Keynote + The Role of EPR in the Circular Economy

John is a member of Unilever Canada’s board of directors, the Canadian Leadership Team and chair of the company’s Pension Committee.

John is well known for his leadership in corporate sustainability. He is a passionate activator of the Unilever Sustainable Living Plan, Unilever’s strategy to grow the business, reduce its environmental footprint and increase its positive contribution to society. John is Executive Chair of the Board of Canadian Stewardship Services Alliance, Inc., Chair of the Board of Stewardship Ontario and is a director of Evergreen. In addition, John is Co-Chair of the Partners in Project Green steering committee, a major environmental initiative of the Toronto Region Conservation Authority. John has been recognized for his leadership in corporate sustainability by being named by Clean 50 as one of Canada’s top sustainability leaders and in 2015, John was appointed as a member of the Ontario Government’s Climate Action Group advising the Ontario Minister of the Environment on effective climate change actions that will help Ontario meet its greenhouse gas reduction goals and transition to a prosperous, low-carbon economy.

John also works closely with industry groups and other organizations. He is Chair of the board of Canadian Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrance Association Foundation and is director and past Chair of the Association.

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Rob Klee is the Commissioner of Connecticut’s Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). Commissioner Klee was appointed by Governor Dan- nel P. Malloy in January 2014. DEEP is the state agency charged with conserving, improving and protecting the state’s natural resources and environment, providing first-rate outdoor recreation opportunities, and bringing cheaper, cleaner, and more reliable energy to Connecticut’s residents and businesses. DEEP is focused on integrating energy and environmental policies and helping Connecticut to build a sustainable and prosperous 21st-century economy.

Commissioner Klee joined DEEP in April 2011 as Chief of Staff. In that role he oversaw the work of the agency, supported the efforts of the Commissioner, and advised the Commissioner and senior staff on a wide range of environmental and energy policy issues.

Prior to joining state service, Commissioner Klee was an attorney with Wiggin and Dana LLP, in New Haven, where he specialized in appellate work and energy and environmental law. From 2004 to 2005 Commissioner Klee worked as a Law Clerk for the U.S. District Court in Connecticut and from 2005 to 2006 as a Law Clerk for the U.S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals. He served as a Research Affiliate in the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies from 2006 to 2008.

Commissioner Klee holds a Ph.D. from Yale’s School of Forestry & Environmental Studies in industrial ecology, a law degree from Yale, and an undergraduate degree from Princeton in geology and environmental science.
Closing Panel/Discussion: Moving Forward In a Shifting Political Landscape

Senator Anne Gobi is the current Chair of the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture in Massachusetts. Since 2001, Gobi has served in the Massachusetts state legislature, where she represents Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex. Prior to 2001, she served on the Spencer Democratic Town Committee. Gobi earned her Juris Doctor degree from the Massachusetts School of Law.

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A dynamic community leader who has spent her entire career working to protect public health and the environment. She began her career as an environmental advocate and has held top influential positions in state and federal government.

Most recently, she served as a Visiting Scholar at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University in the Hudson Valley. Appointed by President Obama, she served as the Regional Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency overseeing environmental protection in NY, NJ, 8 Indian Nations, Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands. Working with a staff of 800 and managing a $700 million budget, Judith secured a number of environmental accomplishments during her tenure at EPA.

Judith previously served as Deputy Secretary for the Environment in the New York Governor’s Office and served as a Policy Advisor to the New York State Attorney General. Prior to that, she was Senior Environmental Associate with the New York Public Interest Research Group. She also served as the Executive Director of Environmental Advocates of New York. She is a past President of Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, former Executive Director of the Non-Profit Resource Center and a designer of her town’s recycling program. Judith lives in rural Rensselaer County, and is a wife and mother. Follow her on twitter @Enckj.
Jennifer Holliday, Chittenden County Solid Waste District, VT

Jen Holliday has worked in the environmental field since 1985 and has developed and managed the household hazardous waste program for the Chittenden Solid Waste District, the largest solid waste district in Vermont, since the program started in 1991. She has served on numerous advisory committees concerning solid waste in Vermont. Currently she serves as the Vice-Chair of the State of Vermont’s Advisory Committee on Mercury Pollution. Committee members are appointed by the governor to advise the Legislature and public on matters related to mercury pollution. Jen has been a strong advocate for product stewardship in Vermont including educating local and state government officials on product stewardship and lobbying for EPR legislation. She is a founding member and Chair of the Vermont Product Stewardship Council formed in 2008 to work on EPR initiatives in Vermont.

