

**AWMA Mother Lode Chapter
February 2008 Board Meeting**

2/14/08 – Noon

Location: Sierra Research

1. Attendees,
 - a. Todd Sax, Air Resources Board, Chapter Chair
 - b. Gary Rubenstein, Sierra Research, Past Chapter Chair
 - c. Ken Bowers, Air Resources Board,
 - d. Larry Edwards, Geomatrix, Treasurer
 - e. Martha Murray, Ampac Fine Chemicals
 - f. Tim Rimpo, Jones & Stokes
 - g. Victoria Evans, URS
 - h. Pat Sullivan, SCS Engineers
 - i. Joel Reisman, ARCADIS
 - j. Mark White, Pacific Waste Consulting Group, Secretary
 - k. Pamela Vanderbilt, CH2MHill

2. Approval of Minutes

They were approved as presented.

3. Officer Transfer
 - a. President
 - b. Treasurer: Tim and Larry to complete transition
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Membership: Todd will transfer the sign-on codes needed to access the membership data base to Joel. Also, Joel and Todd will coordinate with a staff member at National to get access to their information.
4. Annual Report: due 3/17/08
 - a. Need membership update
 - b. Annual financial report: Financial form is done.
 - c. Current board list: Ken will provide a revised Board list. (done)
 - d. 2007 list of meetings and events: Gary will work with Larry to get the list. (Done)
 - e. Other reportable board activities
5. Survey Status
 - a. Two surveys designed – members; government employees
 - b. Government employee survey currently posted internally at ARB

Also, we will send the survey to Larry Greene to be posted on his internal web site. Todd will contact him.

We will contact the county Environmental Health Department about getting it on their web page. Also DTSC and OEHA. Mark will contact the Environmental Health, CIWMB, and DTSC people to see if they can post it.

- c. After membership update – send survey out by email after update to membership list.
- d. Should we survey students?

Victoria has moved to URS, but will help try to contact the student groups there. She suggested on contact might be Amy Pfohl in the Environmental Health & Safety Department (an operational, not an educational unit). Gary will send her the list of people he tried to contact 18 months ago for her to use. Also there is a new Energy Graduate Group that should be interested in this topic and she will contact them.

Gary will look at his records for the name of the Sac State person.

Try to find a club or other organization that might be a good lead. Victoria will ask.

6. Proposed 2008 Goals

- a. 4 dinner meetings? We agreed that 4 is reasonable, 2 before summer and 2 in the fall.
- b. Improve outreach – UC Davis? Sac State? Govt Employees? We decided to contact all of them.
- c. Implement changes identified by survey – will be done when results are in.

7. Proposed 2008 dinner meetings

- a. Mark Delucchi – life cycle analysis. Gary to contact and setup
- b. Land Use Meeting. This would be a joint meeting with the Bay Area section. 3 person panel. Victoria to identify venue near Davis Amtrak, Gary to contact Tina Thomas as a potential moderator; identify a developer as a potential speaker; contact Tim Taylor at SMAQMD. Todd to contact enviro and keep in touch with Doug Wolf. Expect 25-40 people; charge \$5 for students, \$20-25 for members, +\$5 for non members. Joel also looking for someone from the developer perspective.
- c. Mandatory reporting for AB 32. Discuss where the limits on bounds of the analysis. The decision affects the results dramatically. Try to get Environmental Defense. Also look at having a topic in waste management – landfills versus recycling, for example. Pat, Larry, Victoria, and Mark are will lead this event.
- d. Green chemistry to follow up on the last meeting we had on this topic. Have someone talk about actual processes discussed. Could have on pollution prevention example and Dow may have a green

chemistry example. Also could have a nano particle item. Martha Murray will be the lead. We would do it in summer or early fall.

8. Other meeting ideas

- a. Sierra Nevada again?, Good idea, but Board did not plan to hold another meeting there at this time.

- b. Update on proposed ARB regulations?

- c. Others?

9. Education update, Pat Sullivan

A group with San Juan School District has a rapid learner program. He suggested that they send us a proposal for some ideas. The range of funding is a few \$100 to \$1,000. Also we need to let them know what needs to be on the application for funding.

He also talked to the science advisor at Sac City District. They asked that we send them a formal grant application.

We decided to keep the process informal, with the idea to foster a relationship with them.

We decided to host a school trip to a facility to show them a science or environmental project. We would pay for the transportation cost and a member would help arrange the tour.

Also, Pat has looked at the *Environmental Education Resource Guide* published by AWMA national. Other groups have paid for the Guide and for a teacher to attend the course to learn it. The Guide costs nearly \$1,000. The more simplified *Understanding Air Quality* course is very basic and may be below the high school level.

Victoria mentioned that her new company URS, may be interested in funding the purchase of the *Guide* and the teacher training in conjunction with our Chapter.

Pat is going to contact the San Juan District for an application and contact the Sac City science advisor and tell them that we do not have an application form. He will also mention that they can just apply without a form.

He will contact them about our support for a field trip.

The key thought is that the schools are not interested now in speakers that would need to be integrated into the curriculum. He asked, again, that we all contact people that we know in the schools to see if they are interested.

10. Timing for next meeting

Mid to late march.