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ABOUT AOR

VISION

AOR is committed to achieving a system of sustainable materials management by supporting high-quality recycling and composting, thoughtful consumption, and producer responsibility.

MISSION

AOR provides value to its members by hosting educational events, delivering publications to enhance our understanding and connections to diverse perspectives, and lobbying for legislation that supports sustainable materials management.

Get Ready for Sustainable Oregon 2015

By Fred Stemmler, Conference Chair



Mark your calendars on June 3rd, 4th and 5th for the 2015 AOR Conference at the Riverhouse Hotel and Convention Center in Bend, Oregon! The conference committee has convened and begun its planning for the 37th anniversary of this historic conference. Our committee is composed of a balanced representation of our core AOR membership and the enthusiasm is high for this year's conference.

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Conference *(continued from previous page)*

Our call for sessions and workshop topics went out to the AOR board and membership as well as our partners in the recycling community throughout the state. We've received great responses and the suggestions are still coming in. The topics are next up for review and selection by the committee with the goal that all our plenary, session, and workshop topics provide value-added content while maximizing the networking and synergistic opportunities for attendees.

Some topics under consideration include:

- Pyrolysis and its expanding footprint in Oregon markets,
- Innovations in plastic recovery and related energy markets,
- Legislative action in 2015 and beyond for recycling and diversion markets and industry,
- How to maximize waste reduction in multi-unit residences,
- Best diversion infrastructure practices for long-term and events planning
- Hands-on waste audit workshops and demonstrations,
- And much, much more.

It's going to be a blast!

This year's conference isn't just about the conference center. Located in scenic Bend, we'll be blending education and play by seeking out fun recycling and diversion education opportunities scattered across Central Oregon. Learn about the inputs, outputs, and by-products behind the beer industry in a tour of this premier beer capital, explore the inner workings of some of the state's most innovative reuse programs, tour industry collection and processing sites in Central Oregon, or build your social networks in an outdoors activity like rafting, hiking, or golf. There is something for all of us to learn from, share, and enjoy at Sustainable Oregon 2015.

AOR Tours Total Reclaim

By Kristin Leichner, Secretary

On September 3, AOR held a tour and presentation at Total Reclaim.

The morning started with a presentation from Jason Linnell, the Executive Director of the National Center for Electronics Recycling. Jason spoke about electronics recycling throughout the United States and in Oregon. He also spoke about which states have e-waste legislation; legislation in some states is similar to Oregon and in some it is very different.

Total Reclaim is an electronics recycler located at 6427 NE 59th Pl in Portland. They were gracious enough to host this AOR event and provide a tour of their facility to the AOR members in attendance.

Total Reclaim processes electronics, fluorescent light bulbs, batteries, and Styrofoam for recycling at their facility. AOR members got to see the beginning stages of electronics processing and dismantling and got to see the Styrofoam densifier in action.

Thank you Total Reclaim for hosting this great AOR event at your facility!



AOR's New Website Launching Soon

By Kelly Panciera, Communications Director

AOR has been working hard to update the look and functionality of our website, and are excited to announce that it will be launched soon after the New Year. The new site will include all of the info you love on our old site, plus even more resources – and a clean, modern look to match our new logo. We're also switching to a new member database, which will improve how you manage your membership online.



New and Improved Features

- **Event Calendar:** Stay up-to-date on AOR events, as well as other events around the state and around the country. We'll also list webinars related to materials management.
- **Committees:** Want to get more involved with AOR? Check out the list of committees seeking new volunteers. We'd love to have you on board!
- **Member List:** Although the searchable member directory will continue to be a members-only feature, we've added a list of members – both organizational and individual – to our website to highlight our diverse membership.
- **Blog:** We'll post the latest info about AOR events, as well as other related news, to the blog. Our publications will recap blog posts for you, but you can always check the blog at any time for the latest.
- **Education Resources:** The Education Committee put together a comprehensive list of statewide materials management resources to better serve our members and the general public. See page XX for more info.

