



A message from ANJR President – Gary Smalley



Hello to the ANJR family!

We have been busy over the last 2+ months since I became President of the Association and much has happened.

Most important, it is with apprehension that I announce that Marie Kruzan has officially retired from the Association of NJ Recyclers effective May 26th. Marie was the face of ANJR for many years as our beloved Executive Director. In all my years I have rarely met anyone that had as much dedication, enthusiasm and knowledge regarding Recycling initiatives and efforts. Marie's unwavering love for ANJR and her desire to advance the Mission Statement and Values of ANJR has been unsurpassed. I personally wish Marie all the best and wish her much happiness, joy and health in the next chapter of her life, she will be missed....

Effective May 15th, I am pleased to announce Catherine Choudhry as the new Executive Director of ANJR. Please send Catherine your warm welcomes. Catherine new email address is [anjr@anjr.com](mailto:anjr@anjr.com)

The Board of Directors have been active. We have approved several new Sub-committees:

- Fun Committee – purpose is to propose events that not only educational but provide an opportunity to mingle with other members and network with business, more to come
- New Revenue Stream Task Force - this Committee will develop ideas on how ANJR can secure additional funds

Work has begun on the 2024 Sustainability in Motion Conference. We are working with Caesars Hotel and Casino and hopefully they will present a new proposal soon so we can begin to discuss with the Board. For those of you that participated and attended the Conference, thank you so much! In case you were not aware, photos if the Conference are posted on the ANJR website, just click on the banner.

We will be asking ALL members to participate on certain Committees as we get closer. We encourage your support and participation. The size of the Committees will be limited, so if you have any interest, please email me @ [Gsmalley@republicservices.com](mailto:Gsmalley@republicservices.com)

#### SOCIAL MEDIA:

ANJR has become very active on LinkedIn and Facebook. We acknowledge that Social Media is very important to getting the message out, but quite frankly, we need the support of members that are adept to and proficient at Twitter and Tik Toc. If you are good at these types of applications, we need your help. I can tell you that at family gatherings my nieces and nephews live on this type of media.

Our vision is to provide access to individuals to share events that are synonymous, interconnected and interrelated to the vision and mission statement of ANJR. Another sub-committee to include people that want to lead this effort(?)

In my 1<sup>st</sup> message to ANJR membership back in March, I said that I believe ALL members of this Association are on the Board and I truly meant it.

I value your opinions, I value your input, I value your experience, I value your thirst to see ANJR grow. Please send your ideas and thoughts to Catherine

I wish you all the best and please enjoy the upcoming summer.

More to come, I promise

**Gary Smalley**

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