

## Association of Ohio Recyclers Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** June 19, 2018

**Location:** Rumpke, 476 East Fifth Avenue, Columbus, OH 43201

**Attending were:** Matthew Hittle, Molly Kathleen, Carol Giulitto, Erick Palmer, Tim Kimmel, and Taylor Greely. On Phone: MaryEllen Etienne, Abby Anderson, and Lauren Karch. Maria Ortiz, with the Cuyahoga County SWMD and former board member Alan Hale were also in attendance.

**Call to Order:** Molly called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m.

**Minutes for the May 15, 2018 meeting** were reviewed. Erick made a motion to approve the May 15, 2018 meeting minutes. Carol seconded the motion. Minutes were approved on voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** The monthly treasurer's report was presented by Carol and discussed. Matt made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Erick seconded the motion. Motion was passed on voice vote.

### Action Items from last month's meeting:

- All: Send articles/ideas to Molly for newsletter – It was mentioned that Alan's story would be an interesting addition for the next newsletter
- Tiffany & Taylor: Have conference call about Prof Dev Conference – call was not held. Tiffany has not been able commit time as of late. A call will be scheduled ASAP
- John W: Send invoice to join AOR to new board member – done
- Erik / Strategic Planning Committee: Once strategic plan is written and finalized, team up with Communications Committee to distribute content/messaging and reinforce through brand – will do.
- MaryEllen:
  - Transition GoDaddy to Molly - done
  - Send template to Molly to place on google drive for agenda - done
  - Reach out to new members to schedule intro calls – Molly will need to do this
  - Add Tim to google drive -will resend
- Abby: send headshot to Lauren – done
- Lauren:
  - Send link to LWV - done
  - Update the president position on website - done
  - Add Abby's headshot - done

Taylor volunteered to take the action items for today's meeting.

### **Board Recruitment**

Maria Ortiz introduced herself and provided a brief summary of her 18 years of work experience at the Cuyahoga County SWMD. She excused herself and Taylor made a motion to nominate Maria for the vacant At-large Board seat, which expires at the end of 2018. Erick seconded the nomination. Maria was elected unanimously to the Board of Directors on voice vote. Maria rejoined the meeting directly after the vote.

### **Committee Updates**

Governance Committee - No activity for this committee.

Communications and Programming – Will be accumulating topics for the next quarterly newsletter. Alan Hale had related his recent experience in the Peace Corps implementing a solid waste plan in the Philippines – this could potentially be included in the newsletter. Also, there has been discussion with Composting News about doing a trade for space in each other's newsletters.

Events – Taylor has scheduled a call to hold a planning meeting soon for the Professional Development Workshop to be held in September. She will send out the time to group once it is scheduled. The first goal is to finalize a date and work on the agenda structure and key note speaker(s).

Relating to the 2019 Partner's Conference, there will be another conference call soon to further plan for the event. The Akron or Canton areas are now being considered for the conference's location.

The agenda for the ReuseConex conference should be coming out soon. It was mentioned that AOR could be called upon to speak. A booth could be made available since AOR is sponsor – this would be dependent on whether new materials/brochures can be made up prior to the conference date in October. There are two registrations available as part of the sponsorship as well. Interested board members should let know Molly know ASAP [action item].

Finance – There were no updates for this committee outside the information in the financial reports.

Strategic Planning – There was significant discussion about the previously discussed proposal to look at joining with the Organics Recycling Association of Ohio (ORAO). It was clarified that the motion made in April was only to further discussions. There was concern about building a new strategic plan with the possibility of things changing considerably with a merger ahead. It was agreed that we should move forward with a new plan as though AOR remains separate from ORAO. Members of ORAO will be invited to our next face to face meeting.

## **New Business**

It was mentioned that the Recycling Partnership (RP) will be conferencing into the MMAC meeting tomorrow. There will be discussions on how the RP can work with them, in conjunction with SWMDs and Ohio's major waste haulers, to develop a strategy to battle the contamination issues plaguing the industry. Taylor and Matt will be there and will make sure to mention how AOR could be an additional partner with the campaign.

Several board members indicated that they would not be able to make it to the next face to face meeting (August 21<sup>st</sup>) because WasteCon is scheduled that week. It was agreed to change the meeting date to the following week – Tuesday August 28<sup>th</sup>. Likely location is at Reworks (Summit/Akron SWMD).

**Next Meeting:** July 17<sup>th</sup> via conference call.

**Adjourned at 12:03 pm.**

Submitted by Matthew Hittle, Secretary, Association of Ohio Recyclers