Membership Portal and Renewal Changes

- **Renewal Notification:** Due to member feedback, we are reverting back to paper invoicing, but will continue to send notices via email as well. Thirty days before your membership is up, you'll receive a paper invoice and email notification. If you haven't paid your dues by your dues date, you'll receive up to two reminders before being moved to nonmember status.
- **Paying Your Dues:** You will continue to be able to pay dues online as well as by check. Your paper invoice and email notifications will include instructions on your options.
- **Members-Only Features:** As a member, you'll not only be able to manage your membership online, but will also have access to exclusive content like the searchable member directory, conference archive, and forum archive. We working on adding even more features to the members-only area. Stay tuned!

AOR would like to thank Adam Kramer and his team at [Tumblehome Enterprises](#) for their great work on our web design and database.

New Education Resources on AOR's Website

By Michelle Metzler, Education Chair

The AOR Education Committee has been working hard to add new educational resources to the AOR's redesigned website (to be launched after the New Year). The new Education tab will provide members with tools and information to use in their work and provides the public with general information about recycling in Oregon. The resources were developed with a statewide focus and includes content that is relevant to all areas of Oregon.



When exploring AOR's new website, be sure to check out these new additions!

- **Materials Exchange:** A complete list of all of the active material exchange websites.
- **Resources for Educators:** Classroom resources on waste reduction and recycling, interactive websites for children, sustainability organizations, and recognition programs for K-12 schools.
- **Certification Programs for Schools:** Sustainability organizations and recognition programs for K-12 schools in Oregon.
- **Reuse Organizations:** A comprehensive list of reuse organizations sell and accept a wide variety of materials in Oregon.
- **Plastics 101:** An introduction to plastics that help you answer basic questions from the public.
- **Hazardous and Medical Wastes:** Basic information about hazardous and medical waste definitions and disposal options.
- **Master Recyclers:** Community recycling education programs from around the state.
- **Photo Library:** Coming soon, this library features member photos that members can download and use. This will help us to avoid duplication of efforts in taking photos for outreach materials and allows us to use consistent images in our education programs.

If you have any suggestions or ideas for other content that would be helpful, or if you have photos that you would like to share for the photo library, please contact AOR's Education Chair, Michelle Metzler, at mmetzler@wm.com.

Thank you to the Education Committee Members for their work on this project!

AOR Hosts Sponsor Appreciation Night

By Amy Roth, Resource Director

In early October, dozens of AOR members turned out for Sponsor Appreciation Night at the Red Star Tavern in downtown Portland.

The event, which recognizes the organization's Sustainable Oregon Conference sponsors, provides members the chance to mingle and catch up on activities since the conference. It also gives AOR another opportunity to recognize those who provide financial support for the organization.

The conference is AOR's largest fundraiser, and without the support of sponsors, many of the organization's activities wouldn't be possible.

So here's another big THANK YOU to our sponsors!



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Legislative Update

By Megan Ponder, Legislative Chair

As we prepare for the upcoming 2015 legislative session, I'd like to take a minute to recognize the collective effort of AOR members in the development of the DEQ's materials management legislative proposals. Materials Management in Oregon: A 2050 Vision and Framework for Action was adopted in 2012 following a workgroup effort to identify goals and recommendations. After adoption, DEQ prioritized actions and established a workgroup to evaluate potential updates to Oregon's solid waste and recycling statutes. AOR has dedicated significant time during the last three conferences to discuss the process and the proposed legislative concepts, and many AOR



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members have participated in workgroups, supporting subgroups, and the AOR legislative subcommittee. AOR members have provided valuable input at numerous meetings, conference calls, and AOR events. I, and other members of the board, have worked alongside AOR members and have heard AOR members' support, concerns, and suggestions. We are a diverse organization that shares a common vision to achieve a system of sustainable materials management. Through this multi-year process, AOR members have played a key role in the development of a legislative package that will be AOR's main priority in the 2015 session. The AOR Board supports the DEQ proposals, and I look forward to working with the legislative committee and the board on this package during session. The legislative committee will meet again prior to the session to discuss additional issues of interest for 2015, including clean fuels. I anticipate an active 2015 session for AOR and encourage interested members to join the legislative committee. The committee will meet regularly during the legislative session, and meetings are open to all members. I look forward to our work ahead.

Markets Update

By Chris Thomas, Markets Chair

Commodity markets on the West Coast have been softening over the last quarter. Decreased domestic demand for old newsprint (ONP) continues to apply pressure to the export mixed waste paper (MWP) market. Old Corrugated Cardboard (OCC) has shown some signs of improvement recently, but is generally pretty soft as well.

