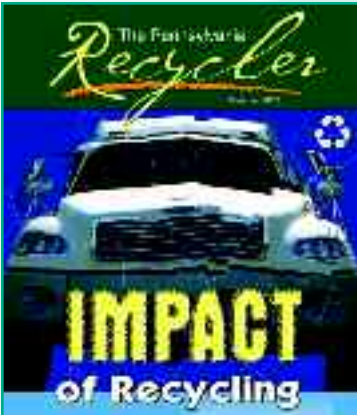




PROP is the Conference



PROP is Communication



PROP is Education



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2009 Annual Report
Professional Recyclers
of Pennsylvania

PROP Mission Statement

Professional Recyclers of Pennsylvania mission and statement is to operate a nonprofit nonpartisan statewide association of recycling professionals dedicated to promoting and enhancing the interests of municipal and county recycling programs in Pennsylvania.

The purpose of the Corporation is to develop the skills and resources of its members by enhancing recycling, to promote the common interests of those engaged in recycling in Pennsylvania, to educate the public and private sectors, institutions, and media about the appropriate role of recycling, to facilitate communication and informative exchange among recycling professionals in the public and private sectors and among various levels and branches of government, to establish and promote standards within the profession of recycling, to consider and express opinion on solid waste and recycling issues and, to provide comment on proposed rules, regulations and legislation.

PROP History & Perspective

PROP was incorporated in 1991 as a 501(c) (3) non-profit corporation. Public sector recycling coordinators saw a need for a professional organization following the passage of Act 101 and secured funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to hire their first executive director. Their first conference was held in July 1991 at Millersville State University. Private sector recycling professionals were welcomed into the organization as full-fledged members in 2001. PROP now boasts over 600 members from the public and private sectors which also includes the composting community.

For the past eighteen years, PROP has worked diligently to promote recycling and composting in Pennsylvania. Membership in this state recycling association has grown steadily during nearly two decades. PROP members are dedicated professionals who represent, in nearly equal numbers, public and private sector organizations.

PROP Staff

Jan Arnold, SCRP - Program Manager

Season Consiglio - Administrative Assistant

Becky Miller - Fiscal Manager

Doug Orner, CRP - Information Technology Manager

Jill Brubaker Reigh, CRP - Communications Manager

From the President's Desk

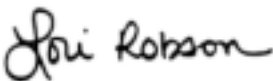
"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times; it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness; it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity; it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness; it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair; we had everything before us, we had nothing before us; we were all going directly to Heaven, we were all going the other way."

Charles Dickens

This Annual Report of the Professional Recyclers of Pennsylvania (PROP) is a chance for us to reflect on our accomplishments, as well as to look forward to the future. As described by the spirit of the famous quotation by Charles Dickens, the organization has had quite a roller coaster ride in the last year. Our successful 2008 conference was followed up by the hosting of the National Recycling Coalition Conference in Pittsburgh, which premiered Pennsylvania's efforts as a shining star on the national stage. Our professional certification program continues to grow and I will be proud to assist with granting new graduates certification and senior certification again this year. While we are facing some challenging times as an organization with the resignation of our long time Executive Director, we have other experienced staff, continue to be financially stable, and provide a host of services to our members. Our members continue to face difficult economic conditions and recycling markets continue to be depressed. On the other hand, I believe that recycling has become heightened in stature as part of the solution for climate change initiatives and energy independence.

In the short-term, the Board, staff, and Committees will be working diligently to replace our Executive Director and maintain our membership, programs and services in a challenging economic climate. For the long-term, we look for ways to diversify our funding sources, grow our membership, train more professionals, collaborate with other organizations, and do all more efficiently with less funding.

I choose to envision where we are as an organization as a crossroads. While we have to make careful consideration and deliberate actions, we will move forward on a new path. Our history of passion and hard work is also our future. Where we are one year from now will look differently than it does today, just as it has changed from last year until now. I urge you to become a part of this story. Volunteer, vote, and grow our network. These are the intangible assets of our organization.



Lori Robson, President

Projects, Initiatives & Awards

USDA- A grant from the United States Department of Agriculture's Solid Waste Management Grant program in late 2008 was received by PROP. The purpose of the project is to provide recycling and composting education and assistance to rural areas of the Commonwealth. After conducting an extensive study, the compiled results, along with educational materials, will be presented at USDA/PROP workshops across the state in mid-to-late 2009.

2008 PROP Conference - For three days in Gettysburg in July of 2008, PROP members gathered for the 18th consecutive PROP Conference. Over 200 attendees enjoyed networking with colleagues while learning the latest innovations in recycling and organics. The 2009 PROP Conference site is Scranton, while the 20th Annual Conference will be held in State College in 2010.

2008 NRC Congress - Less than two months after the PROP Conference, PROP was state host to the National Recycling Coalition Congress in Pittsburgh in September of 2008. PROP hosted a dinner cruise that many attendees declared was "the best event of the Congress."

Professional Certification Program - The Certification Program continues to grow by leaps and bounds. The program welcomed more new faces at classes this past year than in any previous year since the very first! Added this year was a new Enforcement specialization. The Certification Committee is particularly excited about the upcoming new web-based classes as the PROP Professional Certification Program moves to the future.

