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Upcoming Events

FREE Webinar RMC/NRC Sustainable Materials Management Series
August 15, 2017
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California Resource Recovery Association Annual Conference & Tradeshow
August 20 - 23, 2017
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Resource Recycling Conference
August 28 - 30, 2017
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Georgia Recycling Annual Conference
September 17-20, 2017
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2017 Annual Resource Recycling Conference



NRC Track at 2017 Resource Recycling Conference

Informal Gathering (Sunday, August 27, 2017)

6:00-10:00pm CT NRC organized a "meet and greet" at "The Local" near the Hyatt Conference facility
Location: The Local (931 Nicollet Mall)

Pre-Conference (Monday, August 28, 2017)

9:00-10:00am CT NRC Board of Directors Meeting

10:30-noon CT NRC Annual Members' Meeting

1:00-2:00pm CT RO Organizational Developmental Session (on topics recommended by RO and ROC)

2:30-5:00pm CT ROC Meeting

Welcome Reception and Joint NRC/RAM Fundraiser (Monday, August 28, 2017)

6:30-10:00pm CT Located at Lakes and Legends brewpub. This session includes NRC Awards Ceremony and Murray J. Fox Scholarships Recognition.

Day 1 of Main Conference (Tuesday, August 29, 2017)

noon-1:00pm CT NRC "current" Board of Directors Final Meeting (to close Members Meeting) & Conference Lunch

1:30-3:00pm CT NRC Markets Council Town Hall Session 1 on "How each Organization can help ROs focus on Quality and Market Development" (Presenters: all ROs invited plus organizations focused on recycling market development; all attendees are welcome to watch and submit written questions).

**Illinois Recycling Association
Plastics Symposium**
September 12, 2017
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**FREE Webinar: Measuring the
Impact of Recycling & Waste
Reduction Programs (CURC)**
September 14, 2017
[More Information](#)

APR Webinar
September 19, 2017
[More Information](#)

**State of Texas Association for
Recycling Summit**
October 22-25, 2017
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**Iowa Recycling and Solid
Waste Management
Conference**
October 2-4, 2017
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**2017 New York Textiles
Summit**
October 31, 2017
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Member Spotlight

In this new series, NRC member updates will be featured in the eNews. Have a member update of your own to share? Email [Savannah Betkowski](#), NRC Staff to have it featured in the next NRC eNews!

Are you part of the NRC Google ListServe?

As an NRC Member you have access to the knowledge and experience of thousands of NRC members through a GoogleGroups forum. [Sign up](#) today!

For more information on NRC member benefits [click here](#)

Please Note *Change of Address*

All communication, payables and/or receivables should be mailed to the following address ONLY:

National Recycling
Coalition, Inc.

[Click here](#) to for view the full list of organizations that have agreed to participate as of July 14, 2017.

3:30-5:00pm CT NRC Markets Council Town Hall Session 2 (second half of discussion)

Day 2 of Main Conference (Wednesday, August 30, 2017)

10:30-noon CT Recycling Markets and Market Development, organized by the National Recycling Coalition

Building upon the National Recycling Coalition's Markets Council Town Hall, this special session will bring some of the most experienced and successful market development professionals together to address the critical role that regional, state and local efforts play in making recycling sustainable.

[Click here](#) for full session details

noon-1:00pm CT NRC "newly elected" Board of Directors initial Meeting

1:00-2:30pm CT Closing Plenary - "Recycling Policies in the new Administration" Invited Senators Al Franken and Amy Klobuchar, Congressman Keith Ellison from MN and Barnes Johnson, Director of the Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery, U.S. EPA, to highlight trade and infrastructure policies and bringing recycling manufacturing jobs home to the U.S.

[Click here](#) for a full schedule of Conference Events and Room locations

2017 Resource Recycling Conference Sponsor Opportunities Still Available

Help Sponsor an NRC Event!

NRC welcomes the opportunity to organize an educational track and host other association events at the Resource Recycling Conference. The Resource Recycling Conference is being produced this year by Resource Recycling, Inc. in partnership with NRC, and in alliance with the Recycling Association of Minnesota (RAM), Minnesota Chapter of SWANA, and Waste360. The Conference will be held August 27-30, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency Minneapolis.



NRC invites you to sponsor NRC's educational, networking and association events that will be held at the Resource Recycling Conference. Sponsoring NRC's events at the Resource Recycling Conference provides you the perfect opportunity to reach nearly 600 recycling professionals including policy leaders, CEOs and government officials. Funds secured for sponsorship for NRC's events held at the Resource Recycling Conference help NRC continue to bring top quality programming to events nationwide. NRC invites you to consider the following sponsorship opportunities.

