



Minnesota Composting Council

2018 Annual Meeting

2018 – 2019 MNCC Board Members

2018

- Ginny Black, Chair
- Kala Fisher, Vice Chair (City of St. Louis Park)
- Mia Thomton, Treasurer (Natur-Tec)
- Kellie Kish, Secretary (City of Minneapolis)
- Tim Farnan, Board Member (MPCA)
- Tim Goodman, Board Member (NatureWorks)
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- Chuck Joswiak, Board Member (Specialized Environmental Technologies (SET))
- Tim Lundell, Board Member (WLSSD)
- Max Milinkovich, Board Member (Consultant)
- Marcus Zbinden, Board Member (Carver County)

2019

- Jon Klapperich, Board Member (Waste Wise)
- John Springman, Board Member, (Ramsey County)



Overview

- 42 USCC Members
- 14 MNCC Members
- 21 Members of Both
- \$46,000 Funds on Hand
- 188 In November website 33
- 33 Facebook Followers



2018 - Program Activities

- Plate to Garden Program
- International Compost Week Awareness
- Commercial Organics Recycling Workshop – January
 - In partnership with Minnesota Waste Wise
- Attended the State Chapter Meeting at the USCC Annual Conference – January
- Partnered with U of WI-Stevens Point to conduct the 3-day Midwest Compost Operator Training program - July
- Conducted Compost Operator Training – July 25, 2018
- Applied for MPCA Environmental Assistance Grant – Market Development
 - Were not awarded grant but Market Development Committee is continuing work outlined
- Mailed letters to retailers / manufacturers who distribute non-compostable products
- Updated the Economics Report
- Spoke at various venues: Home and Garden Show, State Fair, MN State Horticulture Society, Midwest Food Recovery Conference, Mendota Heights Garden Club



2018 Administrative Activities

- Updated Strategic Plan for 2018 – 2020
- Renewed the chapter agreement with the USCC
- Completed the Interim Report for the MPCA Training Grant
- Partnered with Carver County to host a Minnesota GreenCorps Member
- Financial management
- Continual updating of website
- Bi-monthly E-newsletters
- Created a Facebook page
- Board elections
- Board survey



2019 Priorities

- Increasing markets for finished compost
- Develop model ordinance for use of compost for municipal and county projects
- Increase MNCC memberships
- Increase involvement of the membership in committees
- Develop compost operator trainings for MN compost site operators
 - Third compost operator training for MN Compost Operators – April 17, 2019
 - Partner with U of WI Stevens Point - Midwest Compost Operator Training – July 2019
- Survey cities with organics contracts and share contract language with cities looking to develop organics recycling programs
- Site visit compost facilities
- Study of phosphorus and compost



Committee Overviews

- Legislative Committee
- Market Development Committee
- International Compost Awareness Week Committee
- Plate to Garden Committee
- Training & Events
- Membership Committee
- Compostable Products Committee
- Communications Committee
- Financial Committee



Legislative Committee

- Wrote letter opposing Auxiliary Container pre-emption bills (HF 3606/SF 3135; HF3814/SF 3253) and testified at Committee Hearing
- Supported Governor's bonding bill
 - organics infrastructure funding
- Commented on Hennepin County Ordinance 13 amendments
- Monitored other bills at the State
- Preparing for 2019 legislative session
 - Finalizing legislative agenda and priorities
 - Feedback from members



2019 Legislative Platform

- Opportunity to Recycle: 5th recyclable
 - Metro area & cities w/ population of 40,000 or more
- Plastic Bag & Food Service Labeling
 - Add requirements for labeling compostable food service items
- PFAS Ban
 - No PFAS chemicals in food packaging
- Shall Use Compost Mandate
- Collection & Transportation of Raw Materials
- Education
- Program Funding: Score
 - 100% allocated toward intended purpose



2019 Legislative Policies and Priorities

- Fund Infrastructure Expansion
 - Support funding for both public and private projects
- Compost use in Public Road Projects
 - Continued work with MnDOT to update specs
- Collection Program Implementation
 - Highest performing programs: All pay, but must opt-in are most successful. Meets state statute 115A.93
- Mixed Waste Processing
 - Past experience not successful in diverting organics. Do not currently support composting of organics from mixed waste processing. Involve composters and end markets when considering this processing method.
 - Prioritize source-separation over mechanical separation. Funding should follow prioritization.
- Anaerobic Digestion
 - Support AD as a component of organics system (particularly high-solids systems as they can accept foodservice items). Cautious about ability to compost digestate.
- Organized Collection
 - Oppose any change to statute if it restricts LGU's ability to organize collection



Market Development Committee

- Supported development and promotion of nation-wide Organics Recycling Program Survey
 - program information, terminology, educational information, etc.
- Encouraged composters to submit information to MnDOT to be included on their compost producer webpage
- Researching impact of 'shall use mandates' from other cities and States
- Planning development of educational information for compost buyers
- Evaluating speaking opportunities to various markets
 - Minnesota Erosion Control Association – speaking to in Jan 29-31, 2019
 - Minnesota Landscape & Nursery Association – have spoken at in the past
 - American Public Works Association – October 2019, in process



ICAW & Plate to Garden Committees

- ICAW
 - 2018 - Attempted to work with Minnesota Vikings & US Bank Stadium - didn't come to fruition, working on 2019
 - Planning large 2019 public engagement event (including free Plate to Garden compost giveaway)
- Plate to Garden
 - Promote and organize PTG events
 - Evaluating sponsorship / additional education to partner with PTG events
 - Goal: Expand Plate to Garden Compost program
 - 15 events and more events in Greater Minnesota



2018-2019 Training/Events Committee

- 2018 Compost Operator Training (Maple Grove)
 - July 25, 2018 - Maple Grove
 - 50+ students (MPCA grant)
- 2018 Midwest Compost Operator Training (Wisconsin)
 - July 12-14, 2018 - U of WI – Stevens Point
 - Wisconsin Institute for Sustainable Technology
- 2019 Compost Operator Training
 - Minnesota Landscape Arboretum
 - (SAVE THE DATE) April 17, 2019 (operator training in am, workshop in pm)
 - BPI Executive Director Rhodes Yepsen (committed)
 - Britt Faucette, Filtrexx (invited)
 - Ron Alexander, Alexander and Associates, (invited)
 - Fall 2019 – Markets workshop (tentative)





Membership Committee

- Increase membership by 10%
- Appeal to the USCC only members to support the MNCC through membership
- Updating membership survey to be released in 2019
- Developing customized membership promotional letters for various sectors
 - Government, composters, equipment manufacturers, compost users, etc.
- Evaluate member benefits



Other Committees

- Compostable Products
 - Continue sending letters to retailers and manufacturers who are selling mis-leading products. Post these items on MNCC's website.
- Communications Committee
 - Continue bi-monthly email newsletters
 - Increase social media usage and followers
- Financial Committee
 - Develop 2019 budget and maintain good financial standing of organization
 - Evaluate annual donations/sponsorships
 - 2018 donations: International Compost Awareness Week, stickers for ICAW, USCC Young Investigator's Scholarship Fund



Membership Feedback

- Event ideas?
 - Policy Forum,
 - Education Workshop,
 - Markets Workshop,
 - Collection challenges,
 - Composter/Hauler Roundtable,
 - Compost Operator Trainings
- What else will help you in your position?
- How can we help?



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