Scott Cassel, Product Stewardship Institute

Scott Cassel, CEO and founder of PSI, has over 30 years of experience tackling waste management issues in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. He is a founding Board Member and four-time past-President of the North American Hazardous Materials Management Association (NAHMMA), and a founding Board Member of the Global Product Stewardship Council. Prior to founding PSI in 2000, he served seven years as the Director of Waste Policy and Planning for the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, where he developed and implemented solid and hazardous waste management policies and programs. Scott is a nationally renowned leader in the product stewardship movement and has experience across multiple product categories, including electronics, lamps, thermostats, pharmaceuticals, mattresses, packaging, and paint. Scott holds a master’s degree in Environmental Policy and Dispute Resolution from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a bachelor’s degree in Geology and Environmental Studies from the University of Pennsylvania.
Garth Hickle, University of Minnesota (moderator)
Garth Hickle is the product stewardship team leader with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). He has been with the MPCA since 1996 working on product stewardship for various products including packaging, electronics and carpet among other products. He is a board member of the Global Product Stewardship Council, the Sustainable Electronics Recycling Initiative and the Electronics Recycling Coordination Clearinghouse. He is also a Senior Lecturer at the University of Minnesota. Garth holds a B.A. from the College of Wooster, a M.S.E.L. from Vermont Law School and a M.A. from Hamline University and is a Doctoral Candidate in Industrial Ecology and Sustainability at Erasmus University in Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

Heidi McAuliffe, American Coatings Association
Bio coming soon

Jeremy Jones, PaintCare
Jeremy Jones is PaintCare’s West Coast Program Manager, currently overseeing the paint stewardship programs in Oregon and California. Jones joined PaintCare in 2013 as the Minnesota paint stewardship program manager, where he set up more than 100 retail paint drop-off sites before launch in 2014. Prior to joining PaintCare, Jeremy worked for Hennepin County in Minneapolis, with a focus on environmental programs and legislation to address carbon emissions reduction, product stewardship and recycling. He holds a Bachelor’s degree in political science from Gustavus Adolphus College and a Master’s of Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Minnesota.

Walter Willis, Solid Waste Agency of Lake County, IL
Walter Willis has been the Executive Director of the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County since 2007 and is responsible for overseeing the Agency’s solid waste and resource management programs, and implementing the Lake County Solid Waste Management Plan. Prior to joining SWALCO, Mr. Willis worked in the waste and recycling industry as a consultant for approximately 20 years developing solid waste management plans and assisting with solid waste facility development projects throughout the United States. He began his environmental management career with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency back in 1987 after receiving his Masters in Public Administration from Southern Illinois University.
**Tom Metzner, CT Department of Environmental Protection**  
Tom Metzner has been an Environmental Analyst with the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection since 1993. His primary responsibility is implementation of the Connecticut law covering the recycling of electronic waste. He also works on mercury product laws, household hazardous waste and producer responsibility initiatives. He earned a Masters Degree in Environmental Studies from Antioch New England Graduate School. Tom has served on the PSI Board of Directors since 2008 and on the Executive Board since 2009.

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**Product Stewardship in the U.S.: Mattresses and Carpet**

**Jennifer Heaton-Jones, Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority, CT**  
** moderator**  
Jennifer is the Executive Director of the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority, HRRA, a regional, governmental, waste management and recycling authority serving eleven municipalities in western Connecticut. Jen is a board member of the Connecticut Recyclers Coalition and an active member and former chair of the Connecticut Product Stewardship Council. She is also a board member of the Product Stewardship Institute.

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**Cynthia Dunn, California Dept. of Resources Recycling and Recovery**  
Cynthia is a supervising senior environmental scientist at CalRecycle, where she leads a team that collaborates internally and externally to oversee the department’s responsibilities under California’s carpet, mattress, and paint extended producer responsibility (EPR) laws. Cynthia has been working on EPR at CalRecycle since 2007, where she has contributed to the department’s foundational work to develop an EPR Framework, served as co-lead to implement the department’s responsibilities under the paint EPR law, and assisted with early department implementation of the mattress EPR law.

