

## **Minutes of the January 15, 2013 ANJR Board of Directors Meeting at the Rutgers EcoComplex, Bordentown, NJ**

**Members Present:** D. D'Altilio, B. Fiedler, R. Hutchinson, M. Vangieri, D. Caputo, R. Casapulla, M. Fisher, A. Giordano Sr., P. Jones, A. Kontovrakis, E. Kuhlwein, W. Lehman, P. McGaheran, J. McNellis, A. Moore, D. Napoleon, M. Quinn, G. Russell, Gary Sondermeyer for J. Solewski, C. Tolmachewich, A. Yoss, M. Kruzan

**Members Absent:** J. Mulligan

**Members Excused:** J. Clark, W. DeFeo, D. DeMatte, M. Gismondi, N. Paquette, J. Pellichero, B. Peterson, M. Vastano, M. Williams

**Guests:** Frank Brill, David Refkin

**Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 10:15 A.M. An attendance sheet was circulated in lieu of roll call.

**Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of the December 4, 2012 meeting were distributed via e-mail prior to the meeting. Reenee Casapulla made a motion to approve the minutes. Ernie Kuhlwein seconded; all were in favor.

### **Correspondence:**

President D'Altilio informed the Board that an email was received from Frank Brill providing the Board with a list of 32 bills with descriptions that he is monitoring for ANJR.

### **Officers' Reports**

#### **President's Report**

President D'Altilio thanked the board members for attending the committee meetings held in January.

#### **Vice Presidents:**

##### Development:

Ron Hutchinson thanked everyone who provided him with contact information for potential new corporate members. Ron reported that it is looking positive for Lockheed Martin to become a member. Ron also reported that Wakefern and Terracycle have stated that they are not becoming members. Penny Jones stated that she thought that Merk may be interested in membership and that she will research who the contact person is and report back to Ron.

Ron Hutchinson reported that the Leonard Money Committee held a meeting on January 10, 2013. Ron reported that the committee decided the following:

1. The money will not be used for a social media campaign.
2. The committee is recommending that the money be used for A scholarship to a member to complete the recycling certification program. Ron asked for volunteers to prepare the scholarship criteria. Ann Moore, Reenee Casapulla and Barbara Fiedler volunteered for the committee and they will present the criteria at the February board meeting.
3. The committee is recommending that the money will be used for a school recycling tool kit. Ron asked for volunteers to serve on a committee to develop the tool kit. Gray Russell,

Penny Jones, Barbara Fiedler, Mark Vangieri and Ann Moore volunteered to serve on the committee. Ron also reported that Sondra Flite of the NJDEP will also serve on the committee.

4. The committee has decided that \$1,000 will be used for a trial membership for ANJR in the National Recycling Coalition.
5. The committee has also decided that funds may be used for professional development - which may include but not be limited to seminars or classes for Marie Kruzan or board members.

#### Administration:

Barbara Fiedler had no report.

#### Program:

Monica Gismondi was unable to attend the board meeting, but President D'Altilio stated that there will be a program committee meeting after the board meeting.

#### Treasurer:

President D'Altilio reported that Bernie Peterson will be retiring on March 1, 2013 and that he will be leaving New Jersey and resigning from the board. Donna Caputo has volunteered for the position of temporary Treasurer.

Donna Caputo read the treasurer's report. Ann Moore made a motion to file the report for audit. Michelle Fisher seconded; all were in favor.

Secretary – No report.

### **Executive Director's Report:**

Executive Director Kruzan reported that the first membership mailing for 2013 has been sent out.

Marie also reported that the following companies have renewed their memberships:

- Integrity Recycling and Waste Solutions – Sustaining
- Sims Recycling Solutions – Inner Circle - Silver member
- Natures Choice/Reliable Wood Products – Inner Circle – Bronze

Penny Jones asked what can be done to encourage municipal membership. President D'Altilio stated that the county representatives should be encouraging municipal membership. Mark Vangieri asked which counties aren't ANJR members. Marie Kruzan reported that Camden, Hunterdon and Passaic are not members.

### **Committee Reports**

#### Finance Committee:

President D'Altilio reported that the Finance Committee met on January 10, 2013 to discuss the 2013 ANJR budget. President D'Altilio circulated the proposed 2013 budget to the board.

Donna Caputo presented the proposed budget to the board. The 2013 budget has an increase of \$1,045 from 2012. Reenee Casapulla made a motion to accept the proposed budget to the

membership at the annual meeting in March. The motion was seconded by Ron Hutchinson, all were in favor.

Class A Committee:

There was no report.

Legislative Committee:

President D'Altilio introduced Frank Brill and he provided the board with a report regarding the bills that he is monitoring for ANJR. Marie Kruzan stated that she will forward a listing of the bills to the board.

Plastic Bag Committee:

Maite Quinn attempted to follow up with the NJ Food Council (NJFC), but they never responded to her. Maite reported that the committee is becoming more informed and still researching the issue.

Penny Jones reported that the Star Ledger and Morris County Daily Record each published editorials supporting a ban.

Gray Russell asked if any counties have designated plastic bags as a recyclable. No one knows of any county that has designated plastic bags. Gray questioned why ANJR should take a position on this issue. He believes that it is a litter issue.

The issue was discussed in great detail, including how bags affect equipment at recycling facilities, and plastic film recycling was also discussed.

**NJDEP Report:**

Guy Watson was not in attendance.

County REA Grants - Carole Tolmachewich reported that the Counties have received their 2012 REA Grant applications.

Hurricane Sandy Report – Gary Sondermeyer reported that there are 210 temporary debris storage areas in NJ. Ashbrit moved the materials to the areas, but it is the town's responsibility for disposal. Gary also reported that there is a glut of vegetative materials – 3.6 million yards of material.

President D'Altilio reported one favorable outcome of the storm is that Belmar will be rebuilding its boardwalk with Trex, not tropical rainforest wood.

**New Business:**

Asphalt Shingle Recycling:

Ann Moore asked if any recyclers are accepting asphalt roofing shingles. Mark Vangieri responded that he will send Ann a listing of companies that have stated they accept shingles for recycling.

Presentation to the Board:

David Refkin, President, GreenPath Sustainability Consultants, made a presentation to the Board regarding a Reinventing Recycling extended producer responsibility (EPR) program for plastic bottles. Mr. Refkin went into much detail regarding this program and discussed three different documents. Marie Kruzan stated that she would forward these documents to all the board members.

**Adjournment** – Ernie Kuhlwein made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ron Hutchinson seconded; all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 12:02 PM. The February meeting will be held on February 19, 2013 at Morris County MUA at noon.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Vangieri, Secretary