BLUE RIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE LEAGUE

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

January 2004

Work Groups

Individuals from board, staff, and local communities work together and with other organizations on issues in the BREDL program of work such as:

- AIR POLLUTION
- CLEAN ENERGY
- WASTE ISSUES
- WATER POLLUTION
- LOCAL ISSUES

BREDL Board of Directors

The Board determines budget and program priorities, sets organization policy, hires Executive Director and other staff, admits new chapters, and approves all legal actions. The Board members elect officers annually: 2 Co-presidents, 3-5 Regional Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer. The officers comprise the Executive Committee. The Board may also elect additional at-large members to serve on the Board. The Board meets four times a year.

BREDL Board Executive Committee

In between regular Board meetings, the Executive Committee may make decisions including budget priorities, admitting chapters, and legal actions. Decisions may be made in meetings, by phone, or internet.

BREDL Executive Director

Executive Director makes policy, budget, and other recommendations to Board and carries out Board decisions. She oversees daily organizational activity and directs staff.

BREDL Staff/Community Organizers

The Board hires organizers from the local community to work with chapters and other groups. They provide technical and organizing assistance and report to the Executive Director.

BREDL Chapters & Membership

Individuals join BREDL for $10/year if part of a chapter, or $20/year if not. A chapter joins BREDL with a staff recommendation and Board approval, and has the reponsibilities and privileges outlined in the BREDL Bylaws including incorporation and non-profit status. Each BREDL Chapter elects a Board Member, a person from their community group, to represent them. Members are encouraged to attend Board meetings and report on community activity.