



WASHINGTON ORGANIC RECYCLING COUNCIL

WORC Board Meeting

June 18th, 2020 MINUTES

Call to Order – President, Samantha Fleischner called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. Additional participants were, Vice President, Steve Diddy, Treasurer, Scott Deathrage, Secretary, Kaitlyn Welzen, Mary Harrington, Nehemias Chalma, Jay Blazey, Patrick Jordan, David McDonald, Ashley Mihle, Dan Corum, and CEO Britni Lundin
Absent were, Jack Hoeck & Stephanie Miller

Consent Agenda: Board accepted April 2020 minutes and May 2020 financial reports.

Introduction of Kate Kurtz who has been nominated by David McDonald to take over the remainder of his term on the Board. Motion made for Kate to finish the remainder of David's term, seconded and passed.

Financials: The Executive Director revisited the sustainability report highlighting the WORC could operate into 2022 with no additional income. Financials are largely unchanged, with no additional income over the last two months. This is not uncommon for this time of year for WORC. There is concern regarding sustainability as programming has been reduced for 2020, and membership has been in a decline consistently. It is concerning that many of our members' organizations have been experiencing budget cuts and expect to continue to have budget cut projections in the future. The Board would like to re-visit the contract as many of the contract items have changed.

Committee Reports:

Annual Conference: Thought the conference has been cancelled, the Board discussed potentially holding a virtual half day conference. It was discussed that this should possibly be offered to our members for free.

CFOT: CFOT pre-registration is open (7 registered). Discussion is whether or not we should plan CFOT for 2020. COVID has significantly impacted the Committee. In addition, there is no guidance from WSU/Pierce County on whether or not the event would be able to occur. Committee is trying to find an exemption/loophole from the Governor. CFOT does not want to hold the meeting unless they can do in-person due to hands on component of pile building. The state requires this hands on component, and this would impact student certification after the program is completed. The Committee has also stated that they need to stay within the October time-frame. There may also be a higher cost to be at WSU due to increased cleaning. Some of the conversation has surrounded availability of tours, possibly holding private courses for larger companies.

Membership, Outreach, Communications: The Committee would like to hold a virtual webinar series to add member value and increasing education. Looking at possibly partnering with some other organizations to offer education. Some topics discussed. Cross promoting programming with strategic partners may aid in gaining WORC membership.

ROT: Currently nothing to report from Committee meetings (no meetings held since April). Air permit committee did not wish to meet or participate with WORC on ROT. California is the example of how many air agencies may move forward. Currently there have been some air quality lawsuits for some in Washington state; more anticipated to come in the future. Freedom of Information request was made to the DOE for all correspondence with WORC on Title V. Presentations from ROT would need to be from independent third-party entities that would not be poised to make economic gain based on their presentation. ROT Committee needs help and support. ROT to schedule a Zoom call.

Soils for Salmon: Website up and final edits are being completed. Content has been updated and final edits are expected to be completed by next week.

Legislative: All ground gained in legislation was lost due to budget cuts as a result of COVID.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 pm

Zoom Chat:

From Me to Everyone: 09:47 AM

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From Me to Everyone: 10:20 AM

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From Ashley Mihle (she/her) to Everyone: 10:27 AM

I went to this conference a few years back and they already had a good online platform - I can find out what they are doing this year

https://www.interpnet.com/NAI/interp/Events/InterpCon__Virtual_Conference/nai/_events/NAI_2019/NAI_InterpCon.aspx?hkey=7adb3e5f-4d6b-44d1-a9c2-3669db5f5bb5

oops - its actually this <https://www.interpnet.com/interptech>

From Ashley Mihle (she/her) to Everyone: 12:12 PM

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2HmgeO1Q5_kos5vbb-uULQ/featured

<https://www.compostfoundation.org/Education/Sampling-Videos>

its just sampling and not sure but guessing you have to be a member to see them