

**COLORADO ASSOCIATION FOR RECYCLING
2007-2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 21, 2008**

President Michelle Kincheloe called the meeting to order at 9:03am at Penrose House, 1661 Mesa Avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Board Members Present:

Sammie Baratta	Sarah Laverty
Mick Barry	Beth Lenz
Karen Bloomfield	Mereth Meade
Bob Edmiston	Chris Merkl
Gary Horton	Gerri Walsh (By Phone)
Michelle Kincheloe	Bob Yost
Tameem Khizer	

Executive Director Marjorie Griek, Administrative Assistant Amy Randell and 2008-2009 Board of Directors member Bob Boggio were in attendance. Tameem Khizer was not present at the start of the meeting. Absent: Dianne Beal, Charlotte Pitt.

Approval of Minutes From the January 11, 2008, Board Meeting:

Bob Edmiston requested that on page 4 the “we” in the following sentence be changed to “CDPHE”: Bob E. recommended we hire a consultant instead of FTE. Bob Edmiston motioned to approve the minutes with the proposed change. Karen Bloomfield seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Elections Update:

Michelle Kincheloe announced the newly elected members of the 2008-2009 CAFR Board of Directors: Bob Boggio, Anne Peters, Lisa Skumatz and Tim Towndrow.

Policy Update:

Marjorie Griek reported on the activities of the Policy Committee.

House Bill 1181: State Compost Purchasing Requirements, made it through committee 12-0. The bill moved through the House on third reading and is now in the senate. The bill may come up the first week of March or the week before. She has been assured by the Department of Agriculture that CAFR will be included in discussions regarding the definition of compost.

EPP (Environmentally Preferable Purchasing) Bill: The bill was passed last year, but is being introduced this year due to a wording issue. Representative Kefalas is sponsoring. Work is being done to insert language that will require the purchasing agencies to require environmental preference. The environmentally preferable requirement is not currently in the RFP/RFA. Since the purchasing departments work on a sealed bid system there is no way to evaluate products until a bid has been accepted. Marjorie Griek asked if a formal motion is required for CAFR to support the change to the bill. Bob Yost said a motion would convey consensus and would be appropriate. Bob Edmiston said he doesn't think anyone is opposed to the concept but he questioned the undefined language of the bill. Marjorie Griek said the definition of Environmentally Preferable Purchasing is already included in the bill. The current changes to the bill would put teeth into it so it is not a wasted bill.

Tameem Khizer joined the meeting.

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Bob Edmiston motioned for CAFR to support language development of House Bill 1207 to add teeth to implementation of the bill. Bob Yost seconded the motion. **Motion passed** (Abstained: Khizer).

House Bill 1269 and House Bill 1318: The bills deal with the sale of pine beetle wood products and would give sales tax exemption to pine beetle wood that is sold. Mendez Steadman is checking on the details and wording. The CAFR Board may need to make a quick decision about if/how we want to support these bills. Gary Horton asked what the alternatives are for the wood, i.e., fuel or mulch. Marjorie Griek said the wood can also be used by artisans. Bob Yost said the bill could have some bearing at the retail level if you process the wood and make mulch. Marjorie Griek will keep the Board apprised of the bills' statuses.

House Bill 102: The bill refers back to HB182 and authorizes spending for support; it barely made it out of committee. CAFR will put together a fact sheet with data and do more lobbying. Bob Edmiston asked if the bill will provide for an employee or a contractor. Marjorie Griek said it is not up to the assistance committee or CAFR, it is up to CDPHE. CDPHE believes contracts are limited; they have a temp working right now that is expensive and short term. CDPHE would prefer an employee.

Colorado Environmental Partnership Sustainability Event: The CAFR Board is invited to attend this invitation-only-event at CDPHE, 2:00pm to 5:00pm, March 13. Ball Corporation will be presenting on their sustainability plan, as will other Colorado businesses.

Recognition of Board Members:

Michelle Kincheloe recognized the contributions of out-going Board members: Bob Yost, Beth Lenz, Tameem Khizer and Chris Merkl. She also recognized the contributions of Sammie Baratta who was re-elected to the Board of Directors.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35am.

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President Michelle Kincheloe called the meeting to order at 9:39am.

Board Members Present:

Sammie Baratta
Mick Barry
Karen Bloomfield
Bob Boggio
Bob Edmiston
Gary Horton

Michelle Kincheloe
Sarah Lavery
Mereth Meade
Tim Towndrow
Gerri Walsh (By Phone)

Executive Director Marjorie Griek and Administrative Assistant Amy Randell were in attendance. Tim Towndrow was not present at the start of the meeting. 2007-2008 Board members Beth Lenz, Tameem Khizer, Chris Merkl and Bob Yost left the meeting to attend the Annual Meeting. Absent: Dianne Beal, Anne Peters, Charlotte Pitt, Lisa Skumatz.

Annual Meeting / Board Retreat:

Michelle Kincheloe reviewed the plans for the Board Retreat to follow the Annual Meeting. The Board will talk about Board meeting ground rules, including use of cell phones, computers, etc. at the next more formal Board meeting.

Election of Officers:

Michelle Kincheloe reviewed the officer roles from the CAFR By-laws. Tim Towndrow joined the meeting.

- The President sets the agenda with input from the Board, runs Board meetings, and works with the Executive Director and Administrative Assistant on day-to-day operations. The vice president will step into the role of president when the president can't be at a meeting and will also step into the president position the next year.
- The Vice President steps into the role of President as needed and should also consider succeeding the role of President the following year.
- The Secretary keeps the minutes of the meeting; however, the administrative assistant now performs this function, and the Secretary acts as a second set of eyes to make sure everything is captured.
- The Treasurer is responsible for reporting on the financial operations of CAFR. All of the day-to-day financial transactions are overseen by the Executive Director and performed by CAFR's bookkeeper.
- The role of Past President, currently being filled by Charlotte Pitt because Linda Smith resigned from the Board, is filled by the most recent former President.