Plastic grades have been pretty strong, but continued declines in oil costs will eventually take a toll on plastic pricing. In the last few months, steel pricing has shown the sharpest declines and most believe it will continue into 2015.



Financial Report: Looking to Be Leaner and Greener in 2015

By Bailey Payne, Treasurer

With a few months under my belt as AOR's treasurer, I am excited to be able to contribute to this wonderful organization and am looking forward to the work ahead. The last few years have been rough, financially speaking, with 2014 projected to be our third year in a row with expenses exceeding income. This trend has been due to several factors, including the overall economy's impact on haulers and local government agencies which have had to scale back how many people attend the conference, increasing organizational and conference fees, and declining membership numbers (in part due to industry consolidation).



Despite this trend, I am impressed with how the organization has responded. Our resource and communications directors found some creative ways to be more efficient resulting in significant savings. The board has a new conference chair, Fred Stemmler, who — with Patty Morgan and others on the conference committee — are bringing some great new ideas that we hope will help bring additional savings while generating some new sources of income. We now have two new seats on the board which are both aimed at increasing revenue. As marketing chair, Julie Jackson will be working with our newest board member, Joanna Dyer, who will also fill a new role on the board as our fundraising chair. Together this dynamic duo are bringing new energy and lots of innovative ideas on ways to raise funds to enable AOR to continue to be the successful organization that it has been for the last 3+ decades.

At our recent board retreat we had a very productive day and I left feeling energized and that we have a clear sense of direction to move AOR forward. I look forward to the year to come and the exciting new programs that AOR will make available to its members.

Where on Earth are AOR Members?

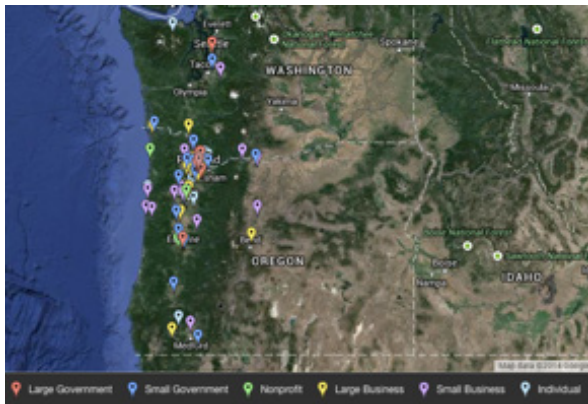
By Pete Chism, Membership Chair

At the recent AOR Board retreat, there was a discussion about how AOR members are typically from the I-5 corridor. This generated some questions about where our members are and one of our board members suggested creating a map to answer this question. Well, after finding a website that provides this service (batchgeo.com), we dropped in address information and here's what we found.



National

Is AOR a national organization? Well no, but we do have AOR members out east, in the mid-west, and scattered along the west coast. Although we are the Association of Oregon Recyclers, our influence reaches far and wide.



State

When we zoom in to look at the AOR members in the state of Oregon, we see that most members are on the west side of the cascades. This isn't too surprising, but it does give us the perspective that our members are along the I-5 corridor, but also we have some dedicated coastal and mountain members as well.



Portland Metro

Zooming in just a bit more into the Portland Metro area, we see that there are many different types of AOR members. We are everywhere!

If you'd like to take a closer look at the map through Batchgeo.com, [click here](#).

Meet Your New Fundraising Chair

By Joanna Dyer, Fundraising Chair

I grew up in a suburb south of Boston, Massachusetts. Soon after receiving a B.S. in Biology from Villanova University in Pennsylvania, I migrated to Oregon for “the summer” many, many years ago.

I spent a couple of years working at Outdoor School as a field instructor before discovering the Master Recycler Program, which led me to my first AOR conference (on scholarship) in 2001. Later that year, I began working at SCRAP as an AmeriCorps member developing their education and outreach program focused on reuse and waste prevention. I continued to work at SCRAP through 2008 in a variety of roles: store coordinator, communications and marketing coordinator, and eventually co-director.



