

**AzRC Minutes**  
**Annual Membership Meeting**  
**January 28, 2009**  
**Home & Garden Expo Center**

- I. Meeting was called to order at 10:15 am. There were 82 attendees. All Board members were present, Chairman Terry Gellenbeck, Vice Chair/Secretary, Debby Hill, Kerry Suson, Treasurer, Denette Dunn, Member at Large and Tom Holland, Member at Large. Terry welcomed everyone and we immediately went to the first speaker.
- II. Robert Blendu, Former Senator, District 12, NW Phoenix – addressed this group strongly to not allow government to get in the way of initiatives to promote recycling in the state of AZ. He recommends this coalition be a voice to help promote public policy. His position was there is little manufacturing, business property taxes are high and too much regulation. We need to be a self-regulatory organization. Regulation should serve one thing, to make things better.
- III. Kyrsten Sinema, Senator, District 15, Central Phoenix – wanted this group to be aware how important it is to have citizens involved in the legislative process. Revenues are down, business is tough. At the state level, they are in the middle of a fiscal crisis. The budget is the top priority at the state level. Living sustainable lives, we need to share values as we face so many issues. Engaging in recycling is something our state representatives need to know that it's integral to the healthy future of AZ. Question: what role does ADEQ play? It is under funded, under appreciated. Every 2 years there is a serious attempt to eliminate the ADEQ and allow Fed EPA Region 9 take over. ADEQ has zero power and no clout. We must help protect and retain people who have a strong commitment to recycling.
- IV. Committee Updates:
  - a) Legislative – Denette introduced the legislative committee and reviewed some goals for the coming year including commercial recycling and plastic bag recycling. Contact Denette if you wish to participate on this committee.
  - b) Awards – Tom announced the following 7 recycling awards to be presented at the State Conference: recycling advocate, school representative, municipality, business representative, non-profit and lifetime achievement. Deadline to submit 7/15/09.
  - c) Finance and membership – Kerry reviewed the summary of the financial activity and we also provided a new membership list identifying the increased participation this year as we revived this organization.

- d) Grants – Pat Marsh reported 2 – \$5,000 grants were awarded (1) to Pima Community College for the recycling centers established at 7 main campus locations in Tucson for collection of paper, plastics and metals. Judi Gard provided an overview (2) Resources for Health to reduce plastic bags in the stores and introduced cloth bags for reuse. Ann Goldfeld provided an overview. Both gave a 5 minute talk about their success of these programs as a result of the grants.
  
- V. Open Forum - panel discussion regarding industry trends and market conditions were discussed with Hudson Baylor (Denette Dunn) Westech Recyclers (Earl Knudsen) and CMS Morrell (Bill Toby), City of Phoenix (Carl Smith) Q&A
- VI. State Conference details were provided by Terry. It will be held at the Phoenix Convention Center on August 17-18, 2009. Costs will be shared with SWANA and APWA. Agreements need to be drafted to outline financial responsibilities.
- VII. Product Stewardship – Matthew Bonstetter gave a brief presentation on his willingness to become involved in this area.
- VIII. Election of Officers: some candidates gave a short speech as to how they would like to contribute to the Board of Directors. Ballots were submitted and counted by the Board. Julie Stanton and Bill Toby were duly elected to fill two open positions. Jason Giali of Cox Communication will only participate as a full member of the Board in the event Debby Hill is not able to fulfill her position this year.
- IX. Terry presented the shirts we have for sale, raffle tickets were sold.
- X. Lunch Presentations – during lunch both Premiere Document Shredding and Westech Recyclers gave a brief presentation about their company and services they offer. Lunch donations were \$153 and Raffle purchases were \$160.
  
- XI. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 am.
  
- XII. The Board (including new members) met to review our schedule of future meetings and agenda for the February meeting. Terry will remain Chair, Denette will be Vice-Chair, Debby will be Secretary, Kerry will be Treasurer Julie will be Membership Chair, Tom and Bill will be members-at-large. Jason Giali was also invited to attend our meeting so he's aware of areas that he could contribute.

Respectfully submitted by,

Debby Hill, Secretary