



## WASHINGTON ORGANIC RECYCLING COUNCIL

### WORC Board Meeting

February 20th, 2020 MINUTES

**Call to Order** – President, Samantha Fleischner called the meeting to order at 9:06 am. Additional participants were, Vice President, Steve Diddy, Kaitlyn Welzen, Jack Hoeck, Mary Harrington, Jay Blazey, Patrick Jordan, David McDonald Dan Corum, Amy Clow and CEO Britni Lundin

Absent were, Nehemias Chalma, Treasurer, Scott Deathrage, Secretary, Stephanie Miller & Ashley Mihle

**Consent Agenda:** Board accepted January 2020 minutes and January 2020 financial reports.

**Financials:** The office has sent invoices and made follow up calls regarding past due invoices. WORC is further ahead than they were last year regarding payments. New pricing has both been a benefit and a deterrent for some members. Dues Invoicing to be sent out the first week of December next year.

**Executive Strategy:** Committees are now receiving date and expectation deadlines in order to increase accountability. President and Vice President setting upcalls with Committee Chairs to see if needs are being met.

#### **Strategic Partnerships:**

- ORIA- Steve
- WRRRA -Samantha working on it
- Tithe and NW Biosolids- Ashley reaching out
- Air Districts- Rot-no update available
- Biocycle-Britni to reach out

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Annual Conference:** Conference to be held Nov 5-6 general agenda decided on theme will be odors.

Committee focused on bringing agriculture back into compost. WORC will look at hosting an odor workshop. Dirt hugger willing to do a tour for the conference. Britni found a possible venue in Leavenworth at Sleeping Lady Resort as Skamania is far too expensive and holds a high likelihood of attrition issues. Britni to follow up with Committee about location options (see a few listed below).

- Bonneville Vancouver

-Dallesport

Committee still looking for a Speaker as Keynote

**CFOT:** Dates will be Oct 19-23. Britni to work with WSU Puyallup on the contract. CFOT Committee to use more volunteers for CFOT. Committee would like Screening Demo as the tour sites last year did not provide this as agreed upon. Increased budget not approved. Board/ Committee to look at alternative locations for the tours that would include screening.

CFOT committee would like more support from Ecology. It was mentioned that WORC could possibly draft a letter to Laurie Davies asking for greater support.

- 43 students, 2 Scholarships. Scholarship students will be required to volunteer.

**Membership, Outreach, Communications:** Survey was sent out to members. Britni to send results out to the Board. Memberships wants better education and more trainings. In addition the majority of memberships finds that WOPRCs greatest value is in the networking opportunities it gives.

The Committee would like to create an educational opportunity (possibly at the Zoo). Would like to hold in the summer months. In addition, they would like to possibly partner with one of the conservation districts for Orca Recovery projects, presenting an opportunity to give back to the community.

The Board would like an annual letter or report to go out with annual invoicing. Members can get a new member rate if they are returning after two years. The Board also decided that if a business is made up of only one person they can purchase an individual membership.

**ROT:** ROT is focused on an affordable Washington state base for air quality regulations in addition to focusing on Title V education. There have been no meetings with entire committee.

ROT meeting set for May, and is to be focused on Title V. Composters are coming together to combat air quality regulations.

Committee needs to meet to gain a grasp on what both composters and regulators want/need.

-Time and agenda to be set in the next two weeks.

WORC members want to have a voice through WORC regarding Title V. WORC should be at the forefront

- Possibly at a neutral location
- WORC to take an advocacy role by drafting a letter of support/concern

**Soils for Salmon:** Website content sent to AMI. Website should be up and running by the end of the month. Britni and David to follow up with Samantha top ensure deadlines are met. Soils for Salmon is part of the new SPU employees workplan. The website needs to work on integrating Orca and Salmon to ensure that we are being relevant in the current environmental climate.

**Legislative:** Mary to send out updates to the Board regarding Legislation. Current bills discussed. The Board is reminded that proper procedure must be followed regarding legislative action, support and voting. The Board discussed the difficulty of gaining consensus, and it was suggested that all legislation be sent out to membership to allow the members to vote on which legislations WORC provides a letter of support for. This will ensure that we are involved in the legislative process while maintaining a sharp eye on what our members want and how we can support and advocate for their needs.

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