



**MRC Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday, August 23, 2007  
RAM CENTER, Higgins Lake, MI**

**A. Call to Order 3:17 p.m.**

**B. Board Personal/Professional Update**

**C. Roll Call**

Members Present: 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, Esther Seaver, Brent Walter

Absent: Beth Clawson

MRC Staff Present: Nancy Hawkins

**D. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**

None at this time

**E. Acceptance of Minutes – June 11, 2007 Board Meeting**

Moved by Don Pyle. Second by Cara Clore

Approved unanimously.

**E. Executive Director Update**

Nancy Hawkins reported that the EPA funded Food Waste Composting & Utilization workshops were a success and attendee responses have been positive. The MRC website will be expanded to include information from the workshops. America Recycles Team Michigan is in the process of developing a program and finding a date for their October event. Work continues on developing an annual giving campaign, which will begin in November. The rest of the update was deferred because much of it is addressed in committee reports and other agenda items.

**F. Treasurer's Report**

Approval of June and July, 2007 Financials

Moved by Lori Miller

Supported by Kelly Ignace

Approved unanimously.

**G. Committee Reports**

**Executive Committee – Bill Gurn**

No report.

**Conference Committee Report – Beth Clawson**

The Conference Committee has met and developed a list of possible breakout sessions. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 13. A call for papers will be issued beginning October.

**Composting – Beth Clawson**

The Composting committee will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2007. It will function as a composting roundtable and will schedule three meetings a year.

**Membership/Outreach – Anna Collinson**

The committee expects to complete the Membership Brochure that it has been working on for distribution. Work continues on a number of other projects, including a certification program.

**Policy – Cara Clore**

The committee is developing a monthly communication to legislators entitled "Recycling Works!" The committee continues its education initiative to the Michigan Legislature, including getting legislators to participate in a Legislative Recycling Caucus. Policy Committee will also discuss implications of Senate Bill 513 on composting in Michigan.

#### **TAC – Lori Miller**

TAC is moving forward on a complete overhaul of the website. Work continues on the quarterly newsletter. The next issue will be published in October. TAC has begun working jointly with the Membership/Outreach Committee on establishing guidelines for an MRC certification program

#### **H. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **1. NRC Debt Reduction Plan**

MRC Executive Director Nancy Hawkins said that the MRC had received its payment from their beneficiary and the debt to the NRC has been paid in full. Work on a joint statement is the next order of business.

##### **2. MRC Board Meeting Schedule**

The Board has changed their meeting schedule to include meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month with the exception of May and December. Following is the meeting schedule for the remainder of the year: Sept. 10, 2007, October 8, 2007 and November 12, 2007.

#### **I. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **1. MRC Michigan Solid Waste Policy Endorsement**

A motion was made for MRC to formally endorse the recently developed Michigan Solid Waste Policy plan. Moved by Cara Clore                      Seconded by Don Pyle  
Approved unanimously

Cara Clore, who served as a representative from the Michigan Recycling Coalition at the stakeholder meetings said that this new policy establishes the framework for further development of specific goals and objectives at the state level.

##### **2. Job Target – Web-based employment job board**

Job Target would provide another resource to members. Job Target is a web based career/job board that could be utilized by MRC members who are looking for jobs or those members who may want to post openings on the website. There would be a fee for those posting openings and for those who want to post a resume to the website. This will be discussed in more detail at the September Board Meeting.

##### **3. MRC Communications Process**

MRC Board member Lori Miller will serve as the Editor in Chief for the MRC Update and will also serve as the stylistic editor for all publications of the MRC. As a courtesy to other board members, documents will be distributed to the board prior to dissemination. Board members will have 2 days to respond and silence will be considered consensus.

**The Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.**

**The next MRC Board meeting will be held at noon, Monday, Sept. 10, 2007 – MRC Office, Lansing, MI.**