

**Minutes of the December 6, 2011 ANJR Board of Directors' Meeting
NJ Eco Complex, Bordentown, NJ**

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

Members Absent: M. Williams

Members Excused: J. Clark, D. DeMatte, M. Fisher, P. Jones

Guests: Guy Watson, NJDEP

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 12:21 P.M. An attendance sheet was circulated in lieu of roll call.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the September 20, 2011 meeting were distributed via e-mail prior to the meeting. Monica Gismondi made a motion to approve the minutes. Dan Napoleon seconded; all were in favor.

Correspondence: - President D'Altilio reported that ANJR sent a letter to NJDEP Commissioner Martin in September asking for the REA money to be released immediately and to make the application available at the same time each year. ANJR received a response from Assistant Commissioner Jane Kozinski stating that applications were sent out in October. She also wrote that because of the way the taxes are collected the applications can not be sent out before September.

President D'Altilio also stated that the county recycling coordinators asked ANJR to write a letter to the NJDEP requesting a meeting to discuss the REA funds. The coordinators want to know the following:

1. Why are the allocations this year much less than last year?
2. Why is education funding not required?
3. How are the funds determined?

Officers' Reports

President's Report – President D'Altilio reported that all is going well. The symposium went really well and Dom thanked all board members who worked on making it a success.

Symposium:

President D'Altilio stated that the Atlantic City Sheraton contacted ANJR to host the symposium, but President D'Altilio stated that he felt it was too far of a ride for many participants. Ann Moore made a motion to host the 2012 symposium in the same venue as 2011. Seconded by Wayne DeFeo, all were in favor.

Nominations:

President D'Altilio stated that Dan Napoleon will Chair the Nominations Committee with assistance from Janet Pellichero.

Finance Committee:

President D'Altilio stated that there will be a finance committee meeting on January 12, 2012 at the ANJR offices.

2012 Meeting Schedule:

President D'Altilio asked the Board if they would like to keep the 2012 meeting schedule the same as 2011 which is: meetings are the third Tuesday of each month with no meetings in March, October and November. Ann Moore made a motion to accept the meeting schedule as proposed. Monica Gismondi seconded; all were in favor.

Vice Presidents:

Administration: Barbara Fiedler reported that the by-laws committee will be having a meeting right after the board meeting.

Program: Monica Gismondi reported on behalf of Melinda Williams that she hadn't heard any negative comments regarding the venue for the symposium. Most people expressed that it was a very easy location to find.

Development: No report.

Treasurer: Bernie Peterson read the treasurer's report. Gray Russell asked how ANJR "is doing" compared to last year. Marie Kruzan answered that ANJR is doing better with more income than last year.

Gray Russell made a motion to file the report for audit. Ann Moore seconded; all were in favor.

Auditors Proposal – Bernie Peterson presented the auditors proposal from Dimars, Perazza & Co., for 2011. The cost is \$2,800; an increase of \$100 from last year. Bernie recommended that ANJR accepts this proposal.

Nancy Paquette made a motion to hire Dimars, Perazza & Co., to complete the 2011 audit report. Gray Russell seconded; all were in favor.

Secretary – No report.

Executive Director's Report:

Membership:

Executive Director Kruzan reported that ANJR currently has 339 members. This is the highest it's been in ten years. Sims Metal Management has upgraded to a sustaining member.

Symposium:

Marie reported that there were 15 exhibitors at the symposium and that over \$3,000 was received in sponsorships. A net of \$24,000 was received.

Marie stated that the only complaints that she received regarding the symposium is that the NJDEP had to walk too far between the symposium and the room where the poem winners were being entertained. Some people also complained about the steps that led up to the dais.

Nancy Paquette asked why the recycling awards were handed out so late. Many people were starting to leave. President D'Altilio stated that ANJR's involvement ends with the handing out of the REX award. The recycling awards are handled by the NJDEP.

Nancy also stated that it would be nice if one or two of the poems could be read aloud.

Stakeholders Meeting:

On November 14, 2011 the NJDEP hosted a stakeholders meeting that Marie Kruzan and Wayne DeFeo attended. Businesses expressed concerns regarding flow control and dirty MRF's. Wayne DeFeo stated that Marie did a great job representing ANJR and that it was a productive meeting – not just a complaint session.

Class A Committee:

In response to some issues regarding Class A facilities that were discussed at the stakeholders meeting, ANJR formed a Class A Committee. Anthony Giordano is the Chairman and Bernie Peterson, Ann Moore, Barbara Fiedler, Donna Caputo, Wayne DeFeo, Joe McNellis and Patrick McGaheeran all agreed to serve on this committee.

Committee Reports

There were none.

NJDEP Report

NJDEP Reorganization: Guy Watson reported that the NJDEP Solid Waste Division is being reorganized and he doesn't know if this will affect him.

School Recycling: Guy Watson reported that the Association of Designated Persons contacted Sondra Flite of the DEP staff regarding updating a template to increase recycling in schools. Guy stated that there may be a possibility of hiring ANJR to do this. Marie Kruzan stated that ANJR needs to receive more information from Sondra.

Supplemental REA Checks: Monica Gismondi asked Guy when the supplemental checks will be sent to the towns that received less tonnage grant money than taxes paid. Guy stated that he hopes the checks will be sent out before the end of the year.

Letter to Mayor and Councils regarding CRP requirements: Monica Gismondi asked Guy if the NJDEP is going to send a letter to each Mayor and Council in NJ reminding them about the CRP requirements. Guy stated that the letter has been drafted but not reviewed.

Television Recycling: Donna Caputo asked Guy if NJDEP is doing anything to publicize television recycling. Guy stated that the DEP hopes to work with the Association of NJ Household Hazardous Waste Coordinators regarding this issue.

New Business:

Tonnage Grant Workshop: Carole Tolmachewich reported that the committee is selecting dates and asking speakers to participate in the tonnage grant workshops that ANJR is planning on hosting in either January or February. One workshop will be hosted in northern NJ and the other will be hosted in southern NJ.

Monica Gismondi asked if ANJR can purchase a microphone for its seminars. Some of the facilities that are being utilized do not have a speaker system

Adjournment – Alan Yoss made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gray Russell seconded; all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m. The January meeting will be held at the South Brunswick Township Public Works Building on January 17, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Vangieri, Secretary