I left SCRAP to pursue an MBA in Sustainable Business at Bainbridge Graduate Institute where I focused many of my projects on waste related topics. After graduating, I began working for the City of Beaverton in 2009 as the Waste Reduction Coordinator. In this role, I coordinated the Recycle at Work (RAW) program for the City and sat on Metro’s Business Recovery Work Group (BRWG). In addition, I assisted in administering the City’s solid waste franchise, developed marketing materials, and most recently led the Green Move, an employee engagement effort that encouraged employees to reuse and recycle as much as possible while downsizing prior to moving to a new building. The Green Move diverted more than 60,000 pounds of materials to recycling and reuse and led to the implementation of internal waste prevention efforts such as durable dishware, centralized office supplies, and a reuse center for other office products. I recently left my position in Beaverton to pursue new pathways in the waste world. I am also on the steering committee for the Oregon Chapter of the Reuse Alliance.

I joined the AOR board to assist with fundraising efforts. In 2011 and 2012, I coordinated the silent auction at the annual AOR conference which raised more than \$1,000 each year for scholarships. With this new board position, AOR is looking to expand fundraising efforts so that we can continue to provide the educational and networking opportunities that you’ve come to expect from AOR. Although I am not a professional fundraiser, I love attending fundraisers. I love raffles. I love playing bingo. I love planning events. I love coming together for a common cause. I think there are a lot of possibilities for AOR that can simultaneously achieve the goals of bringing people together and bringing in funds. A fundraising committee will be forming soon. If you are interested in joining, send an email to joanna.aor@gmail.com.

CHAIR'S CORNER

By Ali Briggs-Ungerer, Chair



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This fall, all of the Board, plus the resource and communications directors, headed to Chris Thomas' house for the annual retreat. The sole focus of the retreat was AOR's strategic plan. Though the board has been working on a piecemeal strategic plan over the past few years, we opted to hire a facilitator to help pull all the pieces together and move us closer to a final product (and to ensure that the board's previous efforts weren't lost). Organizational development consultant Jonathan Poisner served as facilitator extraordinaire, expertly guiding us through key, big picture questions such as "what value does AOR have

for its members?" and "how can AOR continue to be a vital resource for recycling in Oregon?"

We tackled both our programmatic offerings as well as the way the organization operates internally, and after several long hours of conversation a framework plan started to emerge. I worked with Amy Roth, AOR's Resource Director, to capture the board's thoughts from the retreat and translate them into a draft strategic plan, and I anticipate that we will have a snazzy, final version to share with the membership at the start of the new year! However, like most state recycling organizations across the country, the stark reality is that our organization is spending more money than it's taking in and that our usual revenue streams just aren't cutting it anymore. That said, I feel so lucky that AOR has such a robust board to creatively tackle this issue and our brainstorming at the retreat was inspiring. I also feel particularly confident knowing that we have two new positions which will directly work towards remedying our cash flow problem.

Speaking of board positions, I'd like to officially welcome our brand-new fundraising chair, Joanna Dyer! Joanna was appointed by the board to fill the fundraising chair position recently vacated by Eric Crum, who resigned from the board due to an overflowing plate of responsibilities. Thanks for stepping up to serve AOR, Joanna!

Remembering AOR Award Recipient Dean Williams

By Ali Briggs-Ungerer, Chair

AOR awarded Dean Williams the Alice Soderwall Reuse and Waste Prevention Award at Sustainable Oregon 2014 for his extraordinary work salvaging and repairing bicycles destined for the scrap pile, and then putting functional bicycles into the hands of those who most needed them.

When retired veteran Dean Williams saw that repairable bicycles were being discarded and headed towards the scrap metal pile at a recycling center in McMinnville, he took action. Dean became committed to transforming these bicycles



for area children and adults, and in 2012 he established the Pedal Power Partnership in conjunction with Waste Management and the Yamhill Community Action Partnership. Over 2,000 bicycles were recovered through the Partnership in just two years and Dean was actively pushing to expand the Partnership's reach farther and farther. In his own words: "I guess you could say we deliver bikes and a whole lot of joy."

It's with a heavy heart that I share the news of Dean's passing. After fighting a sudden and severe battle with pancreatic cancer, Dean passed away the day after Thanksgiving. Conference Chair Fred Stemmler spoke to him shortly after his diagnosis and he was both defiantly strong and peaceful. Fred notes that Dean drew great strength from his faith and religious community and was fully committed to continue his charitable work despite his declining health, and that his generosity was a thing to marvel at and aspire towards.

