

Association of Ohio Recyclers Board Meeting Minutes

March Meeting 2025

Date: March 18, 2025

Location: Zoom

Attending: **AOR Board Members:** *John Woodman, Erin Oulton, Molly Kathleen, Chris Talarek, Carol Giulitto, Mary Copenbaker, Ken Lewis, Jacob Heffron, Chase Axelson, Katy Rees, Robert Kurtz, Michael Darling, Emily Walker, Jeff Montavon*

Members Present: 0

Call to Order: John Woodman called the meeting to order ~ 10:32 am

Welcome/ Introduction: Mike Hall has resigned from the Board effective 2/1/25 leaving an opening in the Assistant Treasurer's Report. John Woodman motioned for Chris Talarek to be named as Assistant Treasurer, Jacob Heffron seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Minutes from the February 2025 Meeting: Chris Talarek motioned for approval, Molly Kathleen seconded the motion. February minutes approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report for the month of January was presented by Chris Talarek. Michael Darling motioned for approval of Treasurer's Report. Molly Kathleen seconded the motion. Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Action Item: Carol Giulitto – Investigate whether PNC offers something that allows AHC transfers at no charge. - **Continuance**

Old Business: - For Continued Awareness

Marketing and Outreach Budget – Additional funds in budget for Social Media or Outreach Items for Upcoming Partner's Conference? Discussion regarding increasing Travel Expense to send someone to SWANA Conference, Pennsylvania and Denver Conference.

New Business: - Discussed restructuring of email contacts from website.

Committee Reports:

Strategic Planning: Chris Talarek motioned to approve the Strategic Plan, Mary Copenbaker seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Communications Committee: Invoice reminders sent to AOR members. Website updated with new board members. Emailed grant reminder notices and event reminders. Molly Kathleen to schedule regular communication committee meeting and send notices to committee members.

Events and Programming: Erin will be emailing registration information to Board for review before going “live” for Partner’s Conference. Erin Oulton is utilizing a new registration platform and explained the processes for registration. Event schedule has been successfully set and sponsorships are coming in.

Governance Committee – Nothing to report

Finance Committee: Preparing for tax filing.

Membership Committee: Nothing to report

Action Item: ADS, RPHF – **Left Membership.** Jacob Heffron will be meeting with RPHF to persuade to re-engage.

Action Item: Erin Oulton to update meeting schedule and invites.

Action Item: Let Erin know by Friday March 21st if there are changes required for Partners Conference registration page.

Meeting Adjourned: Michael Darling motioned to adjourn meeting, Erin Oulton seconded the motion. John Woodman adjourned the meeting at 11:41 am.

April 15th Meeting – 10:00 AM Upper Arlington then tour of Greif Brothers following the meeting.

Jeff Montavon – Requested contacts for commercial recycling data.

Jacob Heffron – Big updates for Cincinnati MRF

Erin Oulton – Sustainable Packaging Competition between Ohio and Michigan – Deadline for application is March 31st.