

A word from our new President – Gary Smalley



Just wanted to send a message and tell you a little about myself and my shared vision for the future and success of ANJR.

I was born and raised in South Plainfield and still live there. Graduated in 1975 and married my High School sweetheart in 1980. 2 kids, son, and a daughter, 2 granddaughters and another 1 on the way. Both of my kids live 15 minutes away and I am blessed that they are so close and they still like my wife and me!

My great-grandfather was an original builder and resident of what was called “Mud Island” in Manahawkin, real name is Mallard Island. He was a professional clammer and when I was 16, I got my license to be a professional clammer as well and spent every summer with him until he got too old to jump off the side of the boat. We clamed in the Great South Bay and did the clammers shuffle in 3-4 feet of water. When we felt a clam, we would use the rake to pull them up or lower our heads in the water to pick them up with our hands. Back then I would get 5 cents apiece, average sack had 500 clams in it.

The Smalley family owned a couple of wholesale and retail Seafood stores in Dunellen and Plainfield, appropriately named Smalley's Seafood. Many nights I would drive the pickup truck at 3:00 in the morning into the City (NYC) to Fulton's Fish Market.

In early 1981 I bought into my father-in-law's family-owned garbage company and 2 years later I bought him out 100%. I was on the front lines when the State of NJ introduced Recycling and to honest with you, I never thought it would last. Man was I wrong!

I turned a 1-1/2 per day business to running 12+ routes per day, including 3 roll-offs with over 100 boxes. I'm not including this to boast but rather to provide a level of comfort to our members that I have industry knowledge. Including membership, sponsorship, and support of the following:

- Middlesex County SWAC
- Union County Recycling Coordinators
- Association of NJ Recyclers – President
- NJ Chapter Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) – Board Member
- NJ Conference of Mayors – Business Council
- NJ Association of Counties
- NJ Government Finance Officers Association- Conference Supporter and Sponsor
- Government Purchasing Association of NJ – Conference Supporter and Sponsor
- Sustainable Jersey – Bronze Supporter – Solid Waste Advisory Council Member
- NJ Public Works Association – Conference Supporter and Sponsor
- NJ League of Municipalities – Supporter for 15+ years
- Municipal Clerks Association of NJ – Conference Supporter and Sponsor
- 2023 NJ Sustainability in Motion Conference – Executive Committee

My shared vision for ANJR is to take our rightful place as the premier voice for ALL things related to Recycling and Sustainability as well. If you think about it, you really can't be sustainable without a degree of recycling.

We can't do it through membership alone. Membership has and always will be the cornerstone/foundation of this Association and will always be an important component. We need to do more, and this includes:

- Fundraiser events – fun events that will include CEU opportunities
- Collaborate with other Associations & Organizations to achieve a common goal
- More involvement within the communities.
- Be able to support local initiatives within your towns

Moving forward I want every member to have a voice, and this will include several opportunities to voice your opinions and what you would like to see ANJR accomplish. EVERY member will have a voice, we need that to happen!

I thank you again for your support and look forward to many new and exciting events that will get our members involved. Please email me with any suggestions. I look forward to the future with this great team of and municipal professionals/members and our Company sponsors!!!

All the best,



Gary Smalley

E: Gsmalley@republicservices.com

CAESARS



Association of New Jersey Recyclers Proposed Slate for 2023

Officers – Two Year Term

President Gary Smalley
Vice President – Administration James Lawler
Treasurer Neil Blitz

Officer – One Year Term

Vice president- Program Rebecca Turyan

Board of Directors – Three Year Term

Florence Beckett James Entwistle
Bill Lehman Jennifer Solewski

Nominating Committee – One Year term

Gary Conover
Charles Raudenbush
Tim Whelhan



