

CHEMICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

State Affairs Committee
Board Conference Rooms A & B, CMA
December 3, 1987

MINUTES OF MEETING

SAC-32-1

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Jack Brewer, Chairman	Olin Corporation
Geoffrey Hurwitz, Vice-Chairman	Rohm & Haas Company
Richard Arnold	Allied Signal
Jerry Chambers	American Cyanamid
Garth Fort	Monsanto Chemical
Ralph Loomis	CIBA-GEIGY
Art Mszanski (for Colbert Wilhite)	E.I. duPont de Nemours
Jerry E. Ring (for Ben Woodhouse)	Dow Chemical USA
Ron Roberts	Borg-Warner Chemicals
Debbie Witmer	FMC Corporation
William Westendorf, Staff Executive	

PRESENT BY INVITATION

John Hassell	FMC
David Carroll	CMA
Chris Cathcart	CMA
Feena MacLaverty	CMA
Larry Gallo	CMA
Mary Heaton	CMA
Joan Riley	CMA

MEMBERS ABSENT

Timothy Holt	Air Products & Chemical
William Lafield	Shell Chemical
James Murray	Union Carbide Corporation

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman, Jack Brewer.

1. David Carroll, Director of Environmental Programs, at CMA reviewed the results of the Environmental Management Committee's recent semi-annual planning conference. EMC identified priority issues including the following: determination of "safe level"; SARA section 313 reporting and the associated public relations concerns; analytical methods in state and federal legislation and regulations; termination of federal superfund payments; and waste minimization.

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Carroll mentioned that CMA has developed legislative principles on waste minimization which are also applicable at the state level. There is a public relations paper on communicating risk which will be out soon. EMC is also considering their involvement in the new Board group on public perception. Carroll offered the continued support of EMC for state activities, especially on key issues such as Proposition 65, but he pointed out that advance notice is needed.

2. Minutes of the October 15th meeting were approved as distributed. However, some action items were still incomplete, including the need to update SAC regarding the Louisiana Chemical Association program for "Proposition 65 Prevention"; also the California matrix for the same subject is still missing. Finally, the Title III funding paper is being revised at the request of the Health and Safety Committee. The revision, when approved, will be distributed to the SAC.

3. John Hassell, FMC and chairman of the California Environmental Working Group for Proposition 65, gave a thorough update on the activities of the EWG and the status of Proposition 65 in general. He reported that among recent activities was the hiring of a PR firm to assist in media relations. Hassell asked CMA and member companies for assistance in developing op-ed pieces to be placed by the PR firm in California newspapers.

ACTION ITEM: Members develop op-ed pieces to be sent to John Hassell. CMA will distribute copies of the PR firm (PBN) proposal to the SAC mailing list together with a brief summary of the proposal.

Hassell also pointed out that John Hunter of the firm Kahl and Hunter, the contract lobbying firm for EWG, needs help with changes in the draft guidelines for Prop 65. Dr. Kilgore, Chairman of the Science Advisory Panel, has a proposal on risk assessment.

Hassell reported on the behind the scenes work between EWG and the environmentalists which will result in some basic agreement on a few fundamental issues regarding the safety of chemicals in drinking water supplies.

Finally, Hassell said that letter had been sent to State Affairs Committee members and others requesting financial support of the EWG. The budget for 1988 is over \$700,000 with the chemical industry's share being \$135,000.

4. At the October meeting the committee discussed state assignments and the key person responsibilities for reporting on their assigned states. A draft of the key person description was distributed to the committee and a few changes were made. The final version of this description is attached to the minutes. Also attached is a final

list of the specific state assignments with the following additions and corrections: Debbie Witmer will cover Wisconsin, Garth Fort, South Carolina (on an interim basis) and Jim Murray was "volunteered" for Georgia.

Geoff Hurwitz reported on Pennsylvania and distributed copies of what he called "the most punitive" state superfund bill (copies are attached). Geoff also reported on the implementation of the Pennsylvania Right-To-Know law and the universal labeling aspect.

ACTION ITEM: Larry Gallo will send out an action alert regarding the Pennsylvania Right-To-Know implementation.

Debbie Witmer reported on Maryland and said that the Chesapeake Bay agreement will be signed on December 15th which she said would precipitate major headlines possibly including the environmentalists' desire for waste reduction mandates and specific limits on toxics.

Ralph Loomis said that Associated Industries of Massachusetts needs written support of their position against the toxics use reduction bill as now written. He also said that if there is no toxic reduction bill passed by the legislature that MassPIRG will take the issue to the ballot in an initiative movement. Consequently it is important to work on a legislative solution.

5. Geoff Hurwitz, Chairman of the State Advocacy Work Group, said the group has been developing some criteria with which to assess the CIC's. Hopefully, these will be available before the next group meeting on January 13th so that Committee members can help evaluate the CICs for that meeting. This would be in preparation for Geoff's presentation to the Board at their meeting on January 23rd.

6. The Prop. 65 Coalition (STI) was scheduled to meet on December 10th. Westendorf reported that it no longer looks like Oregon will have an initiative in '88 according to contacts in that state. Joan Riley distributed copies of CMA's draft alternative framework for Proposition 65-type legislation or initiatives. This is a final draft pending finally approval by the Environmental Management Committee in mid-December and the ultimate approval by the Board at their January meeting. Any further distribution should be discouraged and even after final approval distribution will be on an "as needed" basis.

7. Chris Cathcart and Feena MacLavery of CMA briefly described the new local leadership newsletter which will be published quarterly by CMA highlighting activities of state organizations primarily from an organizational viewpoint as opposed to legislative and regulatory issues. Chris also gave a brief update on SARA Title III, and it was suggested that the CMA communication department consider taking a survey before and after the submittal of Title III data to judge the public's response.

8. The Committee then discussed the format of the first open meeting to be held January 28th in Sacramento. There will be a dinner the night before for SAC members only, together with representatives of the California CIC. The next morning will be devoted to an update on issues in California highlighting Proposition 65 and its implementation. Tom Warriner of the California Health and Welfare Agency has been invited to speak at lunch with the afternoon being essentially the basic State Affairs Committee meeting open to all attendees.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m. Details of the next meeting on the 28th and the agenda will be distributed by end of December.

William H. Westendorf
Director, State Affairs

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