Waste Watcher Awards - The Waste Watcher recognition program was a huge success this year. With over 70 applications submitted, the variety of outstanding recycling, reuse and composting projects proved plentiful. Many new businesses, organizations, groups, counties, municipalities and schools applied showing off their ground-breaking "green" projects and initiatives. Winners will be presented with a plaque at the PROP Conference in Scranton.

Cary Oshins Award - Joanne Shafer, Certification Committee Chair, presented a recycled glass plaque to Cary Oshins, PROP's Compost Certification guru, in thanks for the many years he taught and organized the Organics component to PROP's Recycling Professional Certification Program. Cary has relocated to California, where he will continue his work with the U.S. Composting Council.



Committee Highlights

Many of PROP's Strategic Plan initiatives are carried out by the seventeen committees, some of which are listed below.

Business & Industry - The newly created Business & Industry committee held their first meeting in March at Recreational Equipment, Inc. Their goal is to report on innovative recycling programs by the business community.

College & University - Pennsylvania Colleges & Universities were number one nationally (for the third time) with the most schools signed up to participate in RecycleMania, the national recycling competition for Colleges & Universities. PA-CURC also met at the NRC Conference in September, at Messiah College in March, and will hold a workshop at the 2009 PROP Conference.

Data Management/Waste Audit - Seven Data Management workshops were held throughout Pennsylvania to train all county recycling coordinators on the Re-Trac system with all but two counties attending. A Focus-On session for new recycling coordinators and three data management certification courses are planned for 2009.

Education - Efforts of the committee include the GreenSylvania recycling competition as well as helping with the Waste Watchers program, while adding new members.

Government Liaison - Despite these difficult economic times and working in concert with our lobbyist, Pugliese Associates, PROP has been able to secure bipartisan support for several pieces of draft legislation this past year and our primary focus late in this fiscal year has been the re-authorization of the recycling fee and the authorization of county administrative fees. It is important for PROP members to weigh in with their given House and Senate members on these issues.

Markets - Insight provided by the committee for PROP publications has been vital in communicating with members through these challenging times.

Media - Develop the Pennsylvania Recycler Magazine twice each year.

Membership - The membership structure has been revised, offering packages that allow more flexibility and convenience. Membership has continued to be strong through recent economic challenges.

Organics - Organics Roundtable meetings are hosted throughout the state approximately four times per year. These roundtables reach out to existing members and new members, presenting quality programs on important current organics issues. A new Strategic Plan is under development to focus on key committee goals and purposes over the next several years.

Professional Recyclers of Pennsylvania
 FY 07/08 Audited Financial Statements
 As of June 30, 2008

Current Assets:

Cash	\$293,637
Accounts Receivable	60,127
Inventory	15,915
Prepaid Expenses	8,895
Office Equipment	<u>5,688</u>

Total Assets	<u><u>\$384,262</u></u>
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Liabilities:

Payroll Taxes Payable	\$ 899
Deferred Revenue	<u>112,707</u>

Total Liabilities	\$113,606
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Unrestricted Net Assets	\$270,656
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Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u><u>\$384,262</u></u>
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Revenue:

Conference Registrations	\$114,417
Projects/Certification	405,033
Memberships	63,300
Other Revenue	6,894
Interest	<u>6,505</u>

Total Revenue	<u><u>\$596,149</u></u>
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Expenses:

Conference	\$ 60,436
Projects/Certification	125,258
Office Expenses	98,701
Wages/Benefits	283,401
Other Expenses	<u>71,897</u>

Total Expenses	<u><u>\$639,693</u></u>
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NET ASSETS	<u><u>\$270,656</u></u>
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Board of Directors

Executive Committee

Lori Robson - Board President/Interim Executive Director
Art Feltes - Vice-President
Brenda Schmidt - Secretary
Joanne Schafer - Treasurer
Charles Raudenbush - Executive Committee

Board Members

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Kris Howdyshell, Cambria County
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Lorin Meeder, Township of Cranberry
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Joy Smallwood, Allegheny County
Andrew White, Rehrig Pacific Co.
John Yingling, Lycoming County



2008-09 PROP Board of Directors

From left to right: Front row: Bob Bylone, Joy Smallwood, Lori Robson - President, Brenda Schmidt - Secretary, Michael Hnatin. Second row: Pete Previte, Mike Crist, Beth DeNardi, Michele Nestor, Joanne Schafer - Treasurer, Kris Howdyshell. Back row: Barbara Giovagnoli, Ann Saurman (Proxy), Lorin Meeder, John Yingling, Tom Adams, Art Feltes - Vice President.

Major PROP Members

Premier Members:

Centre County Solid Waste Authority
Waste Management of Pennsylvania, Inc.

Supporting Members:

Cleveland Brothers Equipment Company
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
Forms + Surfaces, Inc.
Gannett Fleming, Inc.
RH Donnelley
Steel Recycling Institute
Unicor

Corporate Members:

Apex Companies, LLC
Blue Mountain Recycling
Bucks Fabricating
Casella Waste Systems, Inc.
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Concord Plastics of PA, Inc.
Greenstar North America
GSP Marketing, Inc.
Haul All Equipment Systems
Hy Tech Mushroom Composting, Inc.
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