

ENGINEERING FORUM TELECONFERENCE MINUTES

April 7, 2004

TOPICS IN THIS MONTH'S MINUTES:

PLANNING FOR SPRING 2004 TSP MEETING

EF/NARPM RPM EXPERTISE QUESTIONNAIRE

CO-CHAIR ELECTION

NEXT ENGINEERING FORUM TELECONFERENCE CALL

Planning for the Spring 2004 TSP/NARPM Meeting

The EF business sessions will be held from 3:30-5:30 PM on Monday, May 24, and from 1:30-5:30 PM on Tuesday, May 25. The co-chairs will investigate whether or not TSP members need to pay the resort fee and report back to the Forum. Keith Arnold (EMS) will distribute a list of all EF registrants to EF members. Lunch on Monday, May 24, is being provided by EPA and, hence, should not appear on per diem expense reports.

Attendees must call the hotel directly to make their room reservations. All logistical information can be found on the NARPM website (<http://www.epanarpm.org/narpm2004/index.htm>). Parking at the hotel is \$18 per day, so participants may want to take public transportation.

Mark Granger (Region 2) will draft the business session agenda and send it to the co-chairs. It will be distributed to all Forum members before the next teleconference.

EF/NARPM RPM Expertise Questionnaire

Those Regional representatives who have not yet sent their survey results to Sharon Hayes (Region 1) should do so as soon as possible. As a point of clarification, the "H" stands for "high," the "L" for "low," and the "T" for "training wanted." Mike Gill (Region 9 HSTL) noted that ORD's 45-Day Study, which sought to identify Regional needs, was recently completed. The need for more training was identified as a pressing need in that study. Sharon, Karen Mason-Smith (Region 5), Bernie Schorle (Region 5), and Bill Rothenmeyer (Region 8) volunteered to serve on a subgroup that will be responsible for compiling, reviewing, and analyzing the data. Sharon will arrange a teleconference among subgroup members.

Co-Chair Election

Bill Rothenmeyer's term as co-chair ends at the spring meeting. Nominations for the new EF co-chair should be sent to the existing co-chairs by May 5, 2004. Self nominations are encouraged. The co-chair term is two years. Co-chairs are responsible for planning semi-annual meetings and monthly EF teleconferences, tracking issue papers, establishing and sometimes chairing subcommittees, and participating on monthly co-chair teleconferences.

NEXT ENGINEERING FORUM TELECONFERENCE CALL

The next Engineering Forum teleconference is scheduled for Wednesday, May 5, 2004, from 12:30-2:00 pm EDT. Technical topics should be sent to Sharon Hayes.

ATTENDEES

Sharon Hayes, Region 1
Steve Mangion, Region 1 HSTL
Mark Granger, Region 2

Hilary Thornton, Region 3
Frank Vavra, Region 3
John Bornholm, Region 4

Leo Romanowski, Region 4
Karen Mason-Smith, Region 5
Bernie Schorle, Region 5
Gary Miller, Region 6
Steve Kinser, Region 7
Fran Costanzi, Region 8
Bill Rothenmeyer, Region 8
Harry Ball, Region 9

Mike Gill, Region 9 HSTL
Neil Thompson, Region 10
Kelly Madalinski, OSRTI
Dave Reisman, NRMRL-Cinc.
Marta Richards, NRMRL-Cinc.
Ed Mead, USACE-Omaha
Bill Myers, EMS, Inc.