

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

5/23/08 – 1215

Location: Cal-EPA

1. Attendees

- a. Todd Sax, Air Resources Board, Chapter Chair
- b. Ken Bowers, Air Resources Board,
- c. Martha Murray, Ampac Fine Chemicals
- d. Tim Rimpo, Tim Rimpo and Associates
- e. Victoria Evans, URS
- f. Pat Sullivan, SCS Engineers
- g. Joel Reisman, ARCADIS
- h. Mark White, Pacific Waste Consulting Group, Secretary

2. Approval of Minutes

They were approved as presented.

3. Report on Spring Dinner Meetings

- a. Davis meeting was held at the former city hall and was very successful. The space was limited, but the venue was very good. The interaction between speakers was not as good as we had hoped, but the venue made it difficult to have a panel discussion. It would be better if we had the other room at that location.
- b. The Sacramento meeting was held at Scotts Seafood. It was also successful with good food, a good room for the meeting and an informative speaker.
- c. As far as cost of the meeting is concerned, we are financially able to pay for the use of a room or subsidize the dinner. That allows more flexibility regarding meeting locations.
- d. Victoria will check on availability of buildings on campus that might be good for a meeting.

4. Update on Survey Results

- a. We reviewed the results of the government survey. It received about 39 responses. It was posted on the ARB internal web page. Josh Willter of Sierra Research prepared the survey instrument.
- b. Was the survey to be sent to all members? We expected to do so, but it looks like it did not get sent to the membership list. Joel will advise the members of the link so they can take it. We will send it to all members and anyone that has attended one of our meetings. Their responses will be compiled by Josh.
- c. Look at the training ARB training web site and see if we can get it linked on that site. Ken will check to see if we can do it.

- d. Tim asked what additional training respondents wanted. The question does not have much follow up. We will look at the question again to see if it can be revised to provide more response from the respondent.
- e. Mark will ask the CIWMB if we can put it on their web page.

5. Training/Conference

- a. There was discussion of what is meant in our survey with regard to "training". We discussed either having a conference or a training session.
- b. Part of the discussion on the need for continuing education units. It was not clear that it was worth our effort to get the conference attendees (if we have a conference) access to CEUs.
- c. Could do a day's event on greenhouse gas conference to provide some training. We need to have the conference coincide with events of the ARB climate change regulations.
- d. We should talk to people in Ventura, Sara Head, that sets up the conferences for them. She may have some good ideas.
- e. Todd will draft a project plan for a greenhouse gas conference for comment by the board to seek their input regarding whether we should go forward with this plan. The best time to do it is in October 2008.
- f. The greenhouse gas conference should be of interest to industry and the agency staff.

6. Planning for Summer Dinner Meeting or Other Event

- a. Pat suggested a tour of the local waste management facilities at BLT and Kiefer Road Landfill. He will check on interest from the operators.

7. Outreach to UC Davis

- a. Victoria checked to see who would be a good contact. She will be moving over the summer to the East Bay. We need someone to replace her.
- b. She has found Christopher Cappa, who is the replacement for Dan Change. He is willing to be on the board (to fulfill his public service requirement). He is aware of AWMA, but has not been an active participant.
- c. Aimee Pfohl is in the operations side at UCD. She is expected to be willing to help Assistant Professor Cappa.
- d. She has discussed with Dr. Cappa and Aimee. Todd, Ken, and Victoria will meet with them to discuss participation.

8. Update on Treasurer Education and Other Activities

- a. Tim has gotten the information from Larry for the checking account. We have about \$2,400 in the checking account.
- b. He is waiting for the details on the investment account data. We have between \$20,000 and 25,000 in the account.

9. Education

- a. Pat has talked to the science advisor at San Juan who sent information to the schools. He has gotten responses from eight schools. One of them was very interested. All were elementary schools, no high schools or middle schools.
- b. He will start with Sacramento City Unified next.
- c. He also brought up the possibility of a formal grant process. We had talked about \$100 to \$1,000 grants. He will do a simple grant application.
- d. Everyone who had contacted him, he sent the AWMA educational stuff and told them we could buy it for them. There did not seem to be a lot of interest in that.

10. Timing for Next Meeting

- a. To be determined based on the results of discussion on the project idea for the conference.
- b. We may have a meeting in July for the conference.
- c. If we do not do the conference we will have a meeting in late August or September to plan next years' events.