

National Pollution Prevention Roundtable

Board of Directors Conference Call

July 9, 2009

Present:

Robert Jackson, Chair, Region 5
Sara Johnson, Vice-Chair, Region 1
Michael DiGiore, Treasurer, Region 2
Cathy Colglazier, Secretary, Region 7
Jeff Burke, NPPR
Angela Miller, NPPR
Gary Hunt, Region 4
David James, Region 6
Michael Simpson, Region 9
Ken Zarker, Region 10
Cindy McComas, At-Large
Andy Bray, At-Large
Rick Bossingham, At-Large
Gary Miller, Emeritus

Absent:

Thomas Vinson, At-Large
Steve Roseberry, Region 8
Greg Adolfson, Region 3

Approval of Agenda: Robert Jackson added the topic *SBO/SBEAP website funding*. Sara Johnson moved to approve the agenda as amended. Gary Miller seconded. The motion passed and the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes: Cindy McComas moved to approve the minutes as written. Sara Johnson seconded. The motion passed and the June minutes were approved.

Chair and Vice-Chair Report – Robert Jackson and Sara Johnson

a. Sharing NPPR Board meeting minutes with membership and other P2 practitioners – Robert indicated the Executive Officers discussed sharing the board minutes with P2 associates as well as posting them on the NPPR website. Starting with the July meeting, the minutes will be made available to the public after they have been approved by the Board.

b. Great Lakes restoration initiative – Robert shared information on this initiative to provide funding for green chemistry activities. The EPA is making available \$7M in funds as part of their Great Lakes restoration initiative. More information can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/greatlakes/glri/> and <http://www.epa.gov/greatlakes/glri/2010GLRIPROGRAMSProjects.pdf>.

c. SBO/SBEAP website funding – Sara mentioned that the national SBO/SBEAP program has a great web page that is paid for by EPA and she wondered if NPPR could approach EPA for funding for our website. Jeff Burke indicated it's up to the programs at EPA how they decide to use their funding and while the Pollution Prevention Division (PPD) does support NPPR with some funding but that the majority of their funding is disbursed to the states via grants. Funding from PPD has decreased the last couple of years. It was recommended that Jeff, Robert, and Sara setup a conference call with Tanya Motley, Acting Director of PPD to discuss funding.

Executive Director Report – Jeff Burke

a. 2009 National Environmental Partnership Summit (Summit) summary – Jeff shared with us the link to review the post-summit survey responses. So far the surveys indicate that the P2 and sustainability topics, along with the networking, were the main reasons why people attended the summit.

b. Project Updates

2010 Summit – We need to decide on the focus of the 2010 Summit. Based on survey responses, we want to keep P2 and sustainability as key topics. Some of the recommendations made for the conference include the following: 1) design tracks that match our workgroup interests and activities as well as looking at what EPA wants to accomplish with their strategic plan; 2) try to re-engage the compliance assistance staff at EPA; 3) include energy topics. The location and dates need to be solidified. NPPR staff is going to work towards securing a location in Austin, Texas.

The P2Rx grant proposal was submitted last month. EPA has not reviewed the proposals yet.

NPPR is putting together a proposal for the Environmental Finance Center grant for the Region 3 center.

c. Fall Meeting - Since travel scholarships aren't available and most board members can't pay for travel, there won't be a face-to-face fall meeting. Instead, we will do a webinar or some other virtual meeting.

Budget Report – Jeff Burke and Michael DiGiore

a. 2009 Budget – The 2009 budget will be okay.

b. Proposed 2010 Budget - The proposed 2010 budget shows a deficit – the amount of the deficit depends on pending grant application requests. The budget subcommittee will meet to discuss contingency plans and will report back to the executive officers on July 27 and then the full board on August 13.

NECEPT – Gary Hunt

Senior EPA managers, including the Administrator, laid out their thoughts on the subcommittee's charge and the vision for stewardship in the Agency. EPA is going to focus on its core mission (i.e. regulation). They said this is because there is so much work to do to meet mandated and court imposed deadlines that very few resources can be spent on non-regulatory approaches. There will not be an overarching agency wide stewardship effort, nor will it be integrated into the core programs. So I don't see any agency wide coordination of sustainability or P2 efforts. Instead there will be small focused programs/efforts and would like to see any recommendations on ones that can be quickly and easily implemented. Non-regulatory programs will be used to fill regulatory holes, used where they can achieve better results, or where they can move the regulatory agenda forward. Also, they will be used in areas that EPA does not have any regulatory authority. These include energy, water resource conservation, and smart growth. The

subcommittee is meeting three more times this year and the goal is to have a draft report ready in January, 2010.

Internal Items

a. NPPR Strategic Plan update – Thomas Vinson was unable to participate on today's call so there was no update.

b. NPPR Handbook Update – Sara Johnson – Sara and Cindy McComas will be working on updating the handbook this month.

c. Board Vacancies, Candidate Recruitment, and Election Committee – The ballot for the election is almost complete but there are still some vacancies. We are still looking for a candidate from Region 1. Jeff Burke will send out the draft ballot for review with the final ballot being sent by July 15. Michael DiGiore reminded the board that he would not be running for another term so we will need to elect a new treasurer at the fall meeting.

d. Workgroup Update – The P2 Results Task Force is working with EPA to see what they are doing with their grants data to see if the two systems can be integrated together. Cathy Colglazier indicated she would e-mail the board the updates as soon as she receives all of them.

e. Proposed New Workgroups

i. Climate Change – Marcia Horan is still interested in co-chairing this new workgroup; however, she needs a better understanding on what we would like to see as the outcome from the group. Robert will ask Marcia to participate on the August board call to discuss. A board liaison still needs to be assigned.

ii. P2 Intern – Cathy Colglazier has agreed to serve as the board liaison and Nancy Larson as the co-chair. Cathy will work with Nancy to develop a mission and objectives for the workgroup.

External Items:

- Region 5 hosted the Region 5/7 roundtable on June 3-5 – not huge participation but good discussions on sustainability and P2.
- Region 6 will have a meeting in August.

Future Board Meetings:

August 13

September 10

October 8 – tentative – depends on virtual meeting development

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.