Meeting Minutes
WEF Residuals and Biosolids Committee

Wednesday, October 22, 2008
7:00 – 8:30 am
Chicago Convention Center
Chicago, IL

Peter Brady, Chair
Todd Williams, Vice-Chair

INTRODUCTION & WELCOME

Chairman **Peter Brady** welcomed the committee members and guests and acknowledged attendance of previous RBC chairs Mike Moore, Mark Lang and Peter Machno. A copy of the attendance list is attached.

The Chairman welcomed new members and noted there has been a 20% increase in membership in last six months, but that we also want more young members.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Chairman Brady moved acceptance of the Philadelphia Meeting Minutes as presented. **Mike Moore** made a motion that the Meeting Minutes from Philadelphia be accepted and a second was made. There was no dissension so the meeting minutes were accepted

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Chairman Brady noted that no meeting handouts were prepared in an effort to reduce paper. Instead, the agenda has been posted on line four weeks in advance of the scheduled meeting. He added an agenda item on the Research and Development Subcommittee proposal, and provided a quick review of the RBC Mission and Goals.

RBC STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKGROUP

Bob Dominak and **John Donovan** reported on the RBC Strategic Planning Workgroup:

- Bob Dominak and John Donovan - reviewed charge of RBC and established a work group
- Followed with a survey of committee members and non-members in February
- How we are doing as a committee. The survey indicated that the RBC is one of most active committees within WEF. Recommend continuing four standing subcommittees and will recommend adding a new Subcommittee on Research and Development
- RBC's role in regulator review is to promote best practices, work with government affairs committee, but not development of regulations. Continue to promote EMS, WEF, NBP
- Todd Williams – promoting younger member involvement early on such hidebound activities as preparation of WEF manuals – seeking ideas from younger members for new programs. Requested input from those who can assist on a YP task force in 2009. Email Todd if you are interested in assisting.
- John Donovan – operator outreach but very little interaction with WEF and RBC. Will press to work through MAs to build bridges to operators
- **Rhonda Bowen** – public outreach and education to increase information exchange (two-way flow) with the operator community; requested to WEF for new staff person to facilitate outreach via the MAs. Rhonda will be setting up a meeting with **Tim Williams** to discuss how to get information exchange with operators and MA's.
- **Robert Kelly** of Infilco Degremont – to be organizing an R&D clearing house – a motion for the new subcommittee was made and passed unanimously
- Peter Brady – state regulators presentation at June conference - expanded the recognition of importance of bioenergy. **Greg Kester** pointed out that there is a list server that all state regulators tap into and this should be made available to the committee.
- Todd Williams – survey design by Sam Hadeed acknowledged.

EPA OFFICE OF WATER UPDATE

Bob Bastian reported on the states seeking delegation – minimal movement; Molybdenum action update may occur, with a workshop later this year. Targeted National Survey reports are being finalized. Registered notice on PCP's (what is the status of this?). Greg Kester inquired about the re-registration of anti-microbials. FDA does not have a basis to challenge this.

SOLIDS PROCESSING DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT MANUAL

- The organization includes a steering group, topic leader coordinating multiple chapters, chapter lead authors and co-authors, all of whom have made outstanding contributions (see separate list of names attached)
- **Mike Moore, Jon Dyer, Tim Shea, Jim Smith** will be reading the residuals material between now and the end of the year. Then it will go through the peer review process.
- A list of the 27 chapters in the Solids Processing Design and Management Manual is attached. To date first drafts have been received for 18, and many are in an exemplary state of development,
- The WEF coordinator is Ms. **Lorna Ernst**, whose experience in production of this type of document has saved the team from countless pitfalls.
- The manual will place a new emphasis on public involvement, sustainability, and planning processes as an introduction to the technology chapters.
- The manual contains much of what is contained in the 4,000-page MOP 8, plus what the authors wanted to say in MOP 8 but couldn't because of space.
- The co-chairs Mike Moore and Tim Shea are indebted to Dr. Jim Smith of EPA for technical direction, to Jon Dyer for administration, and to over 100 volunteers for their contributions.
- The schedule is interlinked to that for MOP 8 and a complete fist draft will hopefully a Christmas present for Lorna!

