Association Announces Change in Leadership

President & CEO Sharon H. Kneiss Resigns After More than Four Successful Years Leading the Voice of the Waste & Recycling Industry

November 7, 2016 – Washington, DC– Sharon H. Kneiss, the president and CEO of the National Waste and Recycling Association (NWRA) for the past four and a half years, has resigned effective today. During her tenure as the leader of the premier association in the waste and recycling industry, Kneiss led the development and implementation of a comprehensive strategic plan to help the industry move the needle on safety, effectively communicate and educate about the industry’s priorities and champion legislation that helped to protect workers in the field.

In a letter to the NWRA Board of Trustees, Kneiss wrote, “After careful consideration, I have come to the conclusion that I have taken the association as far as I can to make it the most effective and respected voice of the industry. The timing is right for a new CEO to take this special organization to the next level.”

“We are indebted to Sharon for her leadership and contributions to our industry over the course of the past several years,” said Scott Dols, Chairman of the NWRA Board of Trustees. “Sharon has done a great deal to make our industry safer, stronger and smarter and has created an important foundation for the association to move forward in the future.”

The NWRA Board of Trustees will soon begin an executive search for Kneiss’ successor. In the interim, current Vice President and General Counsel Kevin Kraushaar will assume the role.

ABOUT NWRA

The National Waste & Recycling Association is the leading organization providing leadership, advocacy, research, education and safety expertise for the waste and recycling industries. NWRA advocates at the Federal, State and Local levels on all issues of importance to our member companies as they provide safe, economically sustainable and environmentally sound services to communities in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. In 2015, NWRA instituted an International Affiliate Membership program to share information and best practices with the private waste and recycling industry worldwide. For more information, visit wasterecycling.org.

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