

VIRGINIA RECYCLING ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

August 6, 2001
Annual Conference
Alexandria, VA

Board Members Present

Dori Brown, President
Michael Benedetto, Vice President
Mark Worten, Treasurer
Diane Dodd, Campbell County
Denny Clark, UVA
Georgiana Ball, DGS, ex-officio

Others Present

Jennifer DeLong, City of Alexandria
John Snarr, COG
Janice Driskill, Campbell County
Erika Shriner, citizen

The Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with a quorum present.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the July 13, 2001 VRA Board meeting were approved with the correction of Georgiana Ball's place of employment (DGS).

2. New Board Member

With the resignation of Kathy Sherwood from the VRA Board, Denny Clark was voted to fill the vacancy until such term expires in the beginning of 2002.

3. Budget Report, Mark Worten

The board approved payment to the Alexandria Hilton for conference expenses, in the sum of \$5117. Once the annual conference income and expenses are finalized, Mark will report the VRA budget to the board.

4. SAIC Report, Mark Worten & Dori Brown

Mark reported that our current SAIC liaison, Thuy Lam, has been very good at following through on email requests regarding logistics of the conference. Other members present at the meeting stated that they or other attendees they know actually have had great difficulty reaching the VRA office via phone. This inability to reach the VRA office or to receive a return telephone call has made registration difficult for many. Mark, Dori, and Mike will work together to acquire the VRA committee checklists detailing the duties needed from the SAIC staff person. Mark will also follow through with SAIC regarding the difficulty in reaching them.

5. Ex-officio position

Georgiana Ball was appointed ex-officio to the VRA board at the discretion of the VRA President.

6. VRA Promotional Opportunities, Dori Brown

Dori has been in communication with a representative from the Association of Energy Conservation Professionals. They will be hosting an energy fair in Salem, VA on October 12-13. This is an opportunity for the VRA to display an informational booth and reach potential members. Volunteers to man the booth are needed.

7. Committee Reports

Membership: No report provided.

Communications: John Snarr updated the Board on the action he has taken with the VRA website and listserves. The website has been continuously updated with conference information and meeting minutes and agendas. He will continue to work on improving the information provided on the website. In terms of the listserves, John continues to face challenges accessing from EarthSystems the necessary information to modify the current listserve. He explained that they are staffed by college students who are currently in summer break. John will be looking into alternative host options and will report his findings to the Board. As for the newsletter, Diane and Lesa will work together on the VRA newsletter as well as provide John a file to be downloaded into the website.

Bylaws: No report provided.

Re-affiliation with NRC: Dori reported that she will be receiving information from the NRC listing the benefits of re-affiliation. Once this is received, this information as well as the proposed membership cost re-structuring will be distributed to the membership at large for discussion, input, and vote on an official position to re-affiliate or not to re-affiliate.

Fundraising: No report provided.

Bottle Bill: Extensive discussion regarding the possibility of the VRA supporting the bottle bill in any fashion occurred. It was decided that Bottle bill chair, Denny Clark, would look into creating a "Bottle Bill Forum" (similar to the Out-of-State Waste forum in May 2001). To determine if the VRA membership's position on supporting or not supporting the bottle bill, information will be distributed to the membership at large for discussion, input, and vote.

ARD: America Recycles Day is November 15, 2001. Dori made available at the conference the official ARD promotional ordering information. ARD events and information will be posted on the VRA website.

Education: No report provided.

8. Board Retreat

A board retreat will be the strategic planning meeting and to select a nominating committee for the 2002 VRA Board officer positions. The Norfolk Radisson Hotel has expressed interest in hosting a VRA board retreat meeting to showcase their hotel for future consideration for a VRA conference. Dori will be contacting the hotel for more information and to set a board retreat during the month of October.

9. Other

The board thanked Jennifer DeLong for all of her hard work in chairing the conference. She will be creating and distributing a follow up survey to gage feedback.

Next Meeting: Board Retreat, date/time TBA

Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.