From Your President

My Esteemed Colleagues,

Change continues to be the defining status of the waste management field. The complexity of management issues requires creative thinking to protect the environment as well as maintain fiscal responsibility. Your Association is a master of managing change. Thinking back on all the ways NRRA has adapted over the years is to witness evolution and reinforces the tenant-survival of the fittest. Rather than being slow and plodding, NRRA is nimble and agile. Rather than being monolithic and bureaucratic, NRRA is flexible and accommodating.

The partnership between you, members and the most excellent staff is a hallmark of how a coop should operate. NRRA is here to serve your needs. Your changing needs. Adapt and survive. Some would consider what NRRA does to be radical. The private sector is perfectly capable of supplying municipalities everything they need. Why do we even need the NRRA? This to me strikes at the heart of the matter. This isn’t about maximizing corporate profits. It’s about providing a platform to facilitate the public/private partnerships that deliver efficient, economical and environmentally sensitive waste disposal to NRRA members. NRRA is here to provide the opportunity for peer-to-peer networking, assist in evaluating information to reach good decisions, and on a fundamental level, help move your staff be it recycling or trash because otherwise the stuff tends to pile up. This is done thoughtfully and cheerfully by a dedicated staff of professionals that I’m proud to be associated with. You should be proud too.

You are the Association. Without your time, energy, creativity and participation the NRRA would be unable to adapt...and survive.

Change is a comin’. We’re ready for it. NRRA will be your partner in the decades to come just as we’ve been for decades past. Thank you for your faith. Your Association will continue to work hard to earn your trust. If Darwin were around today he would look at NRRA and give us a thumbs up.

Respectfully,

Duncan P. Watson, President

From Your Treasurer

Our finances continue to be in very good shape in large part due to the diligence of our Executive Director and the entire staff. The key has been to keep up with and stay ahead of the changes in our marketplace. We were fortunate that Michael moved the NRRA into single stream and MSW in past years. The capital reserve fund, created for long-term fiscal responsibility, is still funded for a strong position of just over $50,000. This year expansion opportunities in the industry included electronics, single stream and MSW. At the same time, the Association remained true to its roots and completed the year with a record 81,337 tons of reprocessed resources. In addition to the figures listed on the next page, the NRRA collected and returned over $8,600,000 in reprocessed resources. The strength of the NRRA is the volume pricing it is able to capture for its members when we all work together. We look forward to working with you in 2014 to produce another successful year for all of us!

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Rice, Treasurer

NRRA’s Cooperative Partners:

- Earthshare
- EarthShare of New Hampshire
- EarthShare of Vermont
- EarthShare of Maine
- EarthShare of Massachusetts
- EarthShare of New York
- EarthShare of New Jersey

The 32nd Annual Conference & Expo

This year, the conference attracted over 500 attendees. As always, the conference featured many cutting edge workshops as well as the 4th Annual School Recycling Conference which included workshops, activity booths and the popular Mini TOLD (Trash On the Lawn Day). NRRA thanks the attendees, speakers, volunteers, exhibitors and sponsors for their continued support of this important educational event.

Thank You Again to our 2013 Conference Sponsors!

- Platinum Sponsors
- Empire Recycling LLC
- New Hampshire the Beautiful, Inc.

- Gold Sponsors
- Beatway Disposal Services
- ELF LLC
- Recycling
- Good Point Recycling
- MusRecycle
- NH Department of Environmental Services
- Interstate Refrigerant Recovery Inc.

- Silver Sponsors
- ALCOA
- Alexander Industrial Technologies, Inc.
- Allied Waste
- Antioch University - New England

Congratulations to our 2012-2013 Recycling Award Winners:

- Carroll, NH - “Most Tonnage Recycled Through NRRA Per Capita (Population under 1,000)”
- Washington, NH - “Most Tonnage Recycled Through NRRA Per Capita (Population from 1,001 to 5,000)”
- Wolfboro, NH & Franklin, NH - “Most Tonnage Recycled Through NRRA Per Capita (Population from 5,001 to 10,000)”
- Merrimack, NH - “Most Tonnage Recycled Through NRRA Per Capita (Population over 10,000)”
- PolyRecovery of Portsmouth, NH - “NRRA’s 2013 Business Recycler of the Year”
- Hypertherm, Inc. of Hanover, NH - “NRRA’s 2013 Manufacturer of the Year”
- King Arthur Flour of Norwich, VT - “NRRA’s 2013 Retailer of the Year”
- Fred Galafalo of Lisbon, NH & Lois Killnap of Bradford, NH - “2013 Rookies of the Year”
- Andrea Sanford of Ludlow, VT - “NRRA’s 2013 Volunteer of the Year”
- ReSOURCE of Burlington, VT & Addison County Solid Waste Management District of Middlebury, VT - “ Vermont E-Cycles 2013 Top Collection Sites”
- Roger Rice of Lee, NH - “2013 Sami Izzo Recycler of the Year Award”

