to the board. These changes include an Emeritus Membership and a "Whistleblower" policy. This is considered the first reading of the bylaws changes and Alan Yoss made a motion to accept the changes, seconded by Donna Caputo. All were in favor.

ANJR Web Site:

Nancy Paquette reported that there will be a portal on the web site that connects to the NJ Business Wastewise network listing their meeting minutes and newsletter. Nancy feels that this is a good way to get businesses to join ANJR.

Program: Melinda Williams reported that the planning committee will meet after the board meeting to discuss the Annual Meeting.

Swap & Share:

Melinda reported that the South Swap & Share will be held on February 29th in Vineland and the North Swap & Share will be held on March 8th in Morris County.

Tonnage Grant Workshop:

Melinda reported that on February 22nd ANJR will be hosting a Northern Tonnage Grant Workshop in Somerset County. Nancy Paquette, Jared Eudell, Mark Vangieri, and President D'Altilio are all confirmed speakers for this workshop. The Southern workshop will be held in Gloucester County, but the date still has not been selected.

2012 Annual Symposium and Awards Luncheon:

Melinda reported that the annual symposium will be held on October 17, 2012 at Jumping Brook Country Club, Neptune, NJ.

ANJR Annual Meeting:

Melinda reported that at the annual meeting there will be the midterm CRP graduation consisting of approximately 30 people. Ann Williams stated that ANJR should try to secure some press for the graduation. Penny Jones stated that she will try to get the press to cover it. President D'Altilio also stated that he will contact Frank Brill to see if he can get the press to cover the event. Nancy Paquette asked if we should use our relationship with Wastewise to promote the meeting. Ann Williams stated that since space is limited, this may not be a good idea.

Gray Russell asked if ANJR should consider offering a cheaper membership fee to Wastewise members. President D'Altilio stated that the finance committee will discuss this.

Development: Ron Hutchinson reported that the Development Committee had a good year last year. The committee is currently pursuing Covanta for membership. Ron also reported that unfortunately Waste Management has renewed its membership at half the amount of the previous year. Ron is contacting them to try to get the full amount. Nancy Paquette asked if we have solicited Waste Management's competitors. Ron stated that we have and if any board members have contact information for new companies please provide him with this information.

CRP credits for ANJR Membership:

Dennis DeMatte stated that a municipality asked him that if they become ANJR members can they receive CRP credits for their membership. The Board discussed this and felt that this is not a good precedent, since they may receive credits for being members, but they may not participate in any other activities.

Urban Area Membership:

Penny Jones stated that many of the urban areas of NJ are generating many materials for recycling, but they are not renewing their ANJR membership. Penny asked if we should be making a greater effort to secure urban membership.

Treasurer: Bernie Peterson read the treasurer's report. Nancy Paquette asked if ANJR has made the most money they have ever made in one year in 2011. Marie Kruzan responded yes. Ron Hutchinson made a motion to file the report for audit. Ann Moore seconded; all were in favor.

Finance Committee:

Bernie Peterson reported that the Finance Committee met on January 12th. Bernie reported that there is a 3% increase for health insurance for the Executive Director. Penny Jones asked what service does Frank Brill provide to ANJR. Marie Kruzan replied that Frank Brill checks legislation and provides lobbyist activities (sets-up meetings, etc.) President D'Altilio also stated that he provides us with an "insider" in Trenton.

Tax on fund Interest:

Anthony Giordano asked how much interest ANJR earns on its investments. Marie Kruzan stated that since ANJR is a non-profit we don't earn interest.

Proposed 2012 Budget:

Nancy Paquette made a motion to accept the proposed budget to be presented at the Annual Meeting. Seconded by Dennis DeMatte. All were in favor.

Secretary – No report.

Committee Reports

Class A Committee:

Anthony Giordano reported that the committee did not have a chance to meet.

Nominating Committee:

Dan Napoleon reported that things are moving along. An email has been sent to the membership asking for board nominees.

NJDEP Report

Letter to Mayor and Councils regarding CRP requirements: Guy Watson reported that a letter was sent to the mayor and councils in each NJ municipality reminding them about the CRP requirements. Guy stated that the League of Municipalities sent an email to towns asking about their opinion of the "new" CRP requirement.

Supplemental Tonnage Grant Checks: Guy Watson stated that the supplemental tonnage grant checks should be sent out within the next week.

Broken Electronics: Guy Watson reported that he sent a letter to the electronics manufacturers regarding broken electronics. Only two manufacturers responded to him.

Stakeholders Meeting: As a follow-up to the November 14, 2011 stakeholders meeting, the NJDEP is sending out a letter on January 17th inviting participants to join one of the four committees that were established.

Multifamily Recycling: Guy Watson stated the 85% of NJ's population has some sort of recycling collection program. The DEP has discovered that most multi-family buildings want more frequent recycling collections.

25th Anniversary of the NJ Statewide Source Separation and Recycling Act: Guy Watson reported that the NJDEP has been invited, by the ACUA, to join in a commemorative event celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the NJ Statewide Source Separation and Recycling Act. This event will be held on April 24, 2012 at Stockton College and Governor Kean will be attending.

New Business:

Ann Moore asked Guy Watson if a separate e-mail address has been established for the municipal REA tax certification forms. Guy stated that it is up and running.

Dennis DeMatte asked if ANJR can do a survey to see if counties will provide the CRP requirement to sign the tonnage grant for towns and if they are charging a fee. Reenee Casapulla suggested \$150 - \$250 per agreement. Ernie Kuhlwein stated that Ocean County does not support signing the grants on behalf of the towns. Nancy Paquette suggested that the counties charge the amount it costs a town to send a representative to the CRP class.

Adjournment – Ron Hutchinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Donna Caputo seconded; all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m. The February meeting will be held at the Morris County Library on February 21, 2012 at noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Vangieri, Secretary