



Minnesota Composting Council 2023 Board Candidate

Nominee: Kala Fisher
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 MNCC member for 6 years
 USCC member for 5 years



Has the following skills and competencies:

X	Administration / Business	X	Management
	Financial Oversight	X	Marketing / Public Relations
	Fundraising		Media
X	Government Operations	X	Policymaking / Lobbying
	Legal	X	Public Education / Outreach

Additional information:

- Specific work or non-profit experience applicable to the MNCC’s Mission
 Kala has served on the Minnesota Composting Council board for the last five years in both the secretary and vice-chair positions as well as several committees working on projects to fulfill the MNCC’s mission through public awareness, policy initiatives, market development, and membership. Kala has worked on MNCC’s legislative committee’s compostable product labeling bill, including providing written testimony/support. She has worked with St. Louis Park’s engineering department to update their spec for pavement management projects to ensure SSOM compost is used in applicable city projects. She has also worked with other city departments to incorporate organics collection and compost use requirements in policy for certain development projects.

- Applicable certifications, degrees, and/or licenses currently held
 Kala earned a B.S. in Environmental Studies from St. Cloud State University in 2008. She has active memberships in the MN Composting Council, U.S. Composting Council, Recycling Association of Minnesota and the Association of Recycling Managers, with past service on the Organics Terminology Committee. Kala also completed the 2009 Midwest Compost Operator Training.

- Why would this person be an asset to the Board?

As an advocate for composting in Minnesota, she promoted backyard composting during

her career in west-central Minnesota and most recently in her position as Solid Waste Manager for the City of St. Louis Park. Her work for St. Louis Park's Organics Program has given her experience in working with commercial composters, haulers, educators, businesses, schools and residents to expand organics collection in the city and to promote local use of compost by working with city engineers to require SSOM compost by spec. Kala has also worked with a number of stakeholders on issues surrounding compostable foodservice packaging during the development of the city's Zero Waste Packaging Ordinance.

Kala would like to continue to use this experience in collaboration with the Board of Directors in order to help the organization achieve its mission to develop, expand and promote the composting industry.

She has a particular interest in growing MNCC membership and expanding compost use markets by helping local units of government see the value in incorporating STA certified compost in their operations to close the loop on collection programs and combat climate change.