Call to Order - President Michele Riggs called to order at 10:05am. Additional participants were Treasurer, Scott Deatherage; Directors, Samantha Fleischner, Mary Harrington, Nehemias Chalma & David McDonald. Webex participants were Vice President, Jack Hoeck; Directors, Tami Thomas, Stephanie Miller, Cassie Whitebread, Kaitlyn Welzen and staff, Katie Bohocks. Absent was Past President, Dan Corum; Secretary, Kyle Bair; Directors, Jetta Antonakos, Sam Schaefer-Joel, Ashley Mihle & Howard Stenn. Guest was John Cleary.

April 19, 2018 Board Minutes were accepted as amended.

John Cleary presented that Puget Sound Clean Air is pushing for state wide air quality to enforce title 5 air permits. This decision was based off 2002 & 2003 studies from California data. Many of these studies are academic. They reviewed the reports in 2010, and decision was made to push for composters to meet the title 5 air permits. John believes that WA State has a lot of data as well and should be working together to stop this enforcement of title 5 air permits. Title 5 air permits are very expensive without much benefits. WORC would like to present a better approach for clean air and green house gas to the Puget Sound Clean Air. John asked for any baseline data that could help benefit his findings to send to him.

Samantha read the Anti-Trust policy reminder that no business details be discussed today, and all attendees are representing WORC in decision-making.

Scott presented the May 31, 2018 Financial Reports reflecting total assets of $91,042.53. Review of the balance sheet and P&L. Reports accepted as written.

ELECTION: Michele welcomed our newest Board members. Michele asked the new Board members to review our current committees and their charters. We ask that each Board member join at least one committee. Michele will follow up for commitments.

REPORTS:
Membership: Katie will mail out hardcopies of invoices to all unpaid members. Michele reminded the Board that we would like each Board member to gain 2 new members annually.

Non-permitted composters & solicit input & membership – exempt facilities. Tami will reach out to ones she knows about and push for WORC membership. Kaitlyn will reach out to King County Conservation District as well.

Oregon Update: Jack reported he attended the Oregon Association of Recyclers conference last week. Jack spoke to several people there asking them to get involved in WORC.

Outreach & Communications: Seeking new chair. Always looking for good articles to include. If you have a good article or would like to contribute, please contact Sam and Katie. Next newsletter is our July newsletter.

WSRA Event - Only cost WORC for Michele to attend this year was the cost to purchase the booth. Michele made a lot of good contacts and will draw the new WORC membership soon. Co-hosted a WRED with WSRA in 2017 and looking to host another WRED event in 2018.
**Event Committee Reports:** Mary reported we are going to have a fun annual conference with a new format. Will be held at the LeMay America’s Car Museum in Tacoma. Thursday, November 15th followed by a TAGRO tour the next morning, Friday November 16th. Tentative timing: 8:00 am start, lunch (featuring annual meeting), 5:00 adjourn 5:30 – 6:30 pm President’s reception. Still looking for a theme, topics and speakers. Looking for suggestions. Facility can let us have equipment vendors bring their equipment to display for attendees. Attendees can view all the cars and parking is covered. Jack will volunteer to help get equipment vendors. Mary read possible topics for discussion. Tami will contact Amy Clow to speak on apple maggot and presenting at our next Board meeting.

Katie created a conference check-list to make sure all expectations are met.

Board looking for additional CFOT instructors and volunteers to help. Michele reviewed the outline of what happens at CFOT, and tours. If you would like to help let Michele know.

ROT (Regulator Operator Training) event – trying to get support for the curriculum. Goal is to have twice a year. One on the East side and one on the West side. Unfortunately, Michele has not had time to put this together for 2018. Michele asked anyone that is interested in helping to contact her. Discussion of the type of curriculum taught at the ROT events.

**Soils for Salmon:** David talked with Dan Corum who has indicated interest in taking over the chair for Soils for Salmon and maintaining the oversight of the website. David asked AMI for a proposal on rebuilding the website to maintain and update. Samantha from AMI sent a proposal to David. David would like to present on this at our August Board meeting for the Board to consider.

New banner discussion. Michele will send David the file for our current banner, and we will match the size. David will create what he would like on the SFS banner for Tacoma Rubber Stamp to create. Bamboo banner broke at the WSRA event. Will no longer retract. Katie will contact Tacoma Rubber Stamp about a replacement.

**Legislative:** Reminder that we need a new Chair immediately.

Working on a bill that limits manufacturers from using any verbiage on their labels unless they have proof that their product is compostable. Michele helped create a marketing piece “a leave behind” to leave for legislators to better understand our bill. WORC is trying to get more in front of our legislators. We want legislators to call WORC when having questions. Tami would like to see the final version of the bill before we vote on sending out the bill to people that will support our WORC bill.

Trying to figure out if we can get a looser definition of the WSDA regulations banning transportation of raw material 12 months of the year and our desire to be able to transport year-round. Reason for the ban is the insect emergence.

**New Updates:**

**Board Portal on website:** Katie reviewed the draft Board portal with the Board. Working on uploading documents and finalizing.

Samantha is no longer at Silver Springs. She is now working at Purdy Compost in Gig Harbor.

New Board members did a brief introduction of themselves.

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:58 pm.**