

Patty Garbarino
President, Marin Sanitary Service
NSAC Board Treasurer

Patricia “Patty” Garbarino is President of Marin Sanitary Service, Marin Recycling Center and Marin Resource Recovery Center and has been since 2000. Patty began her career at Marin Sanitary Service in 1987, in company Development and Human Resources, a combination that facilitated her learning both the operations and administration of the business. Her background in the education field has been a major benefit to Marin Sanitary Service’s Public Education Program. In fact, Patty worked closely with her father, Joe, in establishing the Company’s Environmental Classroom and its ongoing outreach to environmental organizations and public and private schools in Marin County with more than 3,200 student visits per year.



Today Patty is responsible for policy development and implementation and the overall management and oversight of the operations of the Company. In addition to her administrative and management responsibilities, Patty remains directly involved in all aspects of the Company’s governmental and community relations as well as the Public Education Program.

As President and CEO of Marin Sanitary Service, Marin Recycling Center, and Marin Resource Recovery Center, Patty has infused a culture of environmental stewardship throughout the range of stewardship these companies offer, earning local, state, and national acclaim. These companies have been lauded by the California Integrated Waste Management Board as having the highest recycling rate in California since 2002 and the Marin County Board of Supervisors awarded Marin Sanitary Service Business of the Year in 2006.

Patty has spoken at several national conferences regarding waste and recycling issues by securing a reputation for these companies as leaders in their industry. Becoming the first woman President of the California Refuse & Removal Council, she shattered the glass ceiling in her field. This is the result of her keen intelligence, hard work ethic, and ability to forge meaningful relationships with a broad spectrum of people. She was inducted into the Marin Women’s Hall of Fame in 1999 and has been the chair of 6 local school bond measures and parcel tax campaigns, benefiting the San Rafael Public Schools. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Sciences degree, both from Dominican College.

In both her professional and volunteer roles, Patty has developed valuable relationships with local, state, and federal elected officials and agencies. Whether working with legislators to advance recycling and waste management policies, or fighting for children with special needs, she knows how to effectively and efficiently get results.

Her professional memberships include:

- National Waste Recyclers Council, 1989 – 1993
- County of Marin AB 939 Task Force Member, 1993 to Present

Community Involvement and Awards:

- MARC (Marin Association of Retarded Citizens) Board Member, 1984 to present, serving twice as Board Chair
- San Rafael Chamber of Commerce Board President, 1994
- Marin County School Administrators Association Citizen of the Year, 1994
- Marin Conservation League Board Member, 1990 – 1997
- Marin County Planning Commissioner, 1995 – 2003 (serving twice as Chair)
- Marin Women’s Hall of Fame Inductee, 1999
- First Woman President, California Refuse Recycling Council, 1999 - 2000
- 2007 Women in Business Award Winner for Environmental Service (North Bay Business Journal)
- Citizen of the Year for the City of San Rafael, April 2008
- Women in Environmental Management, 2009
- Marin County Office of Education
 - Board President 2012
 - Board President 2017
- North Bay Leadership Council Chair, 2017
- Golden Gate Bridge District
 - Labor Advisory Committee 2020
 - Nominating Advisory Committee 2020

Patty’s speaking engagements include:

- Bio-Cycle – San Diego, CA, April 2008
- CRRC Next Generation Program, Coordinator and Instructor, 2007, 2009 and 2011
- XI International Waste Management & Landfill Symposium – Sardinia, Italy, October 2007
- Speaker, National Waste Expo/Chicago, May 2009
- Many community schools and clubs.

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