WASHINGTON ORGANIC RECYCLING COUNCIL  
Board of Directors Meeting  
February 15, 2018 MINUTES

Call to Order - President Michele Riggs called to order at 10:20am. Additional participants were Past President, Dan Corum; Directors, Samantha Fleischner, Mary Harrington & Justin Maltry; Alternates, Gabriella Uhlar-Heffner & Michelle Andrews, and staff, Katie Bohocky.

Webex participants were Treasurer, Scott Deatherage; Directors, Kyle Bair & Tami Thomas.

Excused were: Vice-President, Jack Hoeck; Directors, Sam Schaefer-Joel, Nehemias Chalma, Jetta Antonakos & David McDonald

CONSENT AGENDA: January 18, 2018 Board Minutes were not accepted. Changes were discussed. January 31, 2018 Financial Reports were not accepted as written.

REPORTS:
Anti-Trust policy - reminder that no business details be discussed today, and all attendees are representing WORC.

Financials: Scott and Katie will meet to discuss.

Membership: 11 new members in 2017, and 2 new members in 2018. Dan would like certificates or a window cling out for all new and renewing members. Katie will send out a membership certificate to all renewed members, and a framed certificate to all new members.

Ecology has a list of composters that are permitted, and some that are exempt. How do we find out about other facilities that are not on the list? Katie will follow up with Lianna on researching other facilities.

Oregon Update: No update.

WSRA Conference: Michele asked the Board if they would like her, or anyone from the Board to attend and work a booth at the event. Board will ask David McDonald if he is already attending, and can work the booth. If not, the Board will decide in April who will be attending.

Outreach & Communications: January newsletter is out to members. Michele would like to include a letter from the President in April. Justin is leaving Tilth. He will try to remain on the communications committee, if he can. Justin’s replacement at Tilth may be able to help with the newsletter and social media in the future. Need to connect with Sam to see if he would like to remain on communications committee.

Discussion of possibly pairing with another group like we did with WSRA WRED event in 2017. Michele will reach out to WSRA. Michele asked the Board to think about potential events to pair with.

Sam and Michele attended USCC and were surprised to hear that WORC had a presentation. In the future, if WORC is being represented the Board needs to know. Michele, Mary & Tami will contact the Contamination Workgroup work about participating and representing WORC.

Board would like a food bank as a member of WORC. Start a relationship with a food bank, and possibly touring their facility. Possibly combining with a WRED event. Michele will reach out WSRA and Justin will reach out to University District Food Bank. Mary will reach out to Soil Health Washington.

Event Committee Reports: 2018 Annual Conference location has not been selected. Discussion on the focus of 2018. Replace Semiahmoo with Tacoma, and keep Eastern Washington every 3rd year. Board decided on Yakima
as our 2018 location. Date will be moved up to the 1st week of November. Samantha will co-Chair with Jetta. Held November 7th – 8th, 2018. Samantha will contact and connect her Yakima location with the committee.

March ROT event is not moving forward. Michele will work on a future event with the committee. CFOT dates and location are confirmed and up on the website. Peter Moon can no longer be a core instructor. Need additional instructors. Michele would like a list of potential instructors at the April Board meeting.

USCC wants to use WORC’s CFOT test after their training. The Board decided not to give USCC our exam.

**Soils for Salmon:** Need to add as an adhoc committee for a banner design.

**Legislative:** Gabriella reviewed all of the bill updates with the Board, and the new SHB 2411 – “Reducing Wasted Food”. Possible topic for the Annual Conference of “State of Food Waste in Washington”. If this was moving WORC would be in favor of this effort.

Gabriella reviewed SHB 2658 & SB 6396 – Use of Perfluorinated Chemicals (PFASs) in Food Packaging. Discussion of whether WORC would support this bill getting these products out of WA State, or not. WORC needs to see the research before making a decision on support. Mary will reach out to Biosolids for any research they may have.

Draft Compostable Plastics Labeling Bill discussion. Michele willing to go to Olympia and set up meetings with representatives on behalf of WORC.

Discussion of WAC 173-350 Rule Revisions. Comments are due on Ecology’s draft Rule by March 20 with a public hearing on March 6 at the Ecology Northwest Regional Office in Bellevue and also on March 9 in Spokane. The final rule will be adopted on April 25, 2018. Katie will send out an email to the membership on Wed next week.

We need to find a new legislative Chairperson, as Gabriella is retiring on April 3rd. Possibly contact WSRA and discuss who is on their committee, and potentially work together.

**New Updates:**

**Board Retreat** – Tami is concerned about attendance at the Board Retreat. Tami would like a more open ended discussion of the coming year. Discussion of the 2019 date. Katie will send out a Doodle poll for availability. Dan asked that we include any Board members that want to have input on the structure of the retreat are able to. Michele and Katie will ask for input on the retreat before the January 2019 retreat.

**Bylaws** – Review of the approved Bylaws. Need an email out to the membership for nominations to the Board of Directors. Need to fill 3 WA state positions. Discussion of possible Board members. Michele will reach out to Olympic Organics and Cedar Grove. Dan stressed that the Board needs to personally ask potential Board members to join the Board and offer mentorship. Justin will talk to King County Biosolids. Dan will reach out to Bill to ask about someone from Thurston County and someone from the Health Department.

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.**