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Street
Syracuse, NY 13210

2016-2017 NRC Board

Susan Attridge,
City of Buffalo

Stephen Bantillo,
NRC Vice President, NRC
Policy Committee Co-Chair,
NRC Elections Committee
Chair,
Recycling Certification
Institute
California

Gary Bilbro,
NRC Vice President and NRC
Fund Development Chair,
General Manager, Key
Energy LLC

Robert J. Bylone, Jr.,
NRC Recycling Markets
Council and Recycling Jobs
Task Force Chair,
Pennsylvania Recycling
Markets Center
Pennsylvania

Maggie Clarke,
Maggie Clarke
Environmental

Jack DeBell,
NRC Campus Council Chair,
University of Colorado
Colorado

George Dreckmann,
City of Madison
Wisconsin

Paul England,
NRC Vice President,
Midwest Region General
Manager, Pratt Industries

MaryEllen Etienne,
Executive Producer,
ReuseConex

John Frederick,
Intermunicipal Relations
Committee COG
Pennsylvania

David Juri Freeman,
NRC Chair,
Senior Consultant,
Resource Recycling Systems

Bob Gedert,
NRC President,
Affiliate Senior Consultant,

[Click here for more information](#)

NRC Exhibitor Booth

Call for Booth Materials and Volunteers' Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help staff the NRC booth during the Resource Recycling conference! If you are going to the conference, please consider volunteering for a time slot and help represent NRC.

If you cannot volunteer your time, please also consider submitting booth materials that can be displayed at the NRC booth!

Deadline to submit booth materials

Close of Business (5pm ET) August 23, 2017

Submit booth materials to [NRC Staff Assistant](#)

For more details on volunteer times, please contact [Susan Attridge](#)

2017 NRC Board of Directors Elections

In accordance with NRC's bylaws, voting will take place by electronic ballot only during the Annual Members Meeting of the Coalition following the candidates forum portion of the meeting. The meeting will convene at 9:30am ET/10:30am CT/11:30am MT/12:30am PT on Monday, August 28, 2017.

POLLS WILL OPEN ON Monday, August 28, 2017 AT 1:00 PM CT.

ALL VOTING ENDS AT 4:00 PM CT ON Tuesday, August 29, 2017.

A Note on Floor Nominations:

Please note that nominations from the floor may be made during the annual members meeting on Monday, August 28, 2017 from approximately 10:30-12:00pmCT. Any candidates nominated from the floor will be added to the electronic ballot at this time.

If you have any questions, please contact elections@nrcrecycles.org.

Your unique voter ID number will be generated and sent with the next elections notice.



2017 Murray J. Fox Scholarships

The National Recycling Coalition (NRC) today announced the award to four outstanding Minneapolis-area college students with scholarships towards their higher education expenses in the sustainability field. The Murray J. Fox Scholarship Fund was created in 1994, when Murray Fox, a long-time supporter and member of the NRC, started a fund to provide scholarships to college students interested in recycling. Since then, the trust fund has endowed over \$108,000 in scholarships to 62 college students.

"The Murray J. Fox Scholars represent a future world in which recycling and sustainability is paramount," said Bob Gedert, president of the NRC. "These students were chosen among 14 applications for their outstanding qualities, including a demonstrated interest in and passion for recycling and academic performance. We applaud the efforts of the scholarship winners."

This year's scholarship recipients are:

- Jenni Abere, an Environmental; Studies student at Hamline

Marjie Griek,
NRC Vice President and
Treasurer, NRC Finance
Committee Co-Chair, NRC
Strategic Planning
Committee Co-Chair,
Pearl Consulting

Carey Hamilton,
Indiana Recycling Coalition

Brent Hildebrand,
NRC Membership
Committee Chair,
Alpine Recycling and
Waste
Colorado

Doug Hill,
EcoVision Environmental
Ontario

David Keeling,
Steel Recycling Institute

Gary Liss, NRC Vice
President, NRC Conference
Committee Chair, SMM
Committee Chair, NRC
Strategic Planning
Committee Co-Chair,
Gary Liss & Associates
California

Maite Quinn, NRC
Communications
Committee Co-Chair,
Sims Municipal Recycling/
Sims Metal Management
New Jersey

Antonio Rios,
Puerto Rico Recycling
Coalition
Puerto Rico

Will Sagar,
Southeast Recycling
Development Council
North Carolina

Lisa Skumatz, NRC Secretary
and Awards Committee
Chair,
Skumatz Economic
Research Associates &
Econservation Institute
Colorado

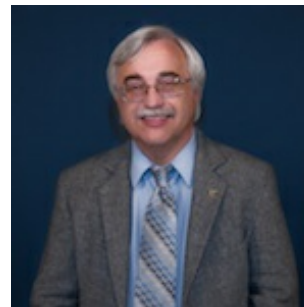
Michael E. Van Brunt, NRC
Finance Committee Co-
Chair,
Covanta
New Jersey

- University in her Senior year.
- Claudia Althoen, a Junior studying Environmental Sciences at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities campus.
- Becky Copper, a sophomore double-majoring in Environmental Sciences and Communication at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities campus.
- Emma Link, who in her junior year, studying Geology at Carleton College.

