

**AWMA Mother Lode Chapter
Board Meeting**

Tuesday January 24, 2017

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

Please meet in visitor's center at 11:55.

In attendance: All except Tracey Harper and Gary Rubenstein.

1. Election Planning (Gary)

We are late getting the election done from last year. The announcement went out yesterday and will be closed on 2/24. Todd will talk to Gary and make sure results are sent around.

Todd mentioned this is the last year he will serve as chair. No rush, but we need to find someone to take over.

2. Review and Approve Previous Minutes

Approved.

3. Review of Fall Meetings

a. 11/9/16 Wasted Food – An Air and Waste Perspective (37 Guests)

The meeting happened the night after the election, so people were pretty well spent. About 28 attendees attended from the 37 signed up. About five attendees became members of AWMA so that is a success. The speakers were good.

GWS also had a successful air toxics conference; several members of MLC attended and thought it was great.

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

Please come with several ideas for discussion

We discussed several ideas including:

- Sustainable brewery or winery tours. Crystal reported that Tracey has been working on this issue and will continue to pursue to find an opportunity in the late spring or early summer. Paul has contacts at Sobon; Pat has contacts with a Tour operator with a Van.
- Cannabis enforcement issues – With the recent legalization in California and growing awareness of nuisance odor and other waste and water related issues, the topic may be ripe. Todd, Paul H, and Paul M will work through contacts to see if we can identify one or more speakers that could help educate local consultants on the growing issue. This

meeting will hopefully be scheduled this Spring. The event will hopefully be held at the ARB Depot Park facility.

- Sam Pournazeri will work on a new EMFAC training for the new EMFAC. This would be a brown bag lunch meeting, hopefully held at Sierra Research this Spring.
- Crystal brought up the idea of a bike tour in Davis in the Fall with a focus on sustainable developments and bike paths. Idea will be considered for future meetings.
- Update on Short Lived Climate Pollutant (SLCP) Plan. This would be a Spring meeting. Todd will reach out to Bart Croes and Crystal to Cal Recycle to identify potential speakers. Location TBD. There will be an opening act to the meeting: the students who received the last education grant would present in the first 10 minutes.
 - (Todd later had a discussion with Jorn Herner at ARB who suggested a separate meeting on Aliso Canyon – this would be an excellent topic for the fall).

5. Education Grants

Our current educational grant program doesn't have many applicants, and we would like to either expand the applicant pool or try a different approach. We made two decisions: (1) we will make sure the current program is listed on school district websites, release a flyer at the next Cal-EPA Earth Day celebration, and we will craft an email to local AWMA members to see if they know schools which might participate; and (2) Todd, Crystal, Bryan, and Shannon will reach out to local University contacts to see how we might craft a more useful program.

We also discussed expanding the program beyond schools to local non-profits, but we think the amount of money we are offering is too low to generate much interest.

6. Treasurer Update (Paul)

Summary is attached, but again in 2016 we broke even between dues, investments and expenses even though all of our events were free or very low cost.

7. Membership Report (Gwen)

We currently have 51 members, with 5 joining after the last event.

8. Website

Not discussed due to time.

9. Annual Report

Todd will work to submit, and we will again pay for Board Officer's insurance.