

AWMA Mother Lode Chapter Board Meeting

Tuesday September 12, 2016

Location: Cal-EPA HQ (1001 I Street in Sacramento), Conference Room 220.

Note: This room is requires card key access so I will need to escort you in.

Time: Noon. Todd's Cell Phone: 916.996.6109

In attendance: Paul Hensleigh, Crystal Reul-Chen, Paul Miller, Gwen Pelletier, Todd Sax, Shannon Hatcher, Bryan Clarkson, Tracey Harper. Not in attendance Sam Pournazeri, Pat Sullivan, Gary Rubenstein

1. Review and Approve Previous Minutes

- a. What did we do, and not do that we said we would do? What actions do we need to recommit to?

Minutes reviewed and approved. Crystal is going to schedule a meeting to discuss the future of education grants. We did develop and distribute a flyer during the Cal-EPA Earth Day take your child to work event, but received one grant application, which is on par with prior efforts. The Board feels the existing grants are not funding programs directly related to air quality and waste; so we are going to think about potential alternatives.

ARB's organizational membership is current. Gwen and Shannon committed to look at the website and determine what needs to be updated.

2. Review of Spring Meetings

- a. 3/22/16 Keeping the Lights on (16 attendees). None of the Board members in attendance were able to attend this meeting.
- b. 3/1/16 Odor Management of Solid Waste Facilities (35 attendees). The meeting was seen as well attended and fostering a good discussion.

3. Ideas for Events (goal is minimum of two educational events)

Todd is working on trying to line up Steve Cliff (Mary Nichol's advisor) to talk about pathways to meeting California's new 40% GHG reduction target from 1990 levels by 2030. Bryan, Tracey, and Crystal are going to try to setup a meeting to discuss wasted food, sell-by date issues, and landfill impacts. Other potential topics included:

- *Air Toxics – look at risk assessment and prioritization. Maybe Leland from SJV. But we noted GWS is planning a full one day workshop on the topic.*
- *Regulatory issues on diversion – CA has a 75% goal to divert waste.*
- *Textile / Fabric issues – This could include things like fiber recycling, sustainable apparel efforts and related design for environment issues; fire retardant issues*

and CA's recent update of TB-117; and PFCs / microbial agents used in textile preservation and performance; relationship to DTSC green chemistry efforts.

4. Education Grants – one attached for consideration

The applicant asked for \$1000 as part of a larger effort to support low income students attending a camp at Yosemite where they would learn water, sustainability, and climate change issues. Board decided to fund, with the requirement that 1-2 students write and present a powerpoint presentation to a future dinner meeting on what they learned.

5. Treasurer Update (Paul)

The Board has \$22,267 in its account. With dinner meetings held in conference rooms and dinner catered for free meetings we are breaking even every year, even without accepting HQ dues for the past two years.

6. Membership Report (Gwen)

We have 44 official members, which continues to shrink from prior year totals. In looking at the list at least one Board member that is current on registration does not appear on the list. Several new additions are located in San Luis Obispo which raises the question how members are being allocated from HQ to each group. Despite shrinking membership, we continue to have strong attendance at our meetings.

7. Election Planning (Gary)

Gary is going to check in October with each Board member to make sure they want to stay on the Board. Seven members are up for re-election including Todd Sax (Chair), Pat Sullivan (Vice-Chair), Sam Pournazeri (Secretary), Paul Miller (Treasurer), Tracey Harper, Shannon Hatcher, and Paul Hensleigh.

8. Website Update (Todd)

See notes above under review of January meeting minutes.