

## Association of Ohio Recyclers Board Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2026

**Date:** May 19, 2026

**Board Members Present:** Mary Cropenbaker, Carol Giulitto, Mike Hall, Molly Kathleen, Ken Lewis, Jeff Montavon, Erin Oulton, Katie Rees, Chris Talarek, Emily Walker, John Woodman.  
Other Members Present: Jake Boyd, Columbus Micro Systems

**Call to Order:** John Woodman called the meeting to order at 10:35 am.

**Minutes from the April 2026 Meeting:** Erin Oulton motion for approval. Seconded by Mike Hall. All in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** Chris Talarek provided Treasurer's Report. Mike Hall motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Seconded by Emily Walker. All in favor.

### **Old Business**

John Woodman ordered pint glasses for AOR promotional item.

Molly Kathleen will continue to follow up with Johns Mansville for a potential tour.

### **Committee Reports**

**Strategic Planning:** No update

**Governance:** No update

**Finance Committee:** Chris is following up with members who haven't paid 2026 dues.

**Membership Development:** Currently there are 57 unique members. Among those are 22 solid waste districts members and one university member.

**ROC:** No update

### **Communications/Events/Programming:**

**June Board Meeting:** Tour of Rust Belt Riders Composting Facility. Location of the board meeting may be changed to Lorain Solid Waste Management District, followed by a tour of their education facility, then a tour of Rust Belt Riders Composting Facility.

**August Board Meeting:** Location to be determined. RS Recycle Services, glass processing facility, is a potential site visit.

DIVERT Ohio Conference Memorandum of Understanding: John Woodman motioned to approve signing a Memorandum of Understanding with Buckeye SWANA, Keep Ohio and OALPRP for the 2027 DIVERT Ohio Conference. Seconded by Ken Lewis. All in Favor.

### **New Business**

October Workshop: Columbus Zoo. Focus is on hard to recycle materials.

- Potential AM Sessions: Paper mill, Plastics, Glass
- Potential PM Sessions:
  - Batteries: Jake Boyd provided an overview of where Columbus Micro Systems sends batteries. Cirba Solutions may be a potential speaker for the workshop.
  - Organics
    - In-Vessel Composting: Green Mountain Technologies.
    - On Farm Compost: Hamilton County Resource
    - BioChar Project: Great Parks and Cincinnati Parks
- Table Topics

Meeting Adjourned: Chris Talarek motioned to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Erin Oulton. John Woodman adjourned the meeting at 11:45 am.

### **Future Meetings**

June 19: Rust Belt Riders/Lorain Solid Waste Management District

July 21: Virtual

### **Action Items**

Erin Oulton: Checking with Lorain Solid Waste Management District to hold meeting portion of the June meeting at their facility.

John Woodman: Send SWANA Golf Outing flyer to Molly for distribution.

Molly Kathleen – Check with Johns Mansville for tour.

Chase Axelson: Continue to reach out to Integrity Fiber for tour for future tour. Also let Board know if possible.

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Jacob Heffron: Continue to reach out to Owens Corning & Owens Illinois for tour.

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