



November 2018

NEXT CALL TOPIC STA In the Digital World/STA Changes
Hilary Nichols, STA Manager
Weds., Nov. 28, 1:30-2:30 Eastern

Please feel free to share with your members!

Membership News

***Quarterly Lists:** Charter Chapters: you should be receiving your Member List for reimbursement by the end of November. Please be prepared to send your list to us, and to reply to your Chapter Checklist.

***College Composting:** Five new campus members have joined in the month since the launch of Our Campus Composts last month, and some are in your chapter states: Colorado State; Michigan State @ East Lansing; Knox College (IL); U of Kentucky; Washington & Lee (VA); Lewis & Clark College (: Watch for a College Composting web page to be up on the USCC site by Labor Day; the Board has approved a special allowance for Bronze University members to add **4** students to their accounts free; and PR surrounding our presence at the [AASHE Conference](#) in Pittsburgh on Oct 1-3 will be forthcoming. We will be reaching out to chapters this fall to help us bring in university members in your state—both for you and us!

***Chapter News:** The State of New Jersey is in process of converting to a Charter Chapter, having attained its 501 C 6.. We are also discussing possible chapters with Ohio, Iowa, and Nebraska! MD-DC Committee continues to review its committee status as well.

MEMBER DRIVE: Thank you to New Jersey for promoting the member drive. The 15% discount got lots of clicks in the promotion but only brought in 3 new members. We will look into other ways of doing this again—any ideas, please share!

Chapter Call Coming after Thanksgiving! We are growing so much, we are revising our format to keep us to 1 hour. We will have Hilary Nichols presenting to us about changes in the STA program, and we'll have 3 states share on this call; and another 3 states on the next call--- California, Colorado and New Jersey, please be prepared to share!

COMPOST2019 CHAPTER MEETING—This year, we have an actual SESSION so you won't have to get up at the crack of dawn for a meeting before the conference. Our meeting will be from

8:15-9:45 (an extra half hour!) Top of the agenda: discussion of a 2019 pilot for dual chapter/national DUES COLLECTION. We'll present some scenarios and look for YOUR FEEDBACK on which ones would work best for our chapters. **Please let us know who will be using your Chapter Discount to attend COMPOST2019 (25% for Charters, 10% for Committees). Someone should be representing your chapter at the Conference...we will have a Chapters table you can use as much or little as you like!**

LATE BREAKING NEWS!!!!

State Chapter Members can claim an extra 10% off conference rate (if they are uscc members, that would be off member rate, if not, then non-member rate)! They should use code CCHAP2019. PLEASE GET THE WORD OUT BY DECEMBER 1 WHEN EARLY BIRD RATES FLY AWAY!

CERTIFICATION

A Note from the USCC Certification Commission:

If you are offering or arranging any kind of training, meeting, webinar or conference that might be considered "continuing education", we would love to assign Professional Development Hours to it. Certified Compost Operations Managers (CCOM) and Certified Composting Professionals (CCP) all need to accumulate 30 PDHs every three years. *Getting and advertising the fact that you can offer PDHs not only helps those already certified, it also helps grows this still-very-young program (we only launched the CCP last month!).*

For more info: www.certificationsUSCC.org

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- The 2019 COTC's are scheduled. Courses will be held in Pomona, CA, Ithaca, NY, Raleigh, NC and Denton, TX www.compostfoundation.org/education-cotc

- ICAW Poster Contest ended—a record 770 ENTRIES (though about half were disqualified due to incorrect submissions ☹). The winning design for ICAW 2019 will be announced by mid-December.

- The Sampling Video and Reference Guide should be available on the CCREF website this December.

- The Soluble Salt Literature Review will available on the website this December too.

STATE NEWS:

ASSOCIATION OF COMPOST PRODUCERS/CALIFORNIA COMPOST COUNCIL

CalRecycle issued "**Notice of Changes to Proposed AB 901 Reporting Regulations**" (attached as "20181001ab901notice"). Please be advised that this regulation (AB 901) will AFFECT COMPOST & CHIP & GRIND OPERATIONS because these contain NEW REPORTING REQUIREMENTS for these operations. Even if **your compost facility has current automated reporting systems for your operation**, this is a new online system

where part of that data will be input into a new State (CalRecycle) system, called the "Recycling and Diversion Reporting System". **This includes load reporting for BOTH incoming feedstock material and outgoing product.** Collected feedback.

Fall membership Drive

- 10% increase in overall membership
- 300% increase in average memberships for one month
- Entice haulers, suppliers and consultants to join and support our efforts
- **LandscapeEXPO - Compost Sessions: Building your landscape business** Wednesday, October 10, 2018 @ Long Beach Convention Center. ACP will be hosting the following five sessions:

Compost: Regenerating and Protecting California's Fire Damaged Lands - ACP Lobbyist, Kathy Lynch, and Exec. Dir. Dan Noble, circulated a "ACP Ltr to Legislature_Regenerating CA Fire Damaged Lands_8-26-18" 2 page overview of how compost can and should be used to regenerate California's fire damaged lands. It was sent to the Governor's office and all the California Legislators. See a copy of this open letter to California governors on ACP's website. ACP will be developing a number of these compost use documents to address important issues that impact our State's environment.

