

**AWMA Mother Lode Chapter
Board Meeting**

Tuesday August 28, 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.

Attendance: All in attendance except Gary Rubenstein and Sam Pournazeri

1. Review and Approve Previous Minutes

Minutes reviewed and approved.

2. Review of Fall Meetings

a. 3/8/17 – Env Impacts of Cannabis (27 attendees)

Went well. The landscape in this area is changing rapidly. YSAQMD position is that cannabis grows are agricultural operations and so exempt from public nuisance. They are looking for burn barrels and other illegal activities, not nuisance.

b. 4/5/17 – Methane Science, Management and Regulation (24 attendees)

Feedback from staff that attended was that the meeting was good. Only Todd from Board was in attendance.

3. Election Planning (Gary / Todd)

Gary has left Sierra so may need another venue. Sam lives in Bay Area, not likely to stay on. Need to find replacement. Gwen will send out broadcast. Todd wants to step down as chair; will continue to serve on the Board. Pat's term in SWANA ends in March. Pat would be willing to take on Chair after that.

4. Website

Can we tie in to what GWS is doing? Gary sent a link to a company, we could get a quote. Paul M can take over PayPal, and Gwen can do name tags at events. ESA has an air quality person, Tim Morgan, who is retired and can do website. He retired from ESA and may be interested. Tracy knows somebody as well. Todd to draft a scope of work. The Board will vote to ok it, and then we can send out to contacts as a request for quote.

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

Paul thinks we should try to get a company to sponsor and then hold the meeting for free. But most don't think their companies would do it.

Who can host meetings? Sac state could host (Jeff Foran). Christine Flowers at Sac State might be interested, she works on sustainability issues and might be willing to serve on the Board. Todd can host meetings at Depot. YSAQMD can host at their facility as well. RCH group can host – seats 20-25. Office is on Zinfandel and 50. Parking is free.

We used to be \$25 per meeting and discount for members. Free meetings the attendance jumped way up. Need to find ways to engage though because attendance generally consistent with same members and same non-members.

Please come with several ideas for discussion

Tracy Harper could talk about Textiles. She works on a program called SMART (secondary materials and recycling textiles). SF just rolled out a program this month. Can take holey socks and textiles. Put them in a bag in blue bin. Turns them into rags and stuffing. Bryan collects these at his facility. Tracey Harper will organize this event in October. She will talk to Christine at Sac State about potentially hosting.

AB617 is a good topic that isn't ripe yet. Check again in the Spring.

The topic of low cost monitoring and personal monitoring may make a good topic. South Coast is doing personal monitoring, and ARB MLD is looking at its role given low cost sensors and community monitoring efforts. South Coast and CAPCOA are doing a conference in Diamond Bar this fall. We may be able to convince a couple of speakers to reprise portions of their presentation here in northern California. This may be ripe for January or February next year.

Jorn Herner at ARB RD had mentioned he might be willing to present on Aliso Canyon. Todd will ask him if he is interested, and if so see if the presentation can be done in September.

A&WMA has been working with EPA nationally on updating its NSR manual, and will be doing a webinar. We think there will be an opportunity to broadcast the webinar at ARB Depot Park. Pat will look into the idea and schedule for the fall.

Odor associated with composting and organic operations remains a real mess, and would be a good topic to discuss. However it is not clear what anybody would say at this point since different districts are taking different approaches, and there is no consensus on how to address the issue.

CalRecycle is getting an update from UC Berkeley researchers on GHG emissions from compost. They've been working with ARB, and there will be a discussion about it at the upcoming CAPCOA engineering managers meeting. Chuck Schmidt would be a good speakers, especially in the context of methane and VOC flux from compost. Somebody else could talk about permitting and permit compliance with conditions.

With CARB moving forward on revisions to PERP and the associated ATCM, the Spring would be a good time for an update on what the rules mean.

Tracey suggested we should have a meeting on wildfires, and waste management after wildfires. She mentioned Todd Tholomer (probably not spelled correctly) as somebody who works on these issues in the field and would be a good person to present on the topic. Albert Johnson would be another speaker. The topic would be ripe in the Spring after the wildfire season is hopefully over.

6. Education Grants (Pat)

We will leave the current grants open. We will also reach out to Sac State to build some kind of program to support students or award programs, potentially that are run through the Sac State Sustainable Technology Outside Research Laboratory (STORC). Todd will talk to Jeff Foran, and Tracey will talk to Christine Flowers and then we will coordinate on potential approaches.

7. Treasurer Update (Paul)

The Chapter has two accounts: a checking account with \$1,374, and an investment account with \$21,857.

8. Membership Report (Gwen)

Membership has sunk to 45. HQ has changed the way reports are provided and it is not clear we will get the same access to information as before. The national organization has been losing members over time, and this Chapter is no different. We do get lots of non-members to events, but adding members has been challenging.

Gwen is going to send an email request to our member and non-member lists to see what kind of events would be interesting to them. Ideas considered include quarterly happy hours and a raffle for a free one year membership.

9. Website

Josh Willter at Sierra will no longer be supporting the website as of mid-September. See notes above about getting a new web administrator.

The website needs updating. We agreed to simplify the website only to the most necessary items, and to propose an update in the course of developing the scope of work. Links to job listings, scholarships, YP, and other dated material would be removed. News and events, links to national, links to minutes and Board members would all stay. Todd will develop the idea as part of a scope of work for the website administrator, and run past the Board for their approval.