



MWRA Update

Serving Michigan's Waste and Recycling Industry Professionals Since 1996

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President's Remarks

John Van Tholen

Spring greetings! Welcome to the new MWRA Update. Our goal is to keep members informed of the latest industry, legislative, and regulatory trends. The Update will provide the latest information on MWRA's mission to advocate for economically sustainable and environmentally sound waste hauling, disposal, recycling, composting, and landfill gas-to-energy programs.

Currently, our board of directors is working on a strategic plan to position MWRA for a successful future. It is our goal to have a plan adopted by the end of 2016. Our membership committee is charged with developing events focused on providing networking and education opportunities. The first event will be hosted by a new member, Fredrickson Supply, on May 5 in Grand Rapids. Our advocacy team helped pass Senate Bill 507, a starting point on creating a statewide framework for recycling. You will find more details on these and other happenings inside this quarter's Update.

Thank you for your support of MWRA. Your participation is critical to our success. I look forward to all of us working together in 2016.

New Member Welcome!

MWRA welcomes new member **Consumers Energy**. Scott Weber is the Director of Alternative Energy Solutions for the company.

Learn more about **Consumers Energy** at <https://new.consumersenergy.com/>

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Membership Committee Report

Chris Phillips, Membership Chair

The first quarter of 2016 can best be described as "new." After a long anticipated wait, we saw the launch of the new website:

www.michiganwasteandrecyclingassociation.com

The new site will increase brand awareness, distribute information quicker, and feature member company images. Please submit your company photo to kbaker@mhsa.com for inclusion.

We welcomed several new members:

Scott Weber, *Consumers Energy*

Rob Bacyinski, *DTE Energy*

Henry Valkema, *Michiana Recycling & Disposal*

Todd Fredrickson, *Fredrickson Supply*

Craig Tinklenberg, *Belleroc Tire*

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Legislative Committee Report

Tonia Olson, Legislative Chair

Senate Bill 507 was signed by the Governor on March 29, 2016. Senate Bill 507 provides for an accurate annual account of statewide recycling in a standard, consistent and simple format. Previously, there were no state requirements related to recycling reporting.

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Upcoming Events

Industry Networking

Reception

May 5, 2016

Hosted by

Fredrickson Supply

3901 3 Mile Rd NW

Grand Rapids MI 49534

Schedule:

6:00 p.m. Networking / Appetizers

7:00 p.m. Equipment Demonstrations

Membership Meeting

May 11, 2016

1:30 p.m.

MHSA, Lansing

Board of Directors meeting will follow

MDEQ

www.michigan.gov/deq

Membership Committee Report, Cont'd

On May 5th from 6 – 8 pm we will be holding a regional MWRA meeting in Grand Rapids Hosted by Fredrickson Supply / M&K Truck Centers. Members and potential members are invited to come to this Cinco De Mayo themed gathering to network and get updates from our President John Van Tholen and our hosts regarding industry trends.

Legislative Committee Report, Cont'd

MWRA initiated the discussion on recycling reporting and worked with numerous stakeholders to help bring this legislation forward. The bill, which was sponsored by Sen. Mike Green, R-Mayville, received broad bipartisan support in both the Senate and House.

The effective date of the legislation is June 29. Registration for recycling establishments is expected by July 1.

The 2016 Governor's Recycling Summit is scheduled for May 3. MWRA Legislative Chair, Tonia Olson is representing the association on a panel on the Economics of Recycling. This session is scheduled for 4 p.m. Joe Pickard, Institute for Scrap Recycling Industries and JoAnne Perkins, Cascade Carts Solutions round out the panel.

The **Solid Waste Sustainability Advisory Panel (SWSAP)** continues to meet with the goal of finalizing the working principals by June. A MWRA legislative committee workgroup has met twice to review the principles as they are developing. Another meeting will be scheduled soon.

For additional information, please visit the MWRA website:

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