

AWMA Mother Lode Chapter
August Board Meeting
August 30, 2012
Location: CalEPA, Conference Room 240

Attendees

- a. Todd Sax, Air Resources Board, Chapter Chair
- b. Ken Bowers, Air Resources Board,
- c. Shannon Hatcher, ICF
- d. Pat Sullivan, SCS Engineers
- e. Paul Miller, ESA
- f. Joel Reisman, Joel Reisman and Associates
- g. Gary Rubenstein, Sierra Research
- h. Mark White, Pacific Waste Consulting Group, Secretary

Absent: Martha Murray and Gwen Pelletier

1. Review and approve previous minutes

The minutes were approved with minor edits.

2. Review of spring and summer meetings

- a. Sierra Tour – had 10 attendees. Lots of interesting environmental projects.
- b. Joint Meeting with ESC on pollutant trading programs – Shannon went to the Truckee meeting. Discussed Cap and Trade, mostly the economic aspects. It was a good meeting.
- c. YP Mixers – had two events; first had five or seven attendees, second one had 25 attendees. Had mostly ARB staff.
- d. March dinner meeting on climate change – Larry's talk on climate change in Durban South Africa. It was well received.
- e. Feb – Slogging Through the Maze – 36 people attended. It was interesting and surprising how big the draw was when getting into technical details discussing how to model the one-hour NO₂ standard, which is not usual in our programs. We had a couple attendees from LA and from the Bay Area. Staff from the San Joaquin District also attended; they have a document that helps to understand the process.
- f. Breathe CA Project – Larry, Shannon, and Todd went to this event. We had between 10 and 20 students. It was a murder mystery play theme. Got one grant solicitation from the project, but it was not up to standards and we did not fund it. The program is not continuing, so we need not do any additional work.

3. Planning for Dinner / Student Meetings; want to do three events.

- a. YP meetings – want to do one every other month. First one might be about how to use Microsoft Access to automate some processes and work around data access limitations. Gwen is setting it up. Shannon and Todd are helping. The mixers are at *Blue Print*, across from CalEPA. We plan to have a technical program at one meeting and a social at the next.
- b. One meeting will be on how changes in emission inventory ripple through other air quality programs. Gary will outline the program. Todd will help. This would be a fall meeting.
- c. Biogas – Pat and Paul will work with SMUD and Waste Management speakers to see if they are willing to speak. They may also get someone from Atlas to discuss their anaerobic digestion project. This would be a fall meeting.
- d. Gary also mentioned whiz-bang technologies [interesting technologies that have not been widely communicate yet]. Re-community is one example. They use garbage to manufacture a fuel that can be customized to address air quality concerns. This would be a spring meeting.

4. Education / Grants

- a. Pat will lead again and contact the school district staff. He has heard from a couple of the schools. He is asking last year's grantees for status reports. We need a report to show that they spent the funds on what they said and show some results. We will post the summaries on the chapter web page.
- b. The focus for this year is on air and waste related projects. We will review the instructions from last year to see if the focus is clear enough.
- c. Our grant budget is \$2,500 with \$1,000 for the top grantee. Schools can ask for up to \$1,000.

5. Elections – Four directors are up Todd, Pat, Paul, and Mark. All agreed to run again. Three Gwen, Martha, and Joel are up for the three-year Board term. Todd has a couple of people that might be interested in serving on the Board.

6. Treasurer Update

- a. Paul provided a report that we have \$21,273 in our checking and investment accounts. Our main expenditure is the grants. The cost of meetings is down this year compared to last, so the account balance is better this year than last.
- b. Paul had a question about the Federal Tax ID number for the chapter. We decided to use the national AWMA number and let them handle the reporting.

7. Membership Report

- a. Joel reported that he got an updated membership list from National.
- b. We have 61 members currently. Four are students and four are YP.
- c. We also have a list of YPs that come to those meetings. Todd will forward it to Joel.

8. Timing for Next Meeting – expect a note from Todd about a meeting in January.