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NRRA set another new record for volume and moved over 81,000 tons of recyclables to market over the last year. We continued holding NH DES continuing ed. certified workshops and meetings for all operators to get new and up-to-date information to be able to maintain their certifications. In addition, NRRA was pleased to receive a contract for recycling training to assist EPA Region I staff bring up to date contract for recycling training to assist EPA Region

NRRA has recently been awarded several new long term municipal contracts for MSW and C&D material management, which are natural additions to all the recyclables it handles. While NRRA is able to arrange for competitive movement of MSW, it also reviews existing member contracts and makes recommendations, which is especially valuable given the recent developments in the overall MSW marketplace. Those members who are now contracting with NRRA for all of their material movement needs receive a “one stop shop” annual report. This makes their reporting requirements to the municipality itself as well as the state both professional and streamlined - a real and very tangible benefit of membership.

The NRRA School CLUB’s new school outreach programs and materials, as well as a new and improved website, are working extremely well; and I encourage each of our members to let the schools in your town know what a great resource this is for students, teachers, and facility managers.

Your MEMBERS/OPERATIONS MARKETING COMMITTEE REPORT

I would like to thank all of the towns and businesses for their continued support and efforts in making NRRA and our recycling efforts a success.

2013 was an interesting year for NRRA. Although the markets are consistently changing, pricing has remained somewhat stable. This has allowed towns to budget accordingly and stay consistent with the revenues generated from recyclables.

I encourage every town and community to become a member of NRRA. The committed staff continues to provide beneficial service to all of its members. In the past, municipalities have fallen victim to private companies and higher costs. NRRA keeps purchasers of goods honest and typically the yield per ton for recyclables through NRRA is more than one can do directly on their own. NRRA now serves more than 400 municipal and business members throughout greater New England. NRRA does not charge a costly brokerage fee to members to market their recyclables but rather a minimum NRRA fee is collected to reinvest into recycling and solid waste services for members. Heading to 2014, competition across New England has noticeably lowered tipping fees. If you have a contract nearing its conclusion, please do your research, compare pricing and talk to NRRA about your options. Banding together benefits all of us.

Don’t forget that by attending two MOM meetings the NH DES will give you the required continuing education credits for your Solid Waste Certification. I encourage you to attend the monthly MOM meetings for the education credits, but also because we value your input. See you all in 2014! Michael Faller, Chairperson THIS PAGE WAS PRODUCED USING WORD 2013.
The NRRA School Recycling CLUB has been busier than ever and the past year was full of successes! The 4th Annual School Conference had record attendance, nationally recognized speakers, fun hands-on activity booths and the ever popular Mini TOLD (Trash On the Lawn Day).

The CLUB has continued to provide workshops that are available for purchase to any New England school. The CLUB’s workshops and technical assistance programs are all experiential and hands on and serve as a much needed tool for educating K-12 students about consumer behavior, waste diversion and reduction, the resulting impacts on climate change and what personal action they can take to change it. Through these workshops, NRRA educators offer the opportunity to link these priorities to curriculum standards.

2013 also marked the start of the CLUB working with the Manchester, NH School District on a pilot school recycling program. With funding from NH the Beautiful the CLUB has been able to work in three Manchester, NH schools. All three schools have received new custom recycling bins. Throughout the year they will also receive educational programs, lobby signage supporting school recycling, ClearStream containers for cafeteria recycling and have access to CLUB educational resources. The CLUB will also be evaluating each school’s recycling rates and pick-up schedule throughout the year. Moving forward NRRA and the CLUB hope to continue to work with the Manchester, NH School District and their 20 other schools as well as take this experience and knowledge into other school districts throughout New England.

Be sure to check out our website, www.schoolrecycling.net or our Facebook page for more information. You may also contact us at theclub@nrra.net or call 603.736.4401 ext. 17 with any questions. Thanks for another great year at the CLUB!

Caitlin Meaney, CLUB Coordinator

Congratulations to our 2012-2013 School Recycling Award Winners:

School Recyclers of the Year
Hollis Primary School of Hollis, NH

Elementary Student Recycler of the Year
Mason Thyng of Henry W. Moore Elementary School, Candia, NH

High School Student Recyclers of the Year
Ben Page & Josh Letourneau of Campbell High School, Litchfield, NH

Recyclers of the Year – Teacher/Educator Award
Sally Russell & Sara MacIver of Mildred C. Lakeway Elementary School, Littleton, NH and Ken Olsen of Greenland Central School, Greenland, NH

Best Recycling Event
Weston Elementary School, Manchester, NH

Outstanding Community Involvement
Charlestown Middle School Recycling Group, Charlestown, NH

Outstanding Recycling Innovation in a School
Bicentennial Green Team, Bicentennial Elementary School, Nashua, NH

Rookie Recyclers of the Year
Shapleigh Sharks Green Team, Shapleigh School, Kittery, ME

*Maintaining three RecycleMobiles used by communities throughout the year for various public events

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*Providing over $ 25,000 in funding to the NRRA School Recycling CLUB to educate our future generations of recyclers

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