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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **RNC Annual General Meeting**

Newaygo, MI—October 1, 2015

The 2015 Annual General Meeting of the Board of Directors for Recycling For Newaygo County will be held Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 6:30 pm in the Brooks Township Hall, 490 Quarterline Street, Newaygo.

Whether you are a Member, *Friend of Recycling*, community or business partner, or an interested party, Recycling for Newaygo County's staff and Board of directors are eager for you to join them for the election of directors for the 2015-2016 year, the 2014-2015 Annual Report, and the distribution of our Earth Alive Awards for Exceptional Dedication to Recycling.

Guest Speaker is Katie Venechuk, Recycling and Waste Minimization Specialist, Office of Waste Management and Radiological Protection, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), who will be traveling over from Lansing. This is a great opportunity to learn about the State of Michigan's policies and efforts concerning environmental issues, including recycling.

See below for an introduction to the lineup of candidates. All are incumbents who currently serving on the RNC Board of Directors.

RNC currently has four (4) open seats the Board would like to fill with new/additional directors. There is a need for directors with nonprofit Board and regulatory experience, and/or background or skills in some of the following areas: Business, Management, Finances, Public Relations, Fund Development, and Event Planning.

Call the RNC office if you would like to discuss Board commitment in greater detail in advance of the annual meeting. To stand for election, please come to the meeting prepared to introduce yourself, and see the Secretary about being added to the ballot.

Criteria for service on the Board of Directors include:

- Active RNC membership (including *Friends of Recycling*);
- As this is a working Board, a minimum commitment of 10 hours of service monthly is requested;
- Directors serve on at least one Board Committee;
- Directors regularly attend scheduled Board and Committee meetings and special meetings of the Board;
- Directors faithfully uphold RNC's mission and values, and support and promote recycling and RNC, and are generally invested in RNC's success

In addition, RNC has several open Committee seats and volunteer needs. Helpers of all kinds are sought for assorted projects, chores, and activities throughout the year. The meeting is a great way to learn more about RNC, and affords the opportunity to meet and speak with incumbent directors and staff. Or call the Executive Director at 231.924.5822.

Visitors are invited to join staff and directors for homemade cookies and punch following the meeting.

Please note that only up to date members may vote. Memberships may be renewed or taken out before the meeting.

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# Incumbent Candidates

## **LINDA BLAIS (Since 2011)**

Linda is committed to both community service and recycling. Her work on the Board of Directors for RNC accomplishes both goals. Linda is a Fremont Insurance Company attorney whose job is based in Fremont while she lives in Muskegon. She served two terms on the Fremont Public School Board in various roles including head of the Policy Committee and Vice President. She also serves with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Newaygo County, and the Fremont Area Community Foundation.

## **LOU DELEGUARDIA (Since 2015)**

Lou earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Johnson and Wales University in 1986. He has worked as a financial advisor for Edward Jones in Fremont for the past six years, and as a financial advisor for 17 years in total. Lou served 11 years in the US Navy. Originally from Rochester, NY, he moved to Grand Rapids in 1990 and has lived in Newaygo County for the past 18 years. He and his wife Michele have three children and three grandchildren.

## **JO-ELLA MULLINS (Since 2015)**

Jo-Ella has had an interest in repurposing and recycling all of her adult life. A Desert Storm veteran honorably discharged from the United States Air Force, Jo-Ella received the Gold Medal of Valor Award from the State of California, and is a top five recipient of the National Medal of Valor. The retired Enhanced Psych Unit Parole Agent moved from California to the Fremont area in 2014 to care for her mother. She is a licensed vocational nurse, and has been a chemical agent and weapons instructor, a baton instructor, and a department trainer for trainees with the California Department of Corrections.

## **SCOTT WAKERLEY (Since 2015)**

Scott is a CPA who has worked in public accounting for the past 16 years, with more than 10 years in his own local practice in Newaygo. His experience in accounting has included a substantial amount of work for multi-national corporations and high net worth individuals, but he prefers working within the local community with small businesses. Scott has served on various nonprofit boards, providing well-versed opinion on financial and operational manners. He grew up in Grand Haven and moved to Newaygo County 15 years ago with his wife, where they have raised their two children.

## **MARY ANN CIRIGLIANO (Since 2015)**

Mary Ann is a native New Yorker who moved to Fremont two years ago by way of the Carolinas, to "watch my two beautiful grandsons grow up". A former registered nurse, Mary Ann served more than 20 years as a pastor's assistant alongside her late husband. She has served on her local church boards for the past six years.

## **MARCIA DOUGAN (Since 2012)**

Marcia is retired from a 30-year career with the Michigan Department of Human Services. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from the University of Michigan – Dearborn. Marcia has been a resident of Newaygo County for more than 35 years, and has been recycling most of that time. Compassion, dedication, and organization are three of the strengths that continue to guide her in retirement. Marcia lives in Sheridan Township with her husband Jerry and their two labs.

## **JEAN TEETS (Since 2013)**

Jean and her husband have lived in Newaygo County for 43 years. She taught various English related high school classes for 41 years, 35 of them spent at Grant High School. She earned her degrees at CMU and MSU. Their daughter, son-in-law, and grandson are all dedicated recyclers.

## **DAVID WHITE (Since 2010)**

Dave is a retired insurance agent of 44 years, serving with the White Insurance Agency in Fremont for 40 years. In addition to the RNC Board, Dave serves several organizations including the Holton Township Parks and Recreation Commission, FOS (Friends of Scouting), the Rotary Club, and on his church board. He enjoys fixing things, yard work, reading, golf, and road travel. Dave has spent most of his life in Fremont, and currently lives in Twin Lake. He has four children and four grandchildren.

## **AMY YULE (Since 2014)**

Amy graduated Summa Cum Laude from Baker College of Muskegon with a BA in Business Administration. She has resided in Newaygo County for more than 20 years. She has served for 12 years coordinating fundraisers for the Newaygo Public School System. She drives school bus in Newaygo, and makes deliveries for the Newaygo County Commission on Aging.