For the past several years, Cynthia has been the department’s lead on the 75 percent goal relative to packaging. In that capacity, she has worked with a variety of internal and external stakeholders with the goal of reducing the amount of packaging landfilled in the state. With almost 20 years in the environmental field in both the private and public sectors, she has also worked on commercial recycling for the City of San Jose’s Environmental Services Department and on a variety of projects at a small environmental consulting firm.

Cynthia received her Bachelor’s of Science from San José State University in Environmental Studies with a minor in Packaging Technologies.
Chris Hudgins, International Sleep Products Association
Christopher Hudgins is the Vice President for Government Relations and Policy at the International Sleep Products Association (ISPA). Chris is responsible for all of ISPA's government affairs activities and serves as the face of the organization before policymakers. Chris was integral in negotiating the enactment of the nation’s first mattress recycling laws in California, Connecticut and Rhode Island. Chris also serves as Vice President for Industry and External Affairs for the Mattress Recycling Council, the nonprofit organization created by the mattress industry to implement these laws.

Ed Frechette, UTEC, Inc.
As Director of Social Enterprise Partnerships, Ed is focusing on creating a range of social enterprises that will provide real-world work opportunities for the young adults and revenues for the organization. UTEC currently runs three social enterprises: mattress recycling, Cafe/catering and woodworking. They are about to open a commercial kitchen that will provide more jobs for the young adults and a community kitchen for local entrepreneurs.
Ed joined UTEC in June 2013 after nearly 30 years in advertising and restaurant marketing. He earned his MPA from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, and is following his passion to serve disconnected youth.

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See pages 1-2 for panelists Commissioner Robert Klee and Judith Enck, and page 5 for panelist Cynthia Dunn.

Victor Bell, Environmental Packaging International (moderator)
Victor Bell is a Certified Packaging Professional with more than 25 years of experience with environmental issues associated with packaging and products. In 1998, Victor founded Environmental Packaging International (EPI), a consultancy that advises global brand owners, retailers, and all segments of the packaging industry – from material manufacturers to converters – on a wide range of environmental compliance, product stewardship and sustainability issues related to packaging and products. He is a member of the Sustainable Packaging Coalition (SPC) Executive Committee, a co-chair of the effort to integrate the GPPS metrics into the Data Synchronisation Network, was a member of the Consumer Goods Forum GPPS project team, and served on the US delegation for the development of the ISO standards.

As a recognized expert on global environmental packaging issues, Victor speaks regularly at industry conferences and routinely contributes articles to the leading industry trade publications. He received his MMA (Marine Affairs) and BS (Natural Resource) degrees from the University of Rhode Island and an MS (Urban and Environmental Studies) from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.
Joachim Quoden, Extended Producer Responsibility Alliance

Joachim Quoden studied law at the “Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität” in Bonn between 1987 and 1992 and served his legal internship in Bonn and Cologne from 1993 until 1995. In between these placements, he spent 4 months within the German Federal Ministry of Environment where he was working on packaging issues including the German Packaging Ordinance.

From February 1993 until June 2006 Mr Quoden worked for Der Grüne Punkt - Duales System Deutschland GmbH (DSD) in various capacities. From January 2001, he served as Head of International Affairs of DSD and was vested with general commercial power of representation in 2003.

In January 2001 he also became Secretary General of PRO EUROPE, the umbrella organization of 35 packaging recovery organizations using the Green Dot trademark. Between April 2005 and February 2013, he was appointed as managing director of this organization.

Since April 2013 he is appointed as managing director of EXPRA – Extended Producer Responsibility Alliance – Inspiring Packaging Recycling, a new alliance of currently 23 non-profit packaging recovery organisations owned by obliged industry from 21 countries from Europe, Canada and Israel. Besides this, he is working since June 1995 as independent German Lawyer specialized on international extended producer responsibility legislation.

Since October 2013 he is appointed as chair of the Governance & Legal Issues working group of ISWA, he is member of the Advisory Panel of the Global Product Stewardship Council and of the OECD EPR expert group. He was also an expert of the ISO global standardization project SIS/TK 165/AG 10 Packaging and Environment that has developed between 2009 and 2012 global standards on packaging optimization, recycling, reuse, and energy recovery.

