



MINUTES FOR THE NRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

August 30, 2016

(Meeting held in-person and via conference call)

Board present: Stephen Bantillo, Robert Bylone, Jack DeBell, MaryEllen Etienne, Juri Freeman, Bob Gedert, Mark Lichtenstein, Gary Liss, Fran McPoland, Michelle Minstrell, Julie Rhodes, Antonio Rios, Will Sagar, Michael Van Brunt

Board on call: Jeffrey Cooper, John Frederick, Marjie Griek, Robin Wiener, Melissa Young

Board not present: Gary Bilbro, George Dreckmann, Brent Hildebrand, Doug Hill, Maite Quinn, Lisa Skumatz

Staff present: Savannah Betkowski, NRC Staff Assistant

Guests Present: Mick Barry, Mid-Atlantic Recycling; Paul England, Pratt Recycling; Terry Guerin, Murray J. Fox Trust Fund; David Keeling, Steel Recycling Institute; Shannon Meister, Iowa Recycling Association; Michele Nestor, Nestor Resources; Jerry Powell, Resource Recycling

Call to Order by Chair Rhodes at 9:03am CT. Roll Call by Betkowski, a quorum was present.

MOTION: **Move to approve Agenda (Gedert/DeBell)**
9am-10am CT Board Meeting followed by 10am-12pm CT Members Meeting
Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION: **Move to approve 7/15 meeting minutes as amended (Liss/Minstrell)**
Motion passes unanimously except DeBell abstained.

MOTION: **Move to approve 8/19 meeting minutes (Liss/Gedert)**
Motion passes unanimously except DeBell, McPoland, Minstrell abstained.

ROC Report: Gedert

The ROC extends an invitation to the entire NRC Board of Directors for a meeting session on 8/30/16 from 2-3:30pm CT at the Resource Recycling Conference. Jerry Powell and Dylan DeThomas will be

facilitating the conversation. The idea of this meeting is to have open dialogue and a good exchange of ROC and NRC needs.

After the Resource Recycling Conference events on 8/30, Resource Recycling Systems and the Carton Council will be hosting a dinner at 6pm CT. This dinner is a great opportunity for recycling organizations to further the discussion.

Finance Committee Report: Rhodes

An extensive financial report was sent out to the Board that represents the fiscal period through the end of July. The Financial Committee is still working on finalizing the statewide applications but did submit the form 990 to the IRS. The compilation has been received since the last Board meeting on 8/19. This information will be posted to the NRC website. The Committee asked that the entire NRC Board of Directors make a financial donation or contribution, so the NRC can have 100% Board participation. The financials in August will show 2 new trade associations joining at the new \$5,000 membership rate. A thank you is addressed to the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries and American Iron & Steel. An announcement about Amazon Smile is made to the Board. If you shop Amazon, there is no cost to donate to the NRC Amazon Smile account.

A question is raised about the monthly financials. The Murray J. Fox funds are showing up in the unrestricted category. For years, the past practice has been to include the Murray Fox funds in the unrestricted category, though technically all the Fox funds are restricted. The Finance Committee will review and confirm these details with the trust fund contact and will report back to the Board. For transparency, the Board needs more clarity. The Fox funds should not be in the unrestricted category.

MOTION: Move to approve Finance Report (Bantillo/Etienne)
Motion passes unanimously except Van Brunt abstained.

Strategic Planning Report: Rhodes

A revised Strategic Plan was sent out to the NRC Board for review. Very few changes were indicated by that review. The 2017 National Conference and SMM mini-summit have been added into the short-term action items of the NRC Strategic Plan. The SMM Committee has been working with Juri Freeman and Will Sagar to organize a SMM Dialog at the 2016 SERDC Summit. The NRC Strategic Plan will be presented during the Annual Members Meeting following this Board meeting.

MOTION: Move to approve the NRC Strategic Plan as amended (Liss/McPoland)
Motion passes unanimously.

President's Report: Gedert

President Gedert received a request from Keep America Beautiful (KAB). KAB asked for the NRC to be a formal partner with the Recycle Bowl and America Recycles Day (ARD), happening on 11/15/2016. KAB asked the NRC to be a partner to help with the outreach about these events and activities. The NRC is working to re-engage with other national organizations, this is a great opportunity to do so. Especially for events we have stated interest within. The KAB events have no financial obligation related to them

if NRC wishes to participate. This is a great step forward to help the NRC re-engage on a national platform with other national organizations.

**MOTION: Move to have President Gedert work with the KAB on the ARD events with the understanding that the NRC cannot have any financial obligations (Sagar/Liss)
Motion passes unanimously.**

Gedert hosted a presentation and ceremony for the exiting Board of Directors. Certificates were framed for each individual. The exiting Board members were acknowledged and thanked for their years of service to the NRC, dedicated time to the NRC and the re-building of the organization in its current time. The exiting Board members include:

- Jeffrey Cooper: A Board member for 6 years. Cooper represented the ROC for 3 years prior to joining the NRC Board. Cooper has been a member of the NRC since 2001.
- Michelle Minstrell: Minstrell attended her first NRC event in the 1994 Portland Conference. Minstrell has been a critical part of the conferences produced in the past 4-5 years.
- Fran McPoland: McPoland has held positions on the Board 3 – 4 times. Her commitment to the Policy Committee has lead the NRC into a leadership position and has a more relevant policy component.
- Mark Lichtenstein: Lichtenstein has been with the Board for 12 years. He helped re-build the NRC into where it stands today.

Mark Lichtenstein is also honored with a Lifetime Honorary Board of Director’s award. He was also asked to join the NRC Board as a historian. This award is a reflection of his impact on the NRC as he helped to guide the organization through a transition. Mick Barry nominated Lichtenstein for this honor.

Michelle Minstrell is also acknowledged and recognized by Resource Recycling for her efforts and commitment to making the NRC events possible during the Resource Recycling Conference.

**MOTION: Move to Recess (Minstrell/Rios)
Motion passes unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:02am CT