

Minutes of the April 22, 2014 ANJR Board of Directors Meeting at the Bergen County Utilities Authority, Little Ferry, NJ

Members Present: D. D’Altilio, M. Gismondi, R. Hutchinson, M. Vangieri, R. Anderson, N. Blitz, P. Jones, E. Kuhlwein, W. Lehman, J. McNellis, D. Napoleon, N. Paquette, J. Pellichero, M. Quinn, M. Vastano, M. Williams, M. Kruzan

Members Absent:

Members Excused: B. Fiedler, D. Caputo, A. Contillo Andersen, R. Casapulla, W. DeFeo, A. Giordano Sr., A. Kontovrakis, P. McGaheran, A. Moore, G. Russell, J. Solewski, C. Tolmachewich, A. Yoss

Guests: None

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 January 21, 2014 meeting were distributed via e-mail prior to the meeting. Ron Hutchinson made a motion to approve the minutes. Ernie Kuhlwein seconded; all were in favor. Please note: The February 18, 2014 Board meeting was canceled because of inclement weather.

Correspondence:

No correspondences were received.

Election Report - Via e-mail, each of the elected board members were asked to review and vote on the Nominating Committee’s recommendation of the following 11 nominees for the appointed board member positions.

- Angela Contillo Andersen
- Reenee Casapulla
- Joseph McNellis
- Matthew Vastano
- Robert Anderson
- Andriana Kontovrakis
- Gray Russell
- Melinda Williams
- Neil Blitz
- Ernest Kuhlwein
- Jennifer Solewski

President D’Altilio reported to the Board the following tabulations for the slate:

14 yes
0 no
4 did not vote

Officers’ Reports

President’s Report:

President D’Altilio welcomed the new members to the board.

President D’Altilio stated that he thought the annual meeting went great and that the membership was very impressed.

He also reported that ANJR is working on setting up a meeting with Senator Smith and the Food Council to discuss the food waste recycling white paper that was released at the annual meeting.

President D'Altilio informed the board that the North and South Swap & Share meetings both went very well.

Vice Presidents:

Development:

Ron Hutchinson reported that the membership committee has been working on some potential new business members.

Ron also reported that the ANJR School Recycling Kit was unveiled at the annual meeting and that he has not received any comments regarding it. He stated that the committee still wants to add some videos to it.

Administration:

There was no report.

Program:

Monica Gismondi reported that she has only heard good feedback regarding the annual meeting. Penny Jones added that when questions are asked at the annual meeting, they should be repeated because some of the crowd does not hear the question.

Monica reported that the planning committee is working on hosting 2 half-day workshops in August. The Northern workshop will be held on August 6th in Middlesex County and the Southern workshop will be held on August 13th in Clayton. Agenda topics, speakers, etc., are currently being discussed.

Monica also stated that there will be a programs committee meeting following the board meeting.

Treasurer:

Marie Kruzan read the treasurer's report. Monica Gismondi made a motion to file the report for audit. Neil Blitz seconded; all were in favor.

Monica Gismondi asked Marie if ANJR received all payments from the symposium. Marie stated that all payments have been received.

Secretary – Mark Vangieri stated that he has started the Spring ANJR Newsletter and hopes to be done by the next board meeting.

Executive Director's Report:

Executive Director Kruzan is happy to report that Tilcon NY and Cinelli Iron & Metal have both rejoined ANJR. They both were ANJR members that allowed their memberships to lapse. In addition to becoming a member, Tilcon has also become an Inner Circle member.

Marie also reported that there is a new Inner Circle member, Hometown Dumpster, Rental.

She reported that the current ANJR membership is 344 people.

Marie also reported that people who wanted to attend the Annual Meeting but did not pay, were turned away.

Committee Reports

Golf Committee:

Nancy Paquette stated that the brochure for the June 24th golf outing is complete. An email will be sent to all members regarding the outing. The committee is researching the possibility of advertising the outing on NJ.com. Penny Jones stated that maybe our efforts should target the Mercer County area of the state.

Class B Committee:

No report.

Legislative Committee:

Paint Recycling Bill - No report.

Food Waste Committee:

No report.

NJDEP Report:

In lieu of Guy Watson, Dominick D'Altilio reported the following:

The NJDEP is reorganizing. Guy Watson's responsibilities will include Solid Waste, Recycling, Medical Waste and Household hazardous waste management. Joe Davis and Ed Nieliwocki are moving to Finance and their supervisor will be Debbie Pinto. Guy Watson will provide ANJR with an organization chart once it is available.

The NJDEP will have an additional \$2.3 million to distribute to municipalities for the 2012 tonnage grant.

New Business:

Nancy Paquette asked if ANJR should consider sending emails to the membership welcoming new business members and providing the membership with a brief description of the new member's business activities. Many different ideas were discussed, such as, sending certificates to new members and renewed members; sending welcome letters to new business members; developing a business registration form for businesses. The board agreed that this is a good idea and Nancy agreed to spearhead this initiative. Mark Vangieri, Penny Jones and Ron Hutchinson volunteered to assist her.

It was announced that Penny Jones will be retiring from the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority on June 30th. There was no mention if she is planning on continuing to serve on the ANJR board.

Adjournment – Dan Napoleon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Janet Pellichero seconded; all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM. The next meeting will be held on May 20, 2014 at Mountain View Golf Club in Ewing, NJ at noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Vangieri, Secretary