



Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2025

1:00PM

Meeting Location:

Virtual

Meeting Link: meet.google.com/vqs-avzw-pbg

Phone: 1 785-422-7977

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Members Present: John Foster, Caley Parrish, Jeff Phillips, Karmin McShane, Joe Mayne and Jeff Bradley, Abe Sandquist

Absent/ Excused: Jenny Trent and Joe Bolick

Guests: Theresa Stiner, Zac Hornung

The meeting was called to order on June 12, 2025, by Foster at 1:02pm. Roll call was conducted by Foster.

Mayne moved to approve the agenda seconded by Bradley. All ayes, motion carried.

Parrish moved to approve the meeting minutes of May 8, 2025, seconded by Mayne. All ayes, motion carried.

Chapter Director's Report: None

IRA update: None

Iowa DNR Report: Stiner reported IDNR is on a pause for hiring and out of state travel due to potential federal funding cuts. Sue Johnson is retiring at the end of July, and her position may not be filled for some time. IDNR staff are working on EO10; internal deadline of July 31, 2025, for all the paperwork to be turned in and move forward. Official rulemaking & notifications to start in September with rules going into effect a year from now. Some discussion ensued regarding the process for rulemaking with EO10 as it is already considered law.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee Report: McShane updated the board on membership renewals, the process with IRA and the plan moving forward. The renewal letter is drafted and ready to be sent, goal is early next week. IRA will provide monthly updates on renewals and forks that may need follow up. Membership will reach out to list after thirty days to check in with members.

Programs and Training Committee Report: Phillips confirmed Bolick reformatted the training slides and put them together, so they are uniform. Bolick is planning to print the manuals prior to training. Phillips confirmed submittals to IDNR are complete. Stiner will submit slides for the

regulations next week. She has agreed to speak on the regs and agreed to a short Q & A. June 25th is the annual Board meeting. (*Sandquist joined the meeting.*) The education content is complete. Foster reported we received a request for a reduced registration fee. As the training is targeted at operators, there are no discounted rates available for this class. We need a headcount for registration to plan food by Friday June 20th. Phillips will reach out to have Bolick bring Iowa Composting Council swag to the training. Hornung will send the training out to USCC list to see if we can attract more registrations.

Advocacy Committee Report: Sandquist reported no news from RG Schwarm or anyone regarding legislation. Foster reported the cleanup bill is on the governor's desk awaiting signing. Foster is working with a USCC committee on contact water/leachate management. Discussion of rules and definitions ensued. IDALS and IDNR are two separate issues regarding legislation and rule making process. Discussion ensued regarding storage, fertilizer and contact water.

Communications and Marketing Committee Report: Continuing with Facebook posts last month promoted international compost week utilizing USCC toolbox. Hornung continues to post about the training.

Organizational Development Committee: Annual meeting is set for June 25@ 9:00am in Cedar Rapids. Foster and Phillips have arranged for speakers from the Illinois Food Alliance and Compost Ninja to present on food waste initiatives. Discussion regarding membership and casting ballots ensued. Future strategic planning discussion topic for votes and membership classification. Draft charter agreement has been sent to IRA, will be sent to IACC next. Conflict interest policy and whistleblower policy will need to be drafted moving forward.

Finance Committee: Financials were sent via email with an updated balance of \$19,885. The fiscal year-to-date report was steady, transactions in May include \$1500 IACC dues and sponsorships and the admin fee.

Old Business:

Compost Operator Workshop nothing to add.

New Business:

Foster reviewed the draft ballot for consideration. One nomination for chapter director and three nominations for board member positions have been submitted. Board officers are elected at the annual meeting by the board. Discussion ensued. Foster reviewed for voting, reviewing ballots go to Bolick, and an announcement is made at the annual meeting. McShane made a motion to approve ballot, seconded by Phillips, all ayes, motion carried.

Other:

Compost Training Event: 10:00am June 24, Cedar Rapids, IA

Annual Meeting of Membership: 9:00am, June 25, Cedar Rapids, IA

July Virtual Board Meeting: 1:00pm, July 10, 2025

August Board Meeting/Tour J. Petticord Facility 10:00am Tour/Meeting to follow

Adjourn: Sandquist made a motion to adjourn due to a lack of further business at 1:52 pm; seconded by Mayne, All ayes, Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Karmin McShane, Secretary