He is survived by his wife Sharon and his son Erik. Funeral services were held December 13 at 10am at the City Outreach Ministries in McMinnville. A memorial fund is being established by Dean's many community partners at Bank of America in McMinnville. For more information, contact Waste Management (Karen at 971-261-4013).

Dean's passion, dedication, and hard work touched so many people in the past few years, and his efforts serve as a model for all of us committed to waste prevention. He will be remembered fondly.

Sincerely,

Ali Briggs-Ungerer, AOR Chair

Grapevine

Have something to share? Retirements, new hires, job changes, weddings, babies — we want to hear about it all! To have your announcement included in the next edition of the quarterly newsletter, send your item (about 150 words) and photo to kelly@aorr.org by Jan 15.



Jessica Ramey Joins Marion County

Jessica Ramey joins Marion County as a Waste Reduction Coordinator with experience as the co-founder and former Executive Director of the creative reuse nonprofit organization DIY Studio in Salem, Oregon. She also worked at Oregon Green Schools to promote sustainability and environmental education, and worked as a marketing coordinator at the University of Oregon.

In her free time, Jessica enjoys creating with reuse materials, spending time with her family, and inspiring others to think creatively.

Rachel Snyder Joins Republic Services



Rachel Snyder is the new Recycling Coordinator for Republic Services, handling all Republic divisions in Salem and south. Rachel's job duties includes co-facilitating the Linn-Benton Master Recycler Program, acting as the regional Oregon Green Schools Coordinator, education and outreach in the communities Republic serves, and recycling specialist for all of her divisions.

Her prior experience includes coordinating a master gardener program at OSU Extension, serving as an assistant park manager, and developing and operating a successful recycling program at Florida State University. Rachel's degree is in Environmental Science. She enjoys hiking, camping, and botanizing, and is thrilled to be back in Oregon for good.

Joanna Dyer Leaves City of Beaverton



In her five years with the City of Beaverton, Joanna Dyer has been invaluable in updating the City's Recycling and Solid Waste administrative rules, the growth of the Beaverton Recycling Day event, the implementation of a new focus and measurement matrix for Recycle at Work, and most recently as one of the leaders of the City's "Green Move" team. Joanna is looking forward to "exploring a new pathway in her life, utilizing her MBA in sustainable business in an as-yet-unknown direction – entrepreneurial or otherwise!"

Editor's note: Joanna recently joined the AOR board as Fundraising Chair. Read more on page 11.

News from AOR Members & Supporters

Have exciting news about your organization's programs or operations? We want to hear about it! To have your announcement included in the next edition of the quarterly newsletter, send your item (about 150 words) and photo to kelly@aorr.org by Jan 15.

ORPET Enters New Era with Partner Merlin Plastics USA Ltd.



Plastics recycler ORPET, located at the Port of St. Helens, began a new era with the addition of partner, Merlin Plastics USA Ltd. on November 7. Merlin Plastics purchased the ownership stake from Pacific PET, LLC. The Merlin Plastics group operates multiple plants on the West coast of North America. They have 26 years of experience processing PET and other containers, converting them to a variety of finished grades, including FDA approved pellets.

ORPET converts Oregon deposit beverage containers into clean, washed flake used in the manufacturing of new plastic products.

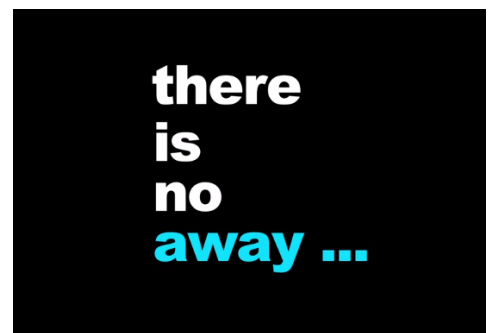
Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative (OBRC), the organization that executes the functions of Oregon's bottle bill on behalf of beverage distributors, has been a partner in ORPET since its inception in 2012, and provides ORPET with a clean and stable source of recyclable plastic.

"ORPET has always been a project Oregonians could feel good about. Now that we are partnered with a well-established container processor in Merlin Plastics, the opportunities for using recycled Oregon PET only increase," says John Andersen, President of OBRC. "This is a step forward in our mission to continuously improve recycling practices surrounding Oregon's iconic bottle bill."

