



MRC Board of Directors Meeting
June 11, 2007
MRC Office, Lansing, MI

A. Call to Order 12:25 p.m.

B. Board Personal/Professional Update

C. Roll Call

Members Present, Beth Clawson, Cara Clore, Anna Collinson, Bill Gurn, Lee Hammond, Kelly Ignace (via phone), Carey Paquette-Schalm, Linda McFarland, Phil Mikus, Lori Miller, Kate Neese, Don Pyle, Amy Shindorf

Absent: Esther Seaver, Brent Walter

MRC Staff Present: Nancy Hawkins

D. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

New Business – Committee Chairs, Meeting Schedule and State Solid Waste Policy

E. Election of Officers

MRC Chair Phil Mikus said that he had decided not to run for MRC Chair for another year and felt honored to have served in the position.

Nominees were as follows:

MRC Board Chair – Bill Gurn was nominated by Cara Clore. Seconded by Lori Miller.

MRC Board Vice Chair – Kelly Ignace was nominated by Cara Clore. Seconded by Don Pyle.

MRC Board Secretary – Anna Collinson was nominated by Beth Clawson. Seconded by Bill Gurn.

MRC Board Treasurer – Cara Clore was nominated by Lori Miller. Seconded by Amy Shindorf.

Don Pyle made a motion to accept the slate. It was seconded by Beth Clawson.

The motion was passed unanimously.

F. Acceptance of Minutes – April 9, 2007, May 16, 2007 Board and Annual Meeting

Moved by Anna Collinson. Second by Lori Miller

Approved unanimously.

F. Executive Director Update

Nancy Hawkins reported she would save the update because much of it is addressed in committee reports and other agenda items.

H. Treasurer's Report

Approval of April and May 2007 Financials

Moved by Don Pyle Supported by Beth Clawson

Approved unanimously.

I. Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Phil Mikus

No report.

Conference Committee Report – Beth Clawson

Beth Clawson said that feedback she had received from attendees was very positive. The attendance had increased from last year. Bill Gurn said that he would like to see the 2008 conference include a formal send off to Board members that were not returning to the board. Cara Clore said that perhaps the committee might want to examine the scheduling of the conference and discuss a possible shortening of the conference to two full days.

Composting – Beth Clawson

The Composting committee will schedule a meeting in early fall or August. It will function as a composting roundtable and will schedule three meetings a year.

Membership/Outreach – Anna Collinson

The new MRC logo was unveiled at the conference and information will included in the MRC Update. Style rules will be created. The MRC awards ceremony received a positive reception at the conference. Many members expressed positive comments about expanding the awards to include the Spotlight Awards. The committee expects to complete the Membership Brochure that it has been working on for distribution later this year.

Policy – Cara Clore

The committee is developing a monthly communication to legislators entitled “Recycling Works!” The first communication will be distributed this month. The committee continues its education initiative to the Michigan Legislature, including getting legislators to participate in a Legislative Recycling Caucus.

TAC – Nancy Hawkins

TAC is moving forward on a complete overhaul of the website. Work continues on the quarterly newsletter – the MRC Update, which will be published in July.

J. OLD BUSINESS

1. NRC Debt Reduction Plan

MRC Executive Director Nancy Hawkins shared with the board the latest correspondence from the NRC and their acceptance of the MRC debt reduction plan, which includes the MRC making one full payment of \$6,400 to the NRC.

2. MRC Strategic Plan

The Board will review the 06-07 MRC Strategic Plan in detail at the Board Forward that is scheduled August 23 and 24, 2007 at the RAM Center at Higgins Lake, MI.

K. NEW BUSINESS

1. Website Link – MSU Knight Center for Environmental Journalism

It was the Board consensus to provide the MSU Knight Center for Environmental Journalism Link as a resource to members on the MRC website with a disclaimer explaining that the service is provided by MSU and does not indicate an endorsement of the MRC.

2. MRC Committee Chairs

Committee chairs for the 2007-08 year include:

Conference Committee: Beth Clawson

Composting: Beth Clawson

Membership/Outreach: Anna Collinson

Policy Committee: Cara Clore

Technical Assistance Committee: Lori Miller

3. MRC Meeting Schedule

Some board members expressed an interest of going to a monthly meeting schedule. This will be discussed at the MRC Board Forward.

4. State Solid Waste Policy

Board member Cara Clore served as the member representing the Michigan Recycling Coalition at the stakeholders meeting concerning Michigan’s solid waste policy. Policy committee will discuss developing a MRC Resolution concerning the policy.

The Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Moved by Amy Shindorf Seconded by Anna Collinson

The next MRC Board meeting will be held at 3 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 23, 2007 – RAM Center, Higgins Lake, MI