COLORADO COMPOSTING COUNCIL:

The quarterly meeting for the COCC is being held December 7 at 3:30 pm at Oskar Blues Homemade Liquids and Solids in Longmont, CO.

The Chapter is engaged in a number of endeavors to advance the concept of carbon sequestration in Colorado. The coordinated effort is a means of utilizing our organic waste resources to fight climate change and restore lost topsoil. Current projects include:

- Boulder County's "Carbon Farming Pilot," a multi-year trial and demonstration of integrated farming practices centered around applying compost to build soil on cropland, irrigated pasture and degraded rangeland. CSU's Natural Resource Ecology Lab is contracted to conduct the pilot, with a focus on utilizing Boulder County's large agricultural land holdings to fight climate change.
- The City of Boulder launched a complimentary project that looks at the carbon sequestration potential of cutting-edge regenerative practices utilized primarily by organic farmers, such as applying a "high-fungal" compost and biochar to the City's agricultural lands.
- San Miguel County is experimenting with how a rural county can create a simple incentive to encourage farmers to adopt carbon sequestration practices.

- RC3 members are working with the Recycle Colorado Policy Committee to advance carbon sequestration at the policy level.
- Eco-Cycle and the City of Boulder expect to launch a "citizen science project" later this fall to educate and involve the non-agricultural sector. Ideally, the project will generate data on the potential for urban and suburban land to sequester carbon.

ILLINOIS COMPOSTING COMMITTEE:

- Check out the new [Illinois Compost Map](#), which has gone live since it was mentioned on a previous chapter call. It was prepared by the marketing committee of IFSC.
- The IFSC/USCC State Committee has partnered with the Illinois Green Alliance to exhibit at the Green Build International Conference and Expo on November 14-15 next month.
- The IFSC/USCC State Committee will be presenting at the Illinois County State Solid Waste Management Association annual meeting in November.
- In September, members of the IFSC participated in the Illinois Landscape Contractor's Association Turf Day and at Green Fair 2018 at the DuPage County Fairgrounds.

MICHIGAN COMPOSTING COUNCIL COMMITTEE

No news.

MD-DC COMPOSTING COUNCIL COMMITTEE:

- Update on MD HB171 / Compost Infrastructure Workgroup, which MD-DC Chapter is a working member)

The next meeting has been postponed to December . At last meeting a doctor came and talked about health related issues connected to compost-- e.g. groundwater monitoring. Air related issues, particulate matter, mold spores, VOCs-- pollution potential right at the facility. Production of natural organic acids that liberate metals in soil. He said composting happens in a forest, so in some sense composting is not that much different than a forest. Composting risks at a distance. Dayton preservation folks- opponents to mulching facility in Howard County. Jeff? Ribbon cutting for expanded composting facility in Howard County.

- Documents can be found here:
<http://mde.maryland.gov/programs/LAND/RecyclingandOperationsprogram/Pages/composting.aspx>
- MD-DC Committee, in its 4th year, is considering its next step whether to be a Charter Chapter. Members are currently in discussion.
- MD-DC Members commented on Prince George Countys compost zoning rewrite-- they did make some changes based on Linda's comments, others--Ben, Luisa, Tom Taylor, David Brosch, and Beth. Notable success: expanded definition

of small-scale composting to include community composting was included in the rewrite.

MINNESOTA COMPOSTING COUNCIL

Market Development Committee: The Market Development Committee (MD) is working alongside the Legislative Committee to draft language of a legislative proposal for compost in relation to project design, price, quality, and availability of the product.

Additionally, the MD is continuing to work with MNDOT staff on the 3890 compost specs and barriers to increased compost use by MNDOT. Questions were raised regarding the impact of maturity of compost on plant growth and whether Phosphorus is leached from compost and becoming a surface water issue. These questions are being asked industry wide and the MD will be seeking answers to these questions.

Legislative Committee: The committee will be reviewing [current legislative policies and priorities](#) and updating them for the upcoming 2019 legislative session. I

NORTH CAROLINA COMPOSTING COUNCIL:

No report.

NEW JERSEY:

With over 40 attendees from both NJ and NYC (included 3 senior members of the ANJR) the NJCC made its first appearance as a Nonprofit 501(6) with a bang! I expect new members will be signing up shortly and the new approved committees will be formed.

Additionally, after the NJCC members meeting, we meet with our newly formed NJCC BOD and approved the new budget, committees, officers and other items..

Officers:

Jairo E Gonzalez President

Isaac Bearg Secretary

Michelle Bradley Treasury

Committees approved:

Education

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Matt karmel, Riker

Gary Cooper,SNJP

Corinne Coe, Sustainable Generation

Ryan Cerrato, We Care /Denali
Erik Gutt, Vermier
Jairo E Gonzalez, Waste Progreen.

VIRGINIA:
No Report

Happy Thanksgiving!