



June 2018

NEXT CALL: **Tuesday, July 24, 2 pm**

### **Membership News**

**\*One Stop Renewal:** We are nearly through our project of changing all USCC memberships from anniversary renewal to once-per-calendar year renewal each July. We are also syncing this with Seal of Testing Assurance billing for the same month. So far, member response has been good.

**\*Member Survey:** We just completed our every-other-year Membership Talkback Survey, and should have results soon.

**\*Recruitment & Education Push for Colleges and Universities:** Following our Strategic Plan, this is the year we focus on this sector. If you are interested in a co-drive in the fall in your state, please let me know. I'd love to work with you. We have joined the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, and will have a booth and a session at their conference

### **COMPOST USE/STA**

**\*Welcome to Hilary Nichols**, our new STA Manager and Market Development Committee Liaison. She can be reached at [hnichols@compostingcouncil.org](mailto:hnichols@compostingcouncil.org). She is also liaison to the Strategic Alliances Committee.

\*STA Participants, your annual billing is going out this week. Please be on the lookout for your invoice, first by email and then a "snailmail" invoice. If you have questions, call Ron Phan, [rphan@drohanmgmt.com](mailto:rphan@drohanmgmt.com), or 703-885-3555.

### **LEAC/Advocacy/Regulations**

\*LEAC now has Illinois and Virginia chapter reps joining in!

\*Infrastructure Development: See this press release about the Model Rule Template Update, and the Target Organics! Project, both of which aim to close gaps and obstacles by providing sample regulations and guidelines for state, county and city/municipal officials. To assist or comment on these projects, contact Frank Franciosi, executive director, [ffranciosi@compostingcouncil.org](mailto:ffranciosi@compostingcouncil.org).

\*Compostable Products Task Force:

-Completed the Model Labelling Legislation update. See it [HERE](#). Chapters are needed to carry the ball on having this adopted in your state!

-Launching the Decisionmakers Guide to Compostable Products Project, which will help composter producers understand the benefits, risks and considerations in deciding to accept feedstocks that include compostable products



## STATE NEWS:

### ASSOCIATION OF COMPOST PRODUCERS/CALIFORNIA COMPOST COUNCIL

**ACP Legislator's Day** – was the most successful time that we had in Sacramento meeting with our legislators! 15 of us met with 30% of the Assembly Members (24 of 80 members), and 55% of the Senators (22 of 40 senators). So in one day, two hours in the

morning and two hours in the afternoon, a relatively small team of dedicated ACP members had a big effect of meeting with their State Representatives and informing each one about the importance of compost to their local community, and the State. Our goal is to have more of you join us so next year we can pull closer to 100% of all the legislator's.

In addition, we had lunch with regulators who are working on crafting and implementing compost regulations, Hank Brady, CalRecycle, who delivered the most recent wording on SB 1383, the day before our event (see "*SB1383Regs May 2018*" in the *May ACP meeting package*).

Major kudos to Kathy Lynch, ACP's Lobbyist and Nick Lapis, Californian's Against Waste ([www.cawrecycles.org](http://www.cawrecycles.org)) for delivering 150 International Compost Awareness Week posters to all the legislator's prior to our arrival! It was great to point to the posters when we had our meetings with the legislator's and/or their staff members.

Thanks so much to those who filled out the survey from the Leg Day event. From the "postmortem" reflection and analysis, we decided to form a Legislator's Day Working Group focusing on the event year around. If you'd like to help put together next year's event, contact Jonelle at (916) 833-7807 or email [jonelle3@gmail.com](mailto:jonelle3@gmail.com). Our first call will be July 11, 10:00am. Please let Jonelle know if you will be joining us.

## ILLINOIS COMMITTEE:

The Illinois legislature passed [HB4790- Increase Compost Use](#). This legislation increases the use of compost in transportation projects at the state, creates two pilot road construction demonstrations for completion in 2019 using compost amended soil, and helps create a market for the use of compost in Illinois.

Three members of the Illinois Food Scrap Coalition, the USCC state committee for Illinois, participated in the Midwest Grow Green (MGG) Lawn and Land Forum Webinar Series during Chicago Grows Green Week in May. The topic was composting for sports turf. The session covered compost sourcing, creation, application and best practices for incorporating compost into sports turf landscapes. For information to view notes and the recording, see [general@pesticideaction.org](mailto:general@pesticideaction.org).

## **MINNESOTA COMPOSTING COUNCIL**

The MNCC worked with a coalition of environmental organizations to defeat legislative efforts to deny local governments the ability to adopt ordinances requiring businesses use of compostable containers or apply fees to non-compostable products.

The MNCC is working with the Wisconsin Institute for Sustainable Technologies on the campus of the U of WI-Stevens Point to put on a 3-day compost operator training on July 10-12, 2018.

The MNCC is holding a 1-day compost operator training on July 25th to meet the continuing education requirements in MN compost rules. Details of the training are on the MNCC's web site.

## **NORTH CAROLINA COMPOSTING COUNCIL:**

-The North Carolina Composting Council participated in the Durham Earth Day Festival. Representatives from the board educated attendees on how to make and use compost and displayed a Green Cone composting unit.

-Proud supporters of the NCCC and the USCC, McGill Compost celebrated ICAW through educational events at all of their facilities.