[View Official Press Release Here](#)

NRC Supports Federal Expansion of America's Recycling Infrastructure

*By Bob Gedert, President,
National Recycling Coalition and
the NRC Board of Directors - on
behalf of the NRC members*



In the President's proposed fiscal 2018 budget, the US Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) annual budget allocation is proposed to be cut by one third. This cut would result in the elimination of over 50 programs and 3,200 jobs. Two of the programs proposed to be eliminated include the Sustainable Materials Management program and the Waste Reduction Model. Eliminating these programs will likely reduce critical support of the American recycling industry and negatively impact the American economy.

According to a recent statement from Ron Gonen of Closed Loop Partners, "These EPA programs analyze the way we consume, use and reuse materials and solid waste, providing tools and guidelines for industry, private companies and elected officials. The materials management and waste reduction programs guide investments into recycling facilities that sort and process material, and manufacturing infrastructure that utilizes these materials to make new products here at home - creating jobs in the process."

It is disappointing to see proposed federal disinvestment in the recycling industry considering the jobs and opportunities recycling bring to our country, and the fact that the recycling industry is as large as the automobile industry. Infrastructure expansion into the recycling industry will bring new living wage jobs along with opportunities for the advent of new technologies in renewable energy and help businesses save money by being more efficient and reducing wasting.

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Member Spotlight

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ISRI Statement on China's Intent to Ban Certain Scrap Imports

(Washington, DC) -- Earlier today (July 18, 2017), China notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of its intent to ban the import of certain

scrap materials by year end. Among the items included on the list are most scrap plastics ("including polymers of ethylene, styrene, vinyl chloride and PET..."), mixed paper and slags and drosses. In response, ISRI President Robin Wiener released the following statement:



Robin Wiener,
Institute of Scrap Recycling
Industries
Washington, D.C.

Melissa Young,
NRC Communications
Committee Co-Chair,
Syracuse University
New York

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NRC eNews Editor



[Savannah Betkowski](#)

"ISRI has already notified the Office of the United States Trade Representative and the U.S. Department of Commerce on the devastating impact such a ban will have on the global recycling industry, especially because ISRI has heard that China is considering additional notifications in the future on other scrap materials. Upon receiving this information, ISRI immediately briefed U.S. officials in preparation for tomorrow's U.S.-China Comprehensive Economic Dialogue (CED) in Washington.

"With more than \$5.6 billion in scrap commodities exported from the United States to China last year alone, the trade in specification-grade commodities - metals, paper and plastics - between the United States and China is of critical importance to the health and success of the U.S. based recycling industry. If implemented, a ban on scrap imports will result in the loss of tens of thousands of jobs and closure of many recycling businesses throughout the United States.

"The scrap recycling industry is the first link in the global manufacturing supply chain. Recycled materials are key inputs into the production of new, usable commodities for the use in value-add production. In any given year, approximately one-third of the scrap recycled in the United States is prepared for shipment to the export market, and China is the recycling industry's largest customer. This includes more than \$1.9 billion in scrap paper (13.2 million tons) and \$495 million in scrap plastics (or 1.42 million tons).

"More than 155,000 direct jobs are supported by the U.S. industry's export activities, earning an average wage of almost \$76,000 and contributing more than \$3 billion to federal, state, and local taxes. A ban on imports of scrap commodities into China would be catastrophic to the recycling industry."

ISRI will continue to follow this development and provide information as soon as it is available.

[Click here](#) to view the official Press Release

NRC into the Future

By Gary Bilbro

As my tenure on the NRC Board comes to an end, I would like to take a moment and leave you with a few parting thoughts. This has been a time of transition for the NRC and over the past six years I am proud to have served alongside some of the most dedicated individuals in this industry. These people, many of whom you know, have put in countless hours attending meetings and traveling to events all at their own expense to help rebuild the NRC to be the voice for recycling.



This has not come without its challenges; but with persistence, perseverance and passion, this board and previous boards have devoted their efforts to this coalition and its members. We fought off naysayers that would be fine with seeing all the work done in recycling over the past 35 years be thrown out with the rest of the trash. We encountered the heavy hits of the markets and numerous legislative battles that would have set recycling back on its heels. The NRC and the boards over the past six years have produced a very successful Sustainable Materials Management Summit and helped the EPA move SMM forward. There have been numerous educational webinars that have been attended by many of our members and non-members. The NRC has supported the

growth of the National Standards & Certification Board and their efforts to provide industry specific training to individuals in the Recycling workforce. This is just a short list showing some of the major accomplishments the NRC has achieved in support of this industry and our members.

Currently the NRC is working hard to secure a new Executive Director. This person will be the new face and voice for the coalition and will be able to focus 100% of their time towards the implementation of the NRC strategic plan and future board approved endeavors. By having someone leading the boards directives, the NRC will be able to accomplish so much more.

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