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Virginia Recycling Association Announces Two Board Members and Names New Board Leadership

New members will enhance board's focus on raising the voice of recycling in Virginia and help the VRA strengthen access to information, communication, and education for the public and among professionals, organizations and government agencies.

RADFORD VA – The Virginia Recycling Association (VRA) today announced two new board members and a new executive committee who will each help support the nonprofit's work to raise the voice of recycling in Virginia.

The VRA chose RDS General Manager Billy Basham as its new president. Basham has served on the VRA board since 2020 and most recently was the board's treasurer; Trex Company Materials Account Manager Stephanie Hicks as its vice-president. Hicks has served on the VRA board since 2017 and most recently was the board's secretary; RDS President Joe Benedetto as its treasurer. Benedetto has served on the VRA board since 2017; Recycling Coordinator for the City of Winchester Michael Neese as its Secretary. Neese has served on the VRA board since 2019.

The new board members began their three-year terms with VRA and can serve a maximum of two terms. The four new board members are:

- **Dan Baxter**- Daniel Baxter is the Business Recycling and Outreach Coordinator for the City of Newport News, Virginia. In this capacity he is an integral part of the City of Newport News Business Support Team which includes the Department of Economic Development, Parks and Tourism and Public Works Departments. Dan works in concert with local businesses to develop and improve waste management, recycling and sustainability programs. Among his assignments are the coordination and management residential and city facilities electronics recycling program and recycling program for municipal buildings.
- **Dan Ciesla** -Dan is currently the Manager, Municipal Sales for Republic Services, serving the Commonwealth of Virginia. He has been in the waste and recycling industry for six years. Before that, he spent eleven years in the telecommunications sector at AT&T. Dan is a native of Upstate NY and is active in several volunteer organizations.

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About the Virginia Recycling Association

The Virginia Recycling Association (VRA) provides leadership in sustainable recycling and resource management in Virginia. VRA is the leading resource of

recycling information for our members, the general public, the Virginia General Assembly, local government, business, and industry. For more information visit www.vrarecycles.org