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## The MIT Working Group on Support Staff Issues Recycling Committee Annual Report 2004-2005



### Committee Members:

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Lisa Coviello, Diana Daigle, Ruth Davis, Andrea Finnin, Kevin Healy,  
Blossom Hoag, Mara Karapetian, Steve Lanou, Bill Van Schalkwyk, (PSB  
consultant: Cheryl Slowik); Jon Allen (Recycling Ambassador rep);  
Jamie Lewis Keith, (EPO); Randi Mail (City of Cambridge); Jo Ann  
Merlino-Rogers (Meredith & Grew), Steve Porter, Mike Choi (Sodexo); Jim  
Wallace, Norman Magnuson, Dave McCormick, Kyle Rohm (Dept. of  
Facilities); Jessica Lee (SAVE); Sara Brown (Spaulding & Slye, Colliers)

The mission of the MIT Working Group Recycling Committee is to develop and deliver programs that educate administrative and support staff about recycling, reducing and reusing goods. Efforts include identifying/addressing gaps in staff understanding about recycling as well as gaps in recycling resources and creating ways to increase recycling at MIT.

### Committee Accomplishments:

- Instituted first on-line environmental newsletter, The Monthly Bale (Sept. '04)
- Instituted first collaborative environmental calendar with sponsorship by MIT depts., labs, centers, and vendors (Jan. '05)
- Sponsored IAP Workshop for recycling ambassadors presented by Jan Aceti, former Director, Recycling Division, City of Cambridge (Jan. '05)
- Redesigned paper recycling bookmarks for inclusion in new employee orientation (beginning Fall '04)
- Began expansion of the Recycling Ambassadors *Plus* Program for Support and Administrative Staff through focus groups centered on outreach programming (Mar. '05)
- Sponsored showings of "Escape from Affluenza" for America Recycles Day '04.
- Provided recycling services for WGSSI social events
- Sponsored first Earth Day@MIT event at Stata Center in collaboration with EPO, Dept. of Facilities, Office Depot, Sodexo, ABD, Commuting Task Group, and Membership Committee, among others (Apr. '05)
- Featured subject of Tech Talk article (Feb. 9, 2005)
- Began development of 'Working Green' site
- Successfully advocated with Office Depot to add more environmentally friendly cleaning products to its catalogue (Seventh Generation cleaner available beginning July '05)

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## **Future/Upcoming Projects:**

**Other projects under consideration by the WGR include:**

- **Repeat 'Clean Out Your Files Weeks' event with Dept. of Facilities(summer '05)**
- **Design bookmark for plastics recycling education and distribution by HR**
- **Continued work with Office Depot on minimizing use of resources in delivery of office supplies**
- **HR staff orientation (expanded role requested by HR)**
- **Create videos on recycling themes**
- **Develop new program for staff on recycling with dining services**
- **Sponsor environmental film series during the next academic year**
- **Continue training for Recycling Ambassadors (motivating change; problem-solving re: recycling issues)**
- **Continue expanding committee membership and cross-campus collaborations**
- **Expand collaboration to include national organization involved in campus environmental advocacy and support**