Allen Langdon, Multi-Material British Columbia

As Managing Director for MMBC, Allen oversees the first 100% Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program in Canada where industry assumes full financial and managerial responsibility for the residential recycling system. Allen has extensive experience in sustainability and extended producer responsibility, having held leadership roles with the Retail Council of Canada and the Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors, advancing those industries’ responses to a range of complex sustainability issues including climate change, sustainable packaging, EPR programs, responsible sourcing, and animal welfare. Allen has sat as a Director for several stewardship agencies in Canada including Encorp Pacific, the Electronic Products Recycling Association, Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba, and the Canadian Beverage Container Recycling Association. Allen is also the Managing Director of the Multi-Material Stewardship Western (MMSW) Program in Saskatchewan.

Keefe Harrison, Recycling Partnership

Keefe Harrison is the CEO of The Recycling Partnership, a national nonprofit transforming recycling in towns all across America. A 19-year veteran of the waste reduction and recycling field, her experience includes roles at firms, governments, and organizations such as Booz Allen, NC Dept. of Environment, Association of Plastics Recyclers, and Resource Recycling Systems. An active national speaker and published author on recycling and environmental issues, Keefe lives with her husband, two children, and their backyard hens in Walpole, New Hampshire.
Nabil Nasr, Rochester Institute of Technology (moderator)

Dr. Nabil Nasr is the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs and Director of the Golisano Institute for Sustainability at the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT). He also founded the Center for Remanufacturing and Resource Recovery (C3R) at RIT, which has become a leading source of applied research and solutions in remanufacturing technologies. For over 25 years, Dr. Nasr has worked in the fields of sustainable production, remanufacturing, clean production, and sustainable product development, and is considered an international leader in research and development efforts in these disciplines. He has developed strong ties to industry through efforts to implement and improve sustainable design processes at hundreds of companies from diverse sectors. Dr. Nasr is the chair of the Advisory Expert Group on Sustainable Production and Eco-Innovation - Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development’s (OECD). In addition to his work with the OECD, he also served as an expert delegate for the U.S. government in several other international forums, including the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation, the United Nations, and the World Trade Organization. Dr. Nasr has a B.S. in Industrial Engineering from Helwan University, an M.S. in Industrial and Systems Engineering from Rutgers University, an M.Eng. in Manufacturing Engineering from Penn State University, and a Ph.D. in Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering from Rutgers.

Albino Metauro, Cascades Recovery/Green by Nature EPR

Al Metauro is President & CEO of Cascades Recovery Inc. where he is responsible for the continued improvement and growth of the Company in all sectors of material recovery across Canada and the northeast USA. The portfolio of the Company’s operations include collection and recovery facilities for paper, packaging and other secondary materials, collected from both the Institutional, Commercial & Industrial and Municipal sectors. Cascades Recovery Inc traces its roots to 1979 when Al, along with his brother Anthony started a small waste/recycling business. Their “entrepreneurial spirit and hands on approach’ took what began from the back of a pick-up truck to becoming a leading discarded material recovery company in North America. In 1995 Cascades Inc. partnered with the company and formed a strategic alliance that today encompasses 23 recovery facilities in Canada and the northeast USA, employs in excess of 1,200 employees who together are responsible for collection, processing and marketing of over 1,500,000 metric tonnes of recovered paper, packaging and other materials. With the demand for more diversion Al is leading the development of the company’s “Recovery ...Plus” program, a program focused on the recovery of discarded materials for beneficial uses rather than their disposal in a landfill.

More recently (2014) Al lead a group of Canadian recyclers to join together and respond to an RFP in British Columbia that resulted in giving the new formed group, Green by Nature EPR (GBN) a contract to manage the entire post collection system for the Province. As the CEO of GBN, Al is responsible for the continued development of this new venture with a focus on addressing the needs of the Producers as they take on a more pronounced role in managing their printed paper and packaging.
Kristine Kalaijian, Philips North America

Kristine Kalaijian has more than 30 years of experience in sustainability and environmental, health and safety program management. Currently, she serves as Director of Environmental Compliance and Sustainability for Philips North America where she oversees environmental compliance and key sustainability performance areas including connect to markets, circular revenue, green product sales, recycling, energy efficiency and substance management. She is the region’s corporate liaison for sustainability initiatives and communications, working closely with the Philips lead on circular economy. Kris also collaborates with the Philips Government Relations team in Washington, D.C. to monitor and influence legislative developments regarding extended producer responsibility and product stewardship initiatives that impact Philips Healthtech products.