Metro Crowns Winner in Let's Talk Trash Film Contest

On Nov 10, more than 200 people attended Metro's Let's Talk Trash Film Gala at the Portland Art Museum to see locally-made films about the Portland's region's waste. Of five finalists, "There Is No Away" was chosen by the audience as the winner, and \$500 was awarded to the film maker, Susan Beraza. You can [watch the final films here](#).

The film contest was part of a series of Let's Talk Trash events Metro held this year to raise awareness about how the Portland region manages its garbage. Next year the Metro Council will make decisions that determine where future garbage will go and how the region's solid waste system will adapt to those changes. For more information, visit <http://oregonmetro.gov/letstalktrash>.



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NextStep Founder Honored by Toyota and Oprah



NextStep founder Lorraine Kerwood McKenzie was awarded \$25,000 from Toyota Standing O-Vation at Oprah Winfrey's The Life You Want Tour in Seattle, where she was honored for the impacts she and her team have achieved through recycling. Toyota's Standing O-Vation recognizes extraordinary people in communities around the country that motivate others to start their own journey of personal change.

NextStep has kept more than 22 million pounds of electronic waste out of landfills and has donated more than 36,000 refurbished computers to people in need around the world, with the help of over 14,000 volunteers that have come through NextStep's job and social skills training program.

You can [watch the video highlighting Lorraine's story here](#).

Cascadia Consulting Group Wins Sustainable Small Business of the Year Award

Cascadia Consulting Group was recognized by King County Executive Dow Constantine as the 2014 Green/Sustainable Small Business of the Year. Cascadia was recognized by the Executive's office for its excellence in creating and implementing sustainable business practices.



Cascadia's Green Team ensures the company "walks the talk" of sustainability and has helped to promote a near-zero waste office, encouraged the use of high-efficiency lighting systems and reused or sustainably sourced materials during a recent remodel, and supports environmentally conscious choices in company purchases.

"This award highlights the ways in which Cascadia is constantly working towards a positive difference for the environment, both through our internal actions as well as through the innovative and impactful work our clients undertake," said Francis Icasiano, CEO of Cascadia Consulting Group. "Cascadia has been a sustainability leader in the Pacific Northwest for over 20 years, and it's an honor to be recognized by the County for our efforts."

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Far West Fibers Changes Name to Far West Recycling



Far West Fibers has changed its name to Far West Recycling.

Up until the early 2000s, paper accounted for almost all of the recyclables they processed; today, however, it represents just over half of their volume. They have diversified into many different kinds of commodities and recyclables, from metals to Styrofoam, plastics, glass and electronics, and they wanted their name to reflect that evolution.

CEO Keith Ristau says the company is “committed as ever to selling high-quality paper products and other recyclables that exemplify our pride of workmanship.” All phone numbers remain the same, as do email addresses, but you may notice that responses are sent from their new email domain, @farwestrecycling.com.

Tillamook County Graduates First Class of Master Recyclers

The Tillamook County Solid Waste Department is proud to announce that the following individuals successfully completed the 20-hour intensive Tillamook County Master Recycler course: Bob Jeans, Maria Prince, Karen Reddick-Yurka, Anna Travers, and Leland R. Zuercher



This intensive course has equipped them with extensive knowledge on waste management and recycling opportunities throughout the world, as well as in Tillamook County. These first graduates will aid our communities in advancing recycling efforts, and encourage others to follow in their footsteps and become Master Recyclers during the next course, which is slated for the Spring of 2015.

The course was taught by eight experts from Tillamook, Lane, Yamhill and Clackamas Counties, and includes a field trip to three large recycling facilities in the Metro area.

City of Gresham Pioneers New Trash Alert Technology



In September, the City of Gresham launched **GoCart!**, a free garbage and recycling reminder tool that sends collection day information and recycling tips to residents through texts, emails, and recorded telephone calls. Gresham is the first city in Oregon to offer this mobile tool to help residents reduce, reuse, and recycle.

“Calls about collection days and haulers, and what can be recycled at the curb, are the most common ones that come into our office,” said Dan Blue, manager of the City’s Recycling and Solid Waste Division. “GoCart! makes it a lot easier to get that information – it goes right to your home or your pocket every week. This app is a great way to put technology to work for residents.”

