

SBO SBAP National Steering Committee
Meeting, Wednesday, July 3, 2002
Chicago Annual Meeting

Attending: Joe Antonio (RI), Maria Rivera (PR), Richard Rasmussen (VA), Tony Pendola (NC), Phyllis Copeland (SC), Amelia Gooding (IL), Mark Shanahan (OH), Dick Lehr (LA), Dan Nickey (IA), Nick Melliadis (CO), Marcia Manley (NV), Robert White (CA), Sally Tarowsky (ID), Elsa Bishop (USEPA), Carl Komassa (NCAP)

1. Introductions.
2. 2003 Planning Committee and 2004 Meeting: Mark Shanahan reminded the Committee that each region needed to be represented at the meeting of the Planning Committee for the 2003 annual conference, which will be in Baltimore. He urged a representative to attend even if the region's spot would be taken by someone else down the road. Recruiting volunteers for this committee from 507 staff not on the Steering Committee is a great way to get folks more involved. The first meeting of the Planning Committee would be immediately following the conclusion of the conference agenda. In addition, regional reps should poll their states to identify any interested in hosting the 2004 Annual Conference.
3. Results from the Working Session: Mark reported that he would give a more complete overview of the discussion results in the upcoming plenary session. But he was able to report that the 507 network came up with a lot of great ideas and some challenging work for the Steering Committee. There were five recommendations for subcommittees:
 - a. New 507 Guidelines Draft Subcommittee: discussion suggested that original guidelines were dated and not in line with real life experience; the group recommend that a new set of guidelines be drafted which reflect our 10 years of experience.
 - b. Multimedia Subcommittee: discussion identified specific information/resource needs for the network to evaluate and consider going multimedia; these included a consensus definition of what multimedia assistance was, data on states/programs which had moved to multimedia (how did they do it? did it work?), and resources on the issue which state programs could use to advance the subject at home.
 - c. Technology Subcommittee: discussion centered on improving the 507 programs use of technology to communicate and share resources and experiences; suggestions focused on using existing web sources as the foundation; Elsa Bishop noted she would be the lead staff person from Karen Brown's office on this type of issue.
 - d. Awards Subcommittee: discussion covered a specific approach to improving the visibility and credibility of the program—awards; the committee would be charged with identifying awards for which the

program (national and state level) could apply and with establishing awards that the 507 program could give out.

- e. Promotional Subcommittee: discussion urged the active continuation of the work of this committee and provided a number of suggestions for activity.
4. New Steering Committee Roster: There have been a number of changes; Mark Shanahan will distribute the new roster in the next week.
 5. Other business:
 - a. Technical issues: Richard Rasmussen observed that the National Steering Committee had drifted away from involvement in technical issues over the last couple of years. This appeared to be due to a variety of things, including regulatory timing and other challenges. He suggested we might want to explore establishing a working relationship with STAPPA in addition to restrengthening our ties with rules development processes in USEPA. The proposed rule on New Source Review offered an opportunity to make comments. There was general agreement this approach would be productive.
 - b. Regional Compliance Assistance Coordinators: Dan Nickey raised questions about the new structure of CA coordinators in the EPA regional offices. Their relationship with the states will be critical. It was observed that, at this early stage, there was still wide diversity in what those coordinators viewed as their mission and how they saw CA and enforcement fitting together.
 - c. National Compliance Advisory Panel: Carl Komassa gave a brief overview of NCAP's meetings during the conference. It is planning a legislative conference in February in Washington to raise the visibility of the 507 program and the issues it addresses. He thought NCAP would also draft a letter to OECA to encourage them to continue their progress on compliance assistance issues. He noted that, although there were still frustrations, there had been significant movement in a good direction over the last several years.
 6. Adjournment.