



MRC Board of Directors Meeting
April 9, 2007
MRC Office, Lansing, MI

I. Call to Order 12:35 p.m.

II. Board Personal/Professional Update

III. Roll Call

Members Present, Beth Clawson (via phone), Anna Collinson, Matt Flechter, Bill Gurn, Kelly Ignace, Phil Mikus, Don Pyle, Phil Rairigh, Esther Seaver, Amy Shindorf and Brent Walter (via phone)
Absent: Cara Clore, Sara Lesky, Michelle Rioux and David Smith
MRC Staff Present: Russ Cunningham Nancy Hawkins

IV. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None at this time.

V. Acceptance of Minutes – Feb. 12, 2007 Board Meeting

Phil Mikus indicated that he had abstained from voting on the posting of the policy briefing to the MRC Website. Moved by Anna Collinson Second by Kelly Ignace Approved unanimously with changes.

VI. Chris Hall Green Built Michigan

Green Built Michigan Executive Director Chris Hall spoke to the board about Green Built Michigan and its origination in Grand Rapids Michigan with job site recycling for construction companies. He said the top materials for deconstruction include wood, plastic, dry wall and shingles.

There was discussion by the board to create a "Green Building" list serv. A breakout session at the upcoming MRC conference will focus on deconstruction. Green Built was invited to have materials about Green Built Michigan available to attendees at the conference.

VII. Executive Director Update

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

VIII. Treasurer's Report

Approval of February and March 2007 Financials
Moved by Bill Gurn Supported by Kelly Ignace
Approved unanimously.

IX. Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Phil Mikus

Phil Mikus reported that most of the Executive Committee's work has focused on the Michigan Recycling Coalition's affiliation debt retirement with the NRC.

Conference Committee Report – Phil Rairigh and Beth Clawson

The conference continues to move full speed ahead. Attendee registrations are coming in and last minute machinations are being handled by MRC Conference Director Allison Buhs.

Composting – Beth Clawson

The Composting committee held it first meeting on April 7 and discussed direction for the following year. Compost Operator Training has been scheduled for February 2008 and will be held in the SW area of the state.

There will be two regional trainings – Ann Arbor and Grand Rapids. The committee will also continue work on its brochure focusing on the benefits of composting.

Membership/Outreach – Anna Collinson

The Committee initiated its Membership Recruitment campaign by promoting it in the MRC Update and the MRC website and is looking forward to a great response. A Membership Plan focusing on membership development and retention was distributed to the board. The committee is also spearheading an MRC logo contest and will present potential logos to the board at the next meeting.

Policy – Don Pyle

The committee continues its education initiative to the Michigan Legislature, including getting legislators to buy in on a Legislative Recycling Caucus. The Recycling 101 project is still in the works and should be available for distribution later this year.

TAC – Nancy Hawkins

TAC is moving forward on a complete overhaul of the website. Work continues on the quarterly newsletter – the MRC Update.

IX. Discussion Items

A. MRC Board Nominations

The MRC Board of Directors nominations currently include candidates for all three categories – business, government and at-large. Current Board members Phil Rairigh, Matt Flechter, David Smith and Sara Lesky have decided not to run for reelection. Phil Mikus, Cara Clore, Beth Clawson, and Esther Seaver have indicated that they will be running for their open seats.

B. NRC Payment Schedule

The Board approved the offer of a loan of a \$6,400 from Brent Walter and directed MRC Executive Director Nancy Hawkins to draft a letter to the NRC offering the amount as a one-time settlement to take care of the MRC debt to the NRC. That letter has been drafted and sent to the NRC and the MRC is waiting for a response.

C. MRC Awards

The MRC Awards Committee, chaired by Anna Collinson will meet and determine the 2007 Recycler of the Year Award winners. The MRC will also recognize a number of programs as part of its Spotlight Recognition for one-time projects, programs, or events that illustrate effective creative and innovative program efforts.

X. Action Items

A. Virtual Data Management Computer Proposal

A motion was made to move forward and have Virtual Data Management create a new MRC website.

Moved by Bill Gurn Seconded by Phil Rairigh

Approved unanimously.

B. MRC Logo Contest

A motion was made to accept the new MRC Logo as presented.

Moved by Anna Collinson Seconded by Amy Shindorf

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.