

Association of New Jersey Recyclers

Board Meeting minutes January 20, 2015

Mountain View Golf Course 10:00 AM

Presided by President Dominick D’Altilio

In attendance: Monica Gismondi, Ronald Hutchinson, Donna Caputo, Angela C Andersen, Robert Anderson, Neil Blitz, Reenee Casapulla, Penny Jones, Andriana Kontovrakis, Ernest Kuhlwein, Bill Lehman, Patrick McGaheran, Joseph McNellis, Dan Napoleon, Nancy Paquette, Janet Pellichero, Maite Quinn, Gray Russell, Jennifer Solewski, Carole Tolmachewich, Marie Kruzan

Guest: Jenny Barton, Bayshore Recycling Corporation

Excused: Barbara Fiedler, Mark Vangieri, Wayne DeFeo, Ann Moore, Matthew Vastano, Melinda Williams, Alan Yoss,

Minutes from December meeting were approved with amendments by Penny Jones (added names of 2 business committee members)

Correspondence:

Dominick reported that the auditor proposal was within the budget. Proposal accepted

Treasurers Report:

The board sent the final 2014 financial report to the auditor and approved the proposed 2015 budget. The major addition was the \$25,000 ALCOA grant for school education program.

The Certification scholarship success was discussed and the board looks forward to another round of funding for grantees. Applications are available on the ANJR website.

The deadline for submittal will be Earth Day (April 22) 2015.

Grant update:

Ron (and Marie) reported on the ALCOA grant and it was discussed in more detail. The committee needs assistance in identifying spotlight ideas, schools and efforts from across the state for the video. Please contact Ron or Marie with ideas and or assistance. The video will be on You Tube and the shoots will be done geographically.

Business Committee:

Ron reported 3 core elements were discussed around business concerns. They include: 1) vendor qualification questionnaire for pre-screening and contract history, 2) the value of ANJR to members for

outreach on quality vendors/contractors, and 3) awareness (in print media) so towns can benefit from the prescreening information generated.

It was suggested that there be a template for towns for recycling collection bids.

There was a discussion around ANJR doing more outreach to chambers and members of chambers across the state. It was reiterated that ANJR needs to pursue business memberships.

Website:

Nancy reported that the committee will be meeting soon and will update board at the next meeting

Food (organics) waste:

Carol reported that Senator Lezniak is considering amended his bill to accept language ANJR board members outlined in detail at a special meeting last week. It is anticipated that there will be Assembly support and sponsorship for the amended bill but a few more details need to be discussed.

There is an NJDEP grant available to towns and counties for food waste, tires and or recycling in public places

There was a recent EPA webinar on food waste reuse that was recommended for members to view.

Paint:

Carol provided a detailed description of the amendments proposed for the "Paint Care Bill- S1420" and it was noted that our comments were incorporated. The bill moved through Senator Smith committee with bipartisan support and it appears to have pending assembly sponsorship.

The changes to this bill are modeled after initiatives in other states.

Motion approved to support the "Paint Care Bill S1420" in concept as amended

Go to Paintcare.org for more information

E-waste:

Carol reported on the proposed amendments to the electronic waste bill

Changes include adding printers to list of "covered" materials and add school and government facilities. The goal is to increase accountability and also specify that large quantity handlers cannot recycle the materials it needs to be processed by an "authorized recycler" that is R2 certified.

There is expected to be push back from the manufacturer industry.

ANJR approved support of concept and will get a letter to Senator Smith.

Email Marie if interested in reading the amended bill and the original bill.

No DEP report submitted at the meeting

ED report-

ReCommunity renewed their Inner Circle membership. And members were reminded to get member renewals.

February Swap and Share workshops are set and invitations will be sent shortly.

The balance of the report was sent out in the meeting notes.

Nominating Committee:

Committee will be seeking nominations for the elected board and officers positions. Committee will be contacted current board members about renewing positions.

Continuing business:

Dominick reported that ANJR will need to craft and approve by-law amendments for IRS required record retention requirements for non-profits.

Program/Planning committee:

Monica reported that the 2 Swap and Share workshops are set for February; North on February 5 at Bergen County Utilities Authority and the South on February 10 at Clayton Government Services Building There is 2.5 CEU for attending the workshop. Members can attend both but only get 1 round of CEU. The registration is up. The annual meeting is set for March 26 at the Eco Complex. The committee will be meeting after board meeting to set agenda and speakers.

New business:

It was announced by members Maite Quinn and Bob Anderson that market prices for plastic and paper are down and will continue. It was noted that this was due to oil prices and impending Chinese New Year and should stabilize in April/May. There is an article in the Wall Street Journal today in regard to the market volatility and the Chinese economy effecting the changes. It was suggested and agreed by the board to include a market update at each meeting. Updates and information will be on ANJR website.

ANJR was commended by Gray for continuing to promote the recycling of non-traditional items, paint, food, e-waste etc..

Next meeting is February 17 at the Eco Complex