



WASHINGTON ORGANIC RECYCLING COUNCIL

WORC Board Meeting

August 20th, 2020 MINUTES

Call to Order – President, Samantha Fleischner called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. Additional participants were, Treasurer, Scott Deathrage, Secretary, Stephanie Miller, Kaitlyn Welzen, Mary Harrington, Amy Clow, Nehemias Chalma, Kate Kurtz, Jack Hoeck, Ashley Mihle, Dan Corum, Reingard Rieger and CEO Britni Lundin
Absent were, Vice President, Steve Diddy, Patrick Jordan, & Jay Blazey

Consent Agenda: Board accepted June 2020 minutes and July 2020 financial reports.

Financials: Financials remain largely unchanged since the last meeting. Recovering from the loss of CFOT and annual conference revenue will be challenging due to need for virtual content coupled with the need to provide low/no cost benefits for current members. Potential shift needed to ensure sustainability of the organization either continuing as WORC or moving into a chapter roll with USCC. Some Board members to be on a call with USCC to determine new requirements for chapters. Samantha to keep the Board updated on findings. It was suggested that Board members come together to discuss options to move forward to ensure that financials can remain stable. Jack, Dan, Scott, Samantha, Kate and possibly Mary would like to be involved. Britni to look into insurance options due to loss of revenue for CFOT and annual conference.

Committee Reports:

Annual Conference: The conference has been cancelled, however the Board discussed doing some webinars this year on Zoom to provide education. Only two responses were given on the survey from the Membership Committee regarding topics that our members were interested in, however only two responded. Britni to resend the survey in the hopes to gain more responses. The concern with this the lack of involvement by volunteers as ideas are formulated, but action on these items is not always followed through on by the Committees. There is interest in collaborative meetings with composters to see how they are dealing with the Pandemic. It was suggested that we do a call for presentations to get content for our webinars. These would be recorded and added to our member portal for later viewing to build our library. Ashley to reach out to her contact on human composting.

CFOT: CFOT has been cancelled for 2020. The Committee decided that the hands-on component was a necessity. Planning needs to be set for 2021. Mary to determine whether or not the hands-on component requirement can be waived due to Covid. Potential still exists for 2021 to do partial online and partial in person portion to be at compost facilities/universities within the state.

Membership, Outreach, Communications: The Committee would like to aid in creating a virtual webinar series to add member value and increasing education. In addition, a happy hour was suggested. Happy hour will be 4:30 pm on September 1st. Britni to send out to an announcement inviting people to join to share questions and solutions around composting.

ROT: No report

Soils for Salmon: No report

Legislative: Mary wrote in the chat, “Regarding legislation: Ecology Solid Waste Program will not present any legislation in the next session. I do not know at this time if other govts or groups have plans to run any organics related legislation.”

Other discussion: It was discussed to send out a blanket statement on how to determine if your compost is safe, It was determined that a blanket statement would be a liability.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am