

VRA Board Meeting Conference Call December 4, 2001

The conference call was convened at 11:00 a.m.

Participants:

Mike Benedetto, Dori Brown, Denny Clark, Jennifer DeLong, Mark Worten
Benji Brackman, Heather Sewell

I. Administrative Support:

A subcommittee was formed to review the applications for VRA administrative support. This committee will strive to a recommendation to the Board by the next VRA meeting (January 23, 2002). The committee consists of Benji Brackman (chair), Mark Worten, and Mike Benedetto. Anyone interested in participating should contact Benji Brackman [enbrackman@deq.state.va.us].

A motion passed that the VRA acquire a PO Box in the interim between the expiration of the SAIC contract (effective Dec. 1, 2001) and the establishment of new administrative services.

II. 2002 Budget

A report will be sent out by the Treasurer for discussion at the next meeting.

III. Board Nominations

Georgiana Ball has been accepting applications for the VRA Board. Applicants name and a brief bio are due to her by December 11th. Applicants will be included in the next VRA newsletter to be distributed by the end of the calendar year. Contact Georgiana Ball [GBall@dgs.state.va.us] with any nominations.

IV. Bylaws

Mark Worten has been heading the committee reviewing/updating the VRA bylaws. Once completed, the bylaws will be made available on the VRA website. Changes suggested included more detailed job descriptions and term lengths. No changes to the membership dues structure is being proposed.

V. Committee Reports

Bottle Bill: Denny Clark gave a report on the recent meeting activity held to discuss bottle bill legislation. He is in the planning stages to bring a bottle bill forum to Virginia in the near future.

ARD: Dori Brown reported that there were several events held throughout the State but no statewide-activity per say to report on.

NRC Re-affiliation: no action.

Fundraising: no action

VI. Other

It was recommended that the VRA reconsider its position to remain neutral on controversial topics (bottle bill, out-of-state waste). It was suggested that a policy committee be assembled to review such issues and prepare position papers for the membership. At such time, the membership could then vote on what stance the VRA should take on said causes. Anyone interested in participating on a policy committee should contact Dori Brown at dobrown@ci.newport-news.va.us

Next meeting:

Wednesday, January 23, 2002 at the CVWMA in Richmond. Board meeting begins at 9 am with the second phase of the VRA Planning Retreat to immediately follow. If you plan to attend, please RSVP for planning purposes.