



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE NATIONAL RECYCLING COALITION (NRC)
September 29, 2017 2-4pm Eastern
Via GoToWebinar & Conference Phone
(Motions noted; underlines represent follow-up action items)**

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members in Attendance: Stephen Bantillo, Bob Gedert, Marjie Griek, Wayne Gjerde, Charlotte Pitt, Sarah Pierpont, Leslie Lukacs, Lisa Skumatza, Melissa Young,

Members not in attendance:

Guests: Mark Lichtenstein, Gary Liss, Fran McPoland

Staff: Savannah Betkowski

Meeting called to order by Chair Skumaz.

MOTION TO accept the agenda – (Bantillo / Gjerde) Motion passes unanimously

MOTION TO accept minutes - (N/A). Discussion regarding whether the old or new board can approve. Since the minutes that need approval regard old business, the new board cannot vote to approve. These minutes fall under Old Board jurisdiction. August minutes deferred to next November 10th Board meeting.

Nominations for Secretary: No nominations indicated.

Treasurer's Report (Pitt) – Spreadsheet distributed in Board Packet. The Resource Recycling Sponsorship funds category was much lower than anticipated. NRC only fundraised \$15,500 of the original intended goal of \$ _____. The fund raising goal was based on the past 2015 SMM Summit event. Discussion surrounding fundraising included the following topics:

- Fundraising is a full Board responsibility
- Timeframe of raising fund must start earlier **
- For the Annual Conference, NRC needs to coordinate more closely with Resource Recycling. Griek, as NRC E.D., is currently starting these conversations now with Jerry and Cara from Resource Recycling.
- Review the levels of sponsorship and make sure they are clear

MOTION TO approve the advised annual budget - (Pierpont/Barry) Motion passes unanimously.

Public Comment:

(Gjerde) – New article about the China situation. Gjerde will distribute to the Board once available.

(Pierpont) – NRC needs to respond to the China situation and comment on the best practices currently being researched.

Staff Assistant Update (Betkowski) – Staff is currently updating NRC website and NRC contact list. Please respond to [information request](#) via email. For new Board members, you will be receiving your NRC email early next week.

President Update (Gedert) – The NRC president quickly reviewed a typical Board meeting style with new Board of Directors. The Board meetings are focused primarily on Committee Reports and Updates.

Gedert also made comments on the following topics in his address to the Board:

- Debris Task Force: Harvey, along with other natural disasters are becoming a more common occurrence in our world. The NRC should be working to provide access to resources and research that outlines current best practices and important information to individuals affected. President Gedert made the notion that this Task Force should be a full time Committee, given our current situations (Maria, Irma, Harvey, etc.). It is time the NRC move forward as a leader on this issue. Stephen Bantillo was nominated and agreed to serve as Chair of this Committee.
- NRC Committees: Need to finalize the Committee structure and get folks signed up for the NEWLY formed Committee. Discussion of merging the Fund Development & Finance Committee ensued as both Committees' are connected. Email requests on the merge and interest in serving on Committee's to President Gedert.
- Staff Role & responsibilities for Committee's: NRC Staff can help Committee Chairs set up monthly meetings and provide call-in information
- React to China Ban: This topic needs to be re-visited and completed. What are NRC's opinions on these restrictions; how can we can help our networks and communities?

MOTION TO move into Executive Session (Keeling/Gjerde) -

- NRC Board Member, Melissa Young, is relieved from the call due to conflicts of interest. She will not participate or be present during any part of this Executive Session.
- Staff is removed from the call
- Lisa Ruggero, SU Program Coordinator, joins as guest for this Executive Session

MOTION TO move out of Executive Session (Barry/McPoland)**Revisit: MOTION TO nominate Sarah Pierpont as NRC Secretary** (Bantillo/O'Brien) –

Pierpont Accepts. Motion passes unanimously.

2017 Conference Debrief (Liss & entire NRC Board) -

Gary Liss, the 2017 Conference Chair thanked the entire NRC Board and Conference Committee for their efforts in completing a successful 2017 Annual Resource Recycling Conference in Minneapolis, MN. The only negative associated with this years conference, is that the NRC did not attain its full sponsorship goals. Everything else went amazingly well and NRC received great visibility and leadership points for hosting the many wonderful events (Markets Town Hall, Congressmen Closing Plenary, etc.).

Resource Recycling has asked us back to be 2018 partners in the Annual Conference and Dave Keeling has accepted the position of the 2018 Conference Committee Chair. Volunteer to Keeling, if you would like to be on this Committee. The first meeting will be in mid-October.

NRC has carved a niche in market development and infrastructure, we need to keep this momentum moving and keep our leadership position focused on these topics.

MOTION TO Adjourn (Clarke/Barry). Motion passes unanimously. Meeting Adjourned at 4:17pm ET.