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**Des Moines, IA – January 8, 2019** – The National Recycling Coalition (NRC) recently announced their 2018-2019 board of directors during the 2018 Resource Recycling Conference in St. Louis, Missouri. Mick Barry, Mid America Recycling President, was elected NRC Chair during the first board meeting.

Barry has been actively involved in the recycling industry for nearly 30 years. In addition to his recent BOD appointment to the NRC, he has served on:

- National Recycling Coalition: BOD member (12 years), including vice president (3 years), treasurer (1 year), and co-founder of the State Recycling Organization Council
- Iowa Recycling Association: Co-founder in 1989, President (6 years) & BOD member (12 years)
- Colorado Recycling Association: BOD member (6 years)
- Puerto Rico Recycling Partnership: Member & Advisor
- Iowa Legislature’s Committee: Updating Iowa’s Deposit Law Task Force
- Iowa Governor’s Comprehensive Recycling Task Force
- Iowa DED’s Infrastructure Strategy Task Force: Iowa’s Future Economy 2020
- Iowa Governor’s Task Force: Incentives for expanding Iowa’s Recycling Industry
- Iowa Governor’s and DED Task Force: Attracting new end-user manufacturers to Iowa
- Iowa DNR Task Force: Landfill Compliance with Federal Law
- Iowa DNR Task Force: Recycling Jobs Development
- Colorado Governor’s Task Force: Recycling and Renewable Energy
- Iowa State University Board: Associate Member

His involvement in various boards and task forces has given Barry an in-depth, comprehensive view of the recycling system over the past three decades.

“As the NRC Board Chair, my goal is to keep the dialogue open about what alternatives are available today for the industry to increase economic recovery of material for raw materials for reuse and the potential for recovery of captive energy,” says Barry. “Aside from burning – which I do not support – there are existing technologies to use our non-raw material quality recoverables and help us become less dependent on non-renewable energy sources.”

### **About the Company & Mick Barry**

The owners of Mid America Recycling have more than 100 years of combined expertise in recycling, waste management, and business management, with an unsurpassed history in developing environmental networks.

*Michael “Mick” Barry.* Mr. Barry received his Bachelor of Science in Forestry from Iowa State University, and his MBA from Henderson State. He began his recycling career with Weyerhaeuser Corporation in 1973 and was president of CC&C Recycling. Mr. Barry was Vice President of Mid America Recycling 1998-2010. Mr. Barry has served as Vice President and board of directors’ member of the National Recycling Coalition

(NRC). Mr. Barry also the co-founder and past President of the Iowa Recycling Association, past board member of the Colorado Association for Recycling and is currently serving on numerous advisory boards and task forces in Iowa and Colorado. Mr. Barry also serves as a board associate on the Iowa State University Alumni Association Board of Directors.

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