

Minutes of the National Steering Committee
February 12, 2007

Dan Nickey called the meeting to order at 11:05.

Members present included:

Region 1	Judy Mirro and Rudy Cartier
Region 2	Maria Rivera
Region 3	Terry Polen and Chris Lynch
Region 4	Lee Tate
Region 5	Rick Carleski and Annette Fulgenzi
Region 6	Darren Morrissey, Kathy Colglazier and Dan Nickey
Planning	Mike Nelson
Multi Media	Phyllis Strong
Technical	Renee Lesjak Bashel
NCAP	Frances Hartwell
EPA	Angela Suber

The Minutes of the January meeting were approved as prepared.

Sub Committee Reports:

Multimedia

Phyllis Strong reported that responses to the Multi Media Survey numbered 33 as of February 8th. A couple of additional responses have come in since then and the final deadline is the 14th. Thereafter Audrey will make the results available on the web site. Preliminary results show a lower percentage of expertise in the area of water and solid waste. The committee will be meeting soon to assign tasks for the conference and pick a chair as Phyllis has taken and new position within her agency.

Awards

Angela reported that Phyllis Copeland is the new chair of the Awards Committee and applications for awards are now open. The deadline for applications has been set for March 23rd.

Measurement

Kenya was not able to attend the meeting but Angela reminded everyone that there has been a recent email asking for comments on the ICR.

Promotional

No report but regarding this topic Chris Lynch asked about whether information from the 04/05 ICR will be made available to the Promotional Committee. Mike Welch will be sharing a work sheet with this information.

Technical

Renee Lesjak Bashel has drafted a letter with comments on Once in Always In. Everyone is urged to send comments to Renee by Friday. Dan hopes to send this letter off by the first of next week. Most responses to this rule have been positive while NACAA (the former STAPPA and ALAPCO) is voicing concern about larger sources getting out of reporting.

Guidelines

Terry reported that this committee has continued its work on a call last week and another one scheduled for this Friday. The goal is to have revised guidelines for the conference in June.

NCAP Multi Media Funding Initiative

Annette reported that recent developments included a letter from the Texas commissioner to the Texas congressional delegation. To date there has not been a similar one from the Illinois director but funding for the SBEAP program has been made part of the book of federal funding priorities for the state of Illinois.

Senator Obama's staff members indicate there is a good chance he will co-sponsor legislation. They are exploring whether the initiative will require a change to statute or rule or some other action.

Ken Legler is proposing the congressional contact take place during the week of April 23rd. Dan and Annette will be going and there will be contacts made with the Texas and Illinois delegations. There may be contacts with other state delegations. There was a discussion about the importance of giving notice to any state whose legislators might be contacted.

Annette reported that the NFIB will give their support as well as the IFI (International Fabricare Institute). Both will be sending a letter of support to Ken. Dan has made contact with NORA asking for their support.

Renee reported that an email supporting the initiative from Arleen O'Donnell the Chair of the Cross-Media committee of ECOS has gone out to the commissioners of the states. Responses are to go to Mark McDermid by 2/23. ECOS annual meeting will take place March 12-14 and the hope is that there will be a dialogue regarding this effort at that meeting. Everyone is advised to make sure their state commissioners are aware of this subject.

In other NCAP news, Gary Mason has been chosen to represent Region 7. The next NCAP meeting will be March 20th.

EPA Report

The ICR work group has been working very hard on revisions to the form. These revisions have been shared and after taking into consideration several comments the results will be shared again. This is the final edit on the 02/03 report.

Angela's office will be moving back into the reconfigured space they vacated last year. While this takes place they will not have phone service or email. The dates are from 2/21 to 2/26.

The Environmental Partnership Summit being held in New Orleans will include a training on the SBEAP Program. Angela would like to know who may be attending. There are some travel scholarships available.

There has been a selection of a contractor to do the analysis of the SBO office. The contract has gone to a local minority contractor.

Dan asked whether we can expect to see the Liaison's Conference and the SBO SBEAP annual conference in the coming years. Angela said that there are plans for both but as with this year subsequent conferences will be funded by contracts and not by grants. Jeannette Brown will be attending both events.

2007 SBO SBEAP Conference Update

Mike Nelson reported that a planning committee call today included a complete review of the conference draft agenda. The contract between the hotel and Prizm has been signed and the room rates are \$119 plus tax. Some conference information is up on the web site. The agenda and hotel information will be on the web site soon.

The planning committee is asking for help from the NSC to get prospective speakers regarding partnerships. Dan has a suggestion and will get information to Mike. Another subject where a speaker is needed is in grant writing.

The registration fee will be \$125 and will cover a reception, 3 breakfasts, the awards lunch and funds needed to purchase awards.

Possible site visits include a visit to automotive collision repair facility that uses water base paint, a non Perc dry cleaner, printer, foam fabricator or asphalt business.

After hour events being considered are a paddle boat ride, trip to the Mall of America or a comedy theater.

Regional Reports

Region 3 is trying to set up a meeting in March somewhere in Maryland. Dan wondered if they could meet in April when the delegation will meet with Congressional leaders. There could be an opportunity for both groups to get together.

Region 5 is considering a date in September or October and Region 7 plans to meet in April. No other regional meetings are planned at this time.

NSC

In an effort to support state programs, Dan wants to send letters sometime in March to state programs that have not been active on a national level. The letter will include an invitation to attend the conference and participate in the steering committee's activities. Dan asked members of the NSC to send him the names of contacts in states that could use this help.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10