Philips is a global healthtech company, headquartered in Amsterdam, Netherlands, whose mission is to improve peoples’ lives through meaningful innovation. Philips employs over 112,000 world-wide, with approximately 24,000 working in North America, including the United States and Canada.

In previous roles, Kris led the development of the product stewardship program for Philips Patient Monitoring and Ultrasound Healthcare business, and the Environmental, Health and Safety program for Hewlett-Packard Medical Products Group at the Andover Site.

Kris has a Bachelor of Arts in Biology from Wheaton College, Norton, MA, and a Master’s of Science in Public Health from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Kris is certified in the Comprehensive Practice of Industrial Hygiene.
Opening Remarks: Changes in Ontario, Canada’s Producer Responsibility System

Geoff Rathbone, Resource Productivity & Recovery Authority, Ontario

Geoff has had a long and varied career in the waste and recycling field in Ontario, serving in municipal government, not for profit and private sector roles. Before joining RPRA, he was Vice President at Progressive Waste Solutions, with responsibility for developing recycling and resource recovery systems to support the company’s operating divisions across North America.

He also served as the General Manager - Solid Waste Services for the City of Toronto responsible for the comprehensive Target 70% diversion program which introduced household kitchen organics and other innovative initiatives to over 1 million households.

His background also includes key roles with other companies and public sector organizations in Ontario’s waste management sector, including CSR - Corporations Supporting Recycling, Laidlaw Waste Systems, Domtar Packaging, and the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority.

Geoff served on the boards of Recycling Council of Ontario, Waste Diversion Ontario, the Association of Municipal Recycling Coordinators, and the Ontario Waste Management Association. He holds a Bachelor of Environmental Studies (Honours) degree from the University of Waterloo.

Product Stewardship in the U.S.: Pharmaceuticals

Jen Jackson, San Francisco Dept. of Environment (moderator)

Jen Jackson is the Toxics Reduction & Healthy Ecosystems Program Manager for the San Francisco Department of the Environment. She and her team lead campaigns and programs that help reduce toxic pollution, such as an environmentally preferable purchasing Program, the San Francisco Green Business certification program, an Integrated Pest Management program, a Healthy Nail Salon program, and an extensive residential household hazardous waste program. In April 2015, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors unanimously passed an extended producer responsibility ordinance for pharmaceutical disposal, which Jen’s team implemented.

Ginette Vanasse, Health Products Stewardship Association

Ginette is the executive director for Health Products Stewardship Association, a national association leader for regulatory compliance on pharmaceutical and medical sharps in Canada. Ginette is committed to delivering quality results that benefit the industry as a whole while seeking alignment with other agencies to increase safety and visibility. She has more than 15 years’ experience in program deliveries, compliance with national, provincial and municipal governing and Industry Stewardship Organization.
Karen Ryle, Massachusetts General Hospital
Karen Ryle is a 1985 graduate of Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and received her Master’s degree in Drug Regulatory Affairs in 2002. Karen is past President of the Massachusetts Board of Pharmacy and also past President of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. She is a member of the Norfolk District Attorney’s Office Prescription Drug Task Force and a member of the Partner’s Opioid Task Force. Karen is a recipient of the 2005 MCP College Medal and the 2008 recipient of the Bowl of Hygeia. Ms. Ryle is also a member of the Massachusetts Disaster Medical Assistance Team and has been deployed to New Orleans in 2005 for Hurricane Katrina, Haiti in 2010 for the earthquake and New York in 2012 for Hurricane Sandy. Karen’s experience includes 30 years of community pharmacy including both chain and independent pharmacies. Ms. Ryle is currently the Director of Outpatient Pharmacy at Massachusetts General Hospital.