Michelle Kincheloe discussed what she knew regarding interested parties. Michelle spoke with Dianne Beal, who expressed interest in continuing as Co-Treasurer; Gerri Walsh is not planning on running for re-election for Vice President. Bob Edmiston asked about the progression of officers. Michelle said officers are elected on an annual basis. Bob Edmiston asked for confirmation that Gerri Walsh does not want to be Vice President. Gerri Walsh said she can't commit to the time. Michelle Kincheloe said time and term-limits are issues beyond the President and Vice President Roles. Term limits are dictated by the By-laws.

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Bob Edmiston asked if the Nominating Committee has come up with a recommendation for officer progression. Michelle Kincheloe said they have not formally done that. Mick Barry said Bob Edmiston's point is whether the Board wants the Nominating Committee to come up with a Board and Officer slate. Bob Edmiston said he needs more information on terms or he has to take a recommendation from a Nominating Committee, and he doesn't have information from either source right now. Michelle Kincheloe said that isn't a structure we have had in the past, we should take a look at it now, it is feasible for the Nominating Committee to offer recommendations. Marjorie Griek said that the committee tried presenting a slate a couple of years ago and received negative feedback. Mick Barry said if this Board assigns the task, they can't complain about it. The Board agreed that this would be a future discussion point.

Michelle Kincheloe said she was open to serving another year as President and the Board needs someone who wants to step into the Vice President role and work with Michelle and Marjorie. Mick Barry asked if anyone wanted to do anything.

Gary Horton expressed interest in being the Co-Treasurer. Mick Barry motioned to nominate Dianne Beal and Gary Horton as Co-Treasurers. Sammie Baratta seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Bob Boggio expressed interest in volunteering as Secretary. Bob Edmiston motioned to nominate Bob Boggio as Secretary. Sammie Baratta seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Bob Edmiston opened the discussion to candidates for Vice President. The Board discussed whether Anne Peters or Lisa Skumatz would be interested in the position; neither expressed a specific interest. The Board discussed the remaining candidates: Bob Edmiston, Sammie Baratta, Mick Barry, Sarah Laverty, and Karen Bloomfield. Mereth Meade asked Bob Edmiston if he would serve as Vice President. Bob Edmiston said if elected he would serve but the geographic issue could be a big deal. Michelle Kincheloe said she would be available as a Past President. Bob Boggio motioned to nominate Bob Edmiston as Vice President. Mereth Meade seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Mick Barry motioned to nominate Michelle Kincheloe as President. Bob Edmiston seconded the motion. Bob Edmiston proceeded with the vote on the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Board Meeting Schedule:

The Board discussed whether Fridays still work for meetings. Tim Towndrow asked if each meeting was via conference call or in person. Michelle Kincheloe said in person is preferred but conference call is always an option for individuals who can't make it. The meetings are typically four hours, from 10am to 2pm. Whoever hosts is encouraged to provide lunch if they can.

The Board set the next meeting for March 21, 10am to 2pm, at Western Disposal Services. Remaining meetings are tentatively set for the third Friday of the month: May 18, July 18, September 19, November 21, and January 16. The exception is the meeting in May, which will take place in conjunction with the Summit.

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NRC Affiliation:

Gary Horton asked if the Board is going to discuss the contract with the National Recycling Coalition since the Board talked about the contract at the last meeting. Michelle Kincheloe said the affiliate agreement will be discussed conceptually during the Board Retreat. The consensus from the last Board meeting was to sign the agreement this year. Gary Horton said he is hesitant because the contract is very poorly drawn, it is not clear if we are indemnifying them and it is not clear what the Board members are taking on through this indemnification. Michelle Kincheloe said we would pursue that if there was any chance of changing the contract in a short time frame; however, it has taken three years to get to where we are.

Bob Edmiston summarized the issue for the new Board members. The issue is ongoing with NRC, it is not a good relationship, the money issue from last fall is only partially resolved. CAFR received credit for membership in 2008 and we are now wrestling with signing an agreement we are not comfortable with or not signing and losing the value of the membership credit. Gary Horton said the Board needs to compare the benefits of membership to what we would lose. Michelle Kincheloe said the issue will be discussed more throughout the Board Retreat; CAFR did ask for input from CAFR members about the value of NRC membership. Bob Edmiston asked if anyone on the Board could give a value of being in NRC. Sammie Baratta said she supports being a member; she has attended meetings for eight years, uses the online tools, and likes the Mobius and the discount at the annual Congress. Michelle Kincheloe said based on the conceptual purpose of NRC, it benefits CAFR to be involved. Michelle and Marjorie Griek have started a conversation with the NRC Board and see small, positive steps being taken.

Gary Horton said the NRC has dealt with CAFR in bad faith regarding the Congress and he is more in favor of not signing the agreement and saying we will reaffiliate only if NRC does certain things. Michelle Kincheloe said we should consider Marjorie Griek's role as Chair of the Recycling Organizations Council.

Mick Barry said he has heard the same arguments about NRC since 1989 in several states; NRC is a good organization that isn't meeting its potential, we need to stay in this year since we have the membership credit and continue the discussion then make a decision about affiliation. Mereth Meade asked if there was another national organization we could associate with instead. Marjorie Griek said SWANA has a recycling division/branch.

Mick Barry motioned to sign the affiliation agreement and make a decision regarding future involvement by September. Sammie Baratta seconded the motion. **Motion passed.** (Opposed: Horton)

Meeting adjourned at 10:23am.