Welcome New AOR Members

Don Hawkins Portland, OR

Thank You to Renewing AOR Members

Aloha Garbage Co., Inc.

Lee Barrett

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City of Eugene, Waste Prevention and Green
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Brian Fuller

Garten Services Inc.

Gresham Sanitary Service, Inc./Accu NW

Richard Hertzberg

Laird Plastics, Inc.

Metro, Solid Waste Compliance & Cleanup

John Matthews

NextStep Recycling

Oregon State University

Pacific Sanitation, Inc.

RockTenn

Rogue Materials Recovery

Sanipac/WCI

Tri-County Hazardous Waste and Recycling
Program

Valley Recycling & Disposal Inc.

AOR Committee Updates

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee helps develop and implement AOR's member recruitment and retention strategy. The group meets quarterly for an hour, with the expectation that members will help recruit and retain AOR members between meetings.

Chair

Pete Chism, AOR Membership Chair
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Members

Renée Bogin Curtis, Community Environmental Services
Matt Denton, Denton Plastics
Sarah Grimm, City of Eugene
Matt Miller, Gresham Sanitary

Kelly Panciera, AOR
Ruth Rodema, RockTenn
Vinod Singh, Far West Fibers

How to Get Involved

We need your help! The committee has been working to continue to recruit and retain members, but we need a boost. If you're willing to commit to one hour a quarter for a meeting (your wonderful ideas) and one hour for recruiting and retaining AOR members (your networking and charm), let Pete know today! This is a great way to be a part of AOR and strengthen our association.

Conference Committee

The Conference Committee develops a variety of aspects of the annual conference including sessions, tours and activities, and the silent auction. The group starts meeting in the fall and continues meeting until spring, and committee members spend a few hours in between each meeting working on their tasks.

Chair

Fred Stemmler, AOR Conference Chair
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Ali Briggs-Ungerer, Resource Recycling, AOR
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Nicholas, Ibister
Karyn Kaplan, University of Oregon
Ame LeCocq, Recology

Laura Leebrick, ORRA
Kristin Leichner, Pride Disposal/AOR
Pete Pasterz, DEQ
Bailey Payne, Marion County/AOR
Megan Ponder, City of Portland/AOR
Jerry Powell, Resource Recycling
Stephanie Scafa, City of Eugene
Andy Sloop, Metro
Stephanie Stano, Recycle Your Mat
Elizabeth Start, Republic Services
Chris Thomas, Waste Connections/AOR
Bruce Walker, City of Portland
Dave White, ORRA
Rick Winterhalter, Clackamas County

How to Get Involved

If you are interested in contributing to the 2015 Conference Committee, please contact the Conference Chair for more information.

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Legislative Committee

The AOR Legislative Committee currently consists of about 20 AOR members. We are meeting both by conference call and in person to share information and views about legislative issues. We are also establishing ways to share fact sheets and other information electronically (via "Dropbox").

Chair

Megan Ponder, AOR Legislative Chair
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Members

Chris Bell, Bell & Associates Inc.
Julie Daniels, BRING Recycling
Dave Dutra, Recology
Justin Gast, Washington County
Mary Sue Gilliland, Agri-Plas
Rob Guttridge, Clark County
Laurie Hansen Sheets, Strategic Partners Group
Todd Irvine, Mid-Valley Garbage & Recycling

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Dean Kampfner, Waste Management
Dave Larmouth, Western Oregon Waste
Laura Leebrick, ORRA
John Matthews, Garten Services
Ethan Nelson, City of Eugene
Betty Patton, Environmental Practices
Garry Penning, Rogue Materials Recovery
Loretta Pickerell, Oregon DEQ
Megan Ponder, City of Portland
Jerry Powell, Resource Recycling
Greg Ryan, RockTenn
Vinod Singh, Far West Fibers
Peter Spendelow, Oregon DEQ

How to Get Involved

If you would like to get involved, please contact the committee chair.

Education Committee

The Education Committee helps us to grow our recycling education programs throughout the state by sharing resources, compiling information, and promoting recycling. The group meets quarterly, with the expectation that committee members will do 5-10 hours of work between meetings to support projects.

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