John Waffenschmidt, Covanta Energy
John G. Waffenschmidt is currently Vice President of Environmental Science and Community Affairs at Covanta Energy, with responsibility for the development of community outreach policies and practices, reduction in waste stream toxicity, development of environmental justice policies and practices, and liaison with various academic and NGO organizations. He is currently a member of the Pennsylvania Environmental Justice Advisory Board and a board member of the Regional Plan Association, Long Island chapter. He has been named a BOCES Education Partner, a Bronze Telly Award Winner, and has received the Pennsylvania Governor’s Award for Environmental Excellence. John was previously employed with the New York City Department of Sanitation, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. John is a Certified Ecologist with the Ecological Society of America, holds a Bachelor of Science in social ecology from New Paltz State University of New York, and holds a Masters in environmental biology from Queens College.

Alejandro Alves, Office of MA State Senator John F. Keenan
Alejandro Alves is Chief of Staff to Massachusetts State Senator John F. Keenan, and in this role has led or been closely involved with policy research for the state legislature’s Joint Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse; Joint Committee on Public Health; and Special Senate Committee on Opioid Addiction Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Options. In 2016, he helped to draft and pass Chapter 52 of the Acts of 2016, a law that, among other initiatives, cemented Massachusetts as the first state to require drug stewardship programs by opioid drug manufacturers. Alejandro is a former U.S. Army officer and Iraq veteran, with a Bachelor of Science degree from West Point and a Master in Public Policy degree from the Harvard Kennedy School.
Andrew Radin, Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency (moderator)
Andrew Radin is the chair of the New York State Product Stewardship Council’s Board of Directors, and serves as the Director of Recycling and Waste Reduction for the Onondaga County, NY Resource Recovery Agency (OCRRA). He has over 20 years of experience in the field of recycling and solid waste management and coordinates a team of recycling professionals who manage a wide variety of environmental programs, including compost operations, household hazardous waste collections, electronic scrap recovery, and community outreach to schools, businesses, and multi-dwelling units. He is a long-time member and former board member of the New York State Association for Reduction, Reuse, and Recycling (NYSAR3).

Mia Roethlein, VT Dept. of Environmental Conservation
Mia Roethlein has worked on waste reduction and materials management for over 10 years in the non-profit, municipal and state sectors. Areas of focus have been household hazardous waste, municipal planning, facility operation, organics diversion and product stewardship. Mia feels grateful to live and work in VT as it is the perfect place to raise a family and is in the forefront with EPR laws and statewide diversion of recyclables and organics.

Carl Smith, Call2Recycle
Since 2008, Mr. Smith has headed Call2Recycle Inc., North America’s first and arguably most successful product stewardship program. In this capacity, he oversees the organization’s strategy, management of its national promotional and education efforts, and its complex stakeholder relationships. He is known for his deep understanding of product stewardship and its impact and unintended consequences on the market. Mr. Smith has extensive experience in strategic marketing, brand positioning, general management and environmental leadership. He has held senior leadership positions in marketing and general management with Fortune 500 companies, headed environmental organizations, and has had considerable public policy experience as a lobbyist and on Capitol Hill. He holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Pennsylvania.
Scott Klag, Metro Regional Government, OR
Scott Klag works as a Senior Planner for Metro, a directly elected regional government serving 1.5 million people in the Portland, Oregon metropolitan area. Scott has worked at Metro for many years developing and implementing a wide range of recycling and solid waste policies and programs. Over the past dozen years, Scott has been very active in product stewardship, currently serving on both the Board of the Product Stewardship Institute and as co-chair of the Northwest Product Stewardship Council. He has helped successfully pass product stewardship legislation in Oregon for e-scrap (Oregon E-cycles) and the country’s first stewardship legislation for paint (PaintCare). This legislative session he is working on making the paint program – passed as a pilot – permanent. Other stewardship legislative efforts include rechargeable batteries, mercury lighting and modernization of Oregon’s Bottle Bill.

Ron Perkins, Ag Container Recycling Council
Ron has over 45 years of experience in the waste management and resource recovery profession. This experience includes fifteen years as the owner/operator of a solid waste management firm that implemented innovative residential curbside recycling systems in the Eastern United States. He has worked in the public and private sectors at state, national and international levels and is a nationally recognized pioneer in the development of cost-effective and sustainable recycling system infrastructure.

In his current position as Executive Director, Ag Container Recycling Council (ACRC), he is responsible for managing a model industry funded nationwide pesticide container stewardship program that provides pesticide users the opportunity to recycle their plastic containers in a cost effective and financially sustainable manner while protecting public health and the environment.

