

**National Pollution Prevention Roundtable
Board of Directors Conference Call
November 12, 2009**

Present:

Ken Zarker, Chair, Region 10
Gary Hunt, Vice-Chair, Region 4
Cathy Colglazier, Secretary, Region 7
Rick Bossingham, Treasurer, At-Large
Allan Geisendorfer, Region 2
Greg Adolfson, Region 3
David James, Region 6
Paula Del Giudice, At-Large
Andy Bray, At-Large

Thomas Vinson-Peng, At-Large
Cindy McComas, Chair Emeritus
Jeff Burke, NPPR
Angela Miller, NPPR

Absent:

Robert Jackson, Region 5
Stephen Roseberry, Region 8
Michael Simpson, Region 9

Approval of Agenda: Ken Zarker moved to approve the agenda as written. Cindy McComas seconded. The motion passed and the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes: Gary Hunt made a motion to approve the October minutes as written. Allan Geisendorfer seconded. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

Chair and Vice-Chair Report – Andy Bray shared with the Board that he will be unable to fulfill the duties as Co-Chair so the Board will not have a Co-Chair. Gary Hunt reported that he will be able to fulfill the duties of Vice-Chair.

Ken has been working on filling the Region 1 vacancy and has a couple of potential candidates that he will follow-up with.

Ken suggested the Board review the strategic plan and come up with environmental priorities for this year that support our core P2 programs in the state. Three potential areas include the following:

- Focus on the 20th anniversary of the P2 act – highlight some success and get additional support.
- TSCA reform
- Support a new NPPR Climate, Energy and Sustainability workgroup to partner with the Pollution Prevention Division (PPD) to deliver sustainability and pollution prevention solutions, including business technical assistance.

Ken questioned whether the Board had the resources to support so many workgroups. There may need to be a discussion in the future about cutting back on the workgroups.

Executive Director Report – Jeff Burke

Current projects being worked on by NPPR include:

- Michigan NEIEN grant – working with P2 calculators to use more localized energy costs, etc. to make the cost savings more accurate for the specific region.
- Region 3 grant for 2010 P2 roundtable meeting.
- Additional training in West Virginia related to the Sustainability and Environmental Excellence Program.

2010 Summit Update – May 25 – 27 in Orlando. Gary Hunt, as Vice Chair, will be the NPPR contact on the Summit calls. Cindy McComas will be his backup. The two main items to focus on right now is the Call for Papers (deadline is November 25) and getting volunteers to participate on the content review teams.

Budget Report – Jeff Burke

2010 Budget Status – The budget is still a concern. States are encouraged to support NPPR by providing funds to support webinars or other projects.

EPA Grant Amendment Proposal - The existing grant with EPA allows NPPR to request additional funds. Ken proposes we request a \$100,000 amendment to work on the following:

- **Forum on States & Tribal Chemicals Management Forum** – Support a states and local government P2 forum to engage on TSCA reform and enhancing [EPA's Chemical Management Program](#). Hosting a facilitated states and local government forum with travel assistance could be an effective communications forum. (\$60k)
- **Climate, Energy and Sustainability Workgroup** – Support a new NPPR Climate, Energy and Sustainability workgroup to partner with the Pollution Prevention Division (PPD) to deliver sustainability and pollution prevention solutions, including business technical assistance. State pollution prevention programs are working to integrate greenhouse gas reduction and energy efficiency technical assistance into state core programs. EPA's E3 Program and the states are working to promote "lean and environment" business assistance programs in partnership with the state manufacturing assistance providers. (\$30k)
- **2010 National Environmental Partnership Summit** – EPA is a key partner in our annual partnership summit meeting in designing the agenda and providing grant support for states travel and workgroup meetings. (\$10k)

The Executive Board and/or the budget committee will follow up on this amendment.

Cindy McComas suggested we also bring up the P2 intern workgroup and the hospitality sector. Another topic would be to bring in MVP2 awardees to speak at the conference and/or promote the next round of awards.

National Science Foundation Grant – Cindy McComas and Bob Kerr are assisting with this grant proposal. The proposal involves funding to support a workshop or seminar – sustainability and green chemistry are potential topics.

Internal Items:

A press release will be issued on Nov. 17 regarding the publication *Growing the Green Economy Through Green Chemistry and Design for the Environment*. The publication is posted on the NPPR website.

Membership Committee – We need a chair for this committee. If you are interested, let Ken Zarker know. The committee will send the P2 measurement report out to members to show value. The

committee will also send membership letters to directors of agencies across the country talking about the Roundtable and the value of the organization. The Roundtable currently has about 32 states represented.

NPPR Strategy Plan Review – Ken sent out a summary of the strategic plan put together in 2008. The plan and the priorities for the year will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

NPPR Handbook Update – Cathy Colglazier informed the Board that she doesn't expect to receive any more reviews of the handbook so it should be considered final for the year. She will send Angela a .pdf of the handbook to be posted on the website.

External Items:

TSCA Congressional Briefing – The National P2 Roundtable participated in the [American Chemical Society's \(ACS\) Science and the Congress Project](#) in Washington D.C. on September 29. The Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976 (TSCA) tasked the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to regulate manufactured and imported chemical substances to manage risk and protect human and environmental health. Many factors, including new technologies, public concerns, stakeholder interest, and new regulations adopted by other countries, are converging to create a rare window of opportunity for modernizing TSCA. Different stakeholders bring differing viewpoints and priorities to the table. This briefing explores the varying perspectives, roles and activities of these players in revising the way chemicals are managed in the United States.

DfE Comments – EPA is working to improve the transparency on how products get the seal/approval. Comments are due towards the end of the month. Ken will prepare a letter from the Policy Workgroup and will e-mail it to the Board for review.

Reports from Regional Roundtable Meetings:

Region 7 – Cathy Colglazier informed the Board that the Region 7 P2 roundtable had a P2 strategy session during their meeting November 3 – 5. Two of the items the group felt were important to work on this year are 1) assisting EPA PPD with its revised P2 policy and linking it to sustainability; and 2) pursuing the issue of receiving the full funding appropriation from the P2 Act (\$8 M). Cathy indicated Region 7 would be requesting assistance from NPPR with these issues.

Region 10 – Ken Zarker attended the Western Sustainability Pollution Prevention Network conference. A couple of the topics from the conference include a new website resource for fleets, which is accessible through P2Rx, and a tool for dry cleaners that compares hazards and regulatory concerns and demonstrates that wet cleaning is the most preferred environmental technology. This might be a good topic for a webinar.

NEWMOA – Andy Bray reported the NEWMOA is helping put on a conference in Puerto Rico – tourism and pharmaceuticals is the focus.

The next NPPR Board meeting will be held Thursday, December 10.