NBP UPDATE

- **Mike Moore** described the NBP Biosolids Best Practice Network. Participation at this level is based on the initial premise of the NBP—that all 16000 WTP's should use best practices even if they are not certified. This is a communication network and the ability of the agencies to join in NBP environmental management and stewardship. Currently there are 100 participants with efforts to expand outreach to agencies who want to do it right but don't wish to become certified
- **Mike Moore** - Financial sustainability – plan in place to move to financial stability in three years
- **Sam Hadeed** – four new agencies certified since last WEFTEC, including Central Davis Sewer District (UT), Louisville & Jefferson County, KY, MWRDGC, and Alexandria Sanitation Authority (VA).
- WEF has launched redesign of the Web page and is currently populating the 15 knowledge centers. Sam can upload information from this committee in the placeholder at a knowledge center on the website.
- **Tim Williams** – funding sustainability – funding stepping down to $350,000 this year including $250,000 from WEF and $100,000 revenues. Budget request in a large bill that was not acted upon this session by Congress. NACWA is not supporting NBP in $ but by in-kind services.

- **Tim Williams** – involvement in litigation in California. An Amicus Brief was submitted based on the committee's motion in April, for Kern County.
- **Sam Hadeed** – the City of Los Angeles and Orange County SD were successfully re-certified.

OUTREACH AND EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Rhonda Bowen presented her subcommittee report. She asked that the RBC send a letter to the Ohio WEA acknowledging their recent activities.

SPECIALTY CONFERENCE SUBCOMMITTEE

Mark Lang provided the Specialty Conference Subcommittee report on behalf of Chair **Greg Woodward**. The Philadelphia Conference was a success; the 2009 conference will be held in Portland, OR, May 3 to 7, to be followed by Savannah, Georgia, May 23 to 27, 2010; Sacramento in 2011; and, Boston in 2012; etc. The subcommittee makes use of a standing program committee with a good opportunity for young professionals to participate. **Ray Kearney** noted that there will be conflicts or near-conflicts with the 2009 conference in Portland because of scheduled events in California (the CA Member Association Annual Conference) and the NACWA Conference.

BIOENERGY SUBCOMMITTEE

Subcommittee Chair **Jim Welp** noted that **Lori Stone** will be heading up the GHG/carbon footprint task force and has put a work plan together and established a work group with overlap with sustainability subcommittee. He indicated that there is more of a sense of urgency to develop processes and procedures and that Ms. Stone will develop an email list for those who wish to participate. Efforts will begin in earnest in Portland. Chairman Welp stated that they were near completion on the MOP for incineration. Also, Trish Scanlon will lead the Drying Manual effort. Work on the Drying Manual has been delayed until 2009 and volunteers are being sought.

Work group Chair **Ray Porter** noted that an application would be submitted for a pre-conference workshop on "Air Permitting" for WEFTEC 2009 in Orlando. He asked that the RBC endorse the Air Committee effort and the proposed joint pre-conference workshop via an email from Chairman Brady (to Ray) indicating support of the RBC.

Chairman Brady noted that there would be significant interest of the WEF at-large membership as well as from EPA on bioenergy information from this Subcommittee.

WERF PROGRAMS

Alan Hais referred the Committee to his written report. He noted that the Foundation had produced five major biosolids reports during the past year.

Chairman Brady thanked WERF for their continuing participation and support of the RBC.

OTHER

In a special announcement of appreciation, Chairman Brady and the entire Committee acknowledged **Dr. Cecil Lu-Hing** for his years of service to the profession and to the mission and goals of the Committee.

AGRICULTURAL SUBCOMMITTEE

Subcommittee Chair **Kari Fitzmorris** provided a written copy of her Agricultural and Industrial Residuals meeting.

Amy Grace-Tardi…works with Jimmy Slaughter at Beveridge & Diamond in DC) provided an update on the legal review of Wyatt case in VA

ACTION ITEMS RECAP

Committee Vice-Chair **Todd Williams** provided a recap of the Action Items:

(1)Committee members are urged to check the WEF website

(2)Email subcommittee chairs if wish to assist in review of manuals, etc.

(3)Encourage everyone to attend the Portland RBC meeting.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 AM.