Mark Kurschner, Product Care Association
Mark is the president of Product Care Association based in Vancouver, BC, Canada. Product Care is a non-profit industry association that operates product stewardship programs across Canada. Product Care manages programs on behalf of its members and also as program manager for other stewardship organizations.

Products and programs managed by Product Care include paint, lighting products, flammable liquids, pesticides, smoke alarms, as well as large and small appliances and outdoor power equipment.

Product Care also works in the USA. On January 1, 2015 PCA launched the Washington State Mercury Containing Lamps “LightRecycle” program, and PCA also works with the Mattress Recycling Council.

Mark became the president of Product Care Association in 2002 and is a qualified lawyer.
Suna Bayrakal, Product Stewardship Institute
Suna is an experienced policy analyst and researcher with an environmental engineering background. Her role at PSI includes managing policy projects and program staff, designing and conducting research, and developing legislative strategy and policy positions. Suna’s main project focus is on household hazardous waste, mercury products, and batteries. Prior to joining PSI, Suna received her Ph.D. in Environmental Studies from York University in Toronto with dissertation research focused on the relationship between environmental policy and technology change. Before that, she worked as an environmental engineer—first with EMCON, a national environmental consulting firm, and then for Harvard University’s Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) Department. She performed regulatory policy analysis, technical and economic assessments, regulatory compliance auditing, emissions reporting, guidance document development, training, and project planning and management. This work involved incorporating federal and state requirements into a variety of business operations in a number of U.S. states in the areas of pollution prevention/waste minimization, hazardous and solid waste management, air quality, and water pollution control. Suna also previously conducted recycling research at the Ames Laboratory of the U.S. Department of Energy. She holds an M.S. in Environmental Engineering and a B.S. in Industrial Engineering, both from Iowa State University.

Ryan Kiscaden, Thermostat Recycling Corporation
With ten years of Heating, Ventilation, and Air-Conditioning (HVAC) Ryan Kiscaden is a national, leading expert in the de-installation and regulatory compliance of mercury-containing. As Executive Director of the Thermostat Recycling Corporation (TRC), Ryan has lead and facilitated presentations to state regulatory officials, environmental stakeholders, congressional leaders, and trade associations (ACCA, HARDI) impacted by requirements of mercury thermostat proper disposal.

Founded in 1998, TRC is an industry funded non-profit. Its membership consists of 31 manufacturers who either branded and sold mercury thermostats prior to their discontinuation in 2007, or produced devices that may replace mercury-containing thermostats. With a network of more than 3,000 collection sites nationwide, TRC has recovered 2.1 million thermostats, or 10 tons of mercury to date. For more information about TRC or Ryan, please visit thermostat-recycle.org.
Closing Panel/Discussion: Moving Forward in a Shifting Political Landscape

See page 2 for panelists Senator Anne Gobi and Judith Enck.

Fenton Rood, OK Dept. of Environmental Quality (moderator)
Fenton Rood is the Director of Waste Systems Planning for the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality. He has served as a senior manager in the regulatory programs for solid waste management and hazardous waste management. He also helped develop the Superfund program in Oklahoma. For over twenty years he was involved in the organic foods business. He and his wife operated natural foods stores and restaurants. Additionally, he has a long history of activism through the Sierra Club. He earned a B.A. in Geography, and an M.P.H. in Environmental Health, both from the University of Oklahoma. He also teaches at OU in the departments of Geography and Environmental Sustainability, and Civil Engineering and Environmental Science, at University of Phoenix, and at Rose State College.

Allison Keane, Flexible Packaging Association
Allison Keane is an environmental attorney with 20 years’ experience in both the private and governmental sectors. She is currently the President and CEO of the Flexible Packaging Association (FPA), the association representing U.S. converters of film, foil, paper and other materials into packages for food, medical device and industrial products. Prior to joining the FPA in 2016, she was with the American Coatings Association (ACA) for 16 years and served first as Counsel and then as Vice President for Government Affairs. She was also the Executive Director, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for the ACA’s product stewardship organization - PaintCare. Other employment experience includes the Environmental Protection Agency’s Headquarters office, the Maryland State Senate and private practice. Alison has her BA in Biology from St. Mary’s College of Maryland and her JD from Golden Gate University in San Francisco. She is admitted to the practice of law in both Maryland and the District of Columbia.
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