

ENGINEERING FORUM TELECONFERENCE MINUTES

September 14, 2005

TOPICS IN THIS MONTH'S MINUTES:

FALL 2005 TSP MEETING IN SAN ANTONIO, TX

SPRING 2006 NARPM MEETING

VALUE ENGINEERING TRAINING

RPM EXPERTISE SURVEY UPDATE

ISSUE PAPER UPDATE

Fall 2005 TSP Meeting in San Antonio, TX

The Fall TSP meeting will take place October 24-27, 2005, in San Antonio, TX. The agenda for the meeting has not yet been finalized, but Sharon Hayes (Region 1) will forward an updated draft to EF members after the call. Sharon reviewed the draft agenda, noting that the sessions currently scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday likely will be reversed to accommodate David Becker (USACE). The long-term monitoring optimization training will be held in the hotel. The TSP co-chairs will be meeting with a NARPM co-chair (Patricia Bowlin, Region 9) on Tuesday, Oct. 25th, at 4:00 pm to discuss the forum's involvement in the Spring 2006 NARPM meeting. Sharon will distribute a draft business session agenda prior to the October EF teleconference. EF members should register on Train-Ex (www.trainex.org) as soon as possible (password: tsp). The room block at the AmeriSuites Hotel expires September 21. It is not necessary to send a separate email to Diane Dopkin informing her that you will attend.

Spring 2006 NARPM Meeting

The spring 2006 NARPM meeting will take place in either New Orleans or Pittsburgh in the June timeframe. The NARPM co-chairs have asked the EF to forward one or two "hot" topics that may be adapted into a half- or full-day training session or panel presentation at the spring NARPM meeting. EF members are encouraged to send suggested topics to the co-chairs before the October EF teleconference. Hilary Thornton (Region 3) will distribute the latest version of the evergreen list of technical topics to Forum members. Another resource for determining "hot" topics for NARPM is the list of training needs identified in the EF RPM survey.

NARPM has distributed its call for papers and panels for the spring meeting. Bernie Schorle (Region 5) will send the announcement to Keith Arnold (EMS) for distribution to the entire Forum. The due date for abstracts is October 31, 2005. Sharon will include time for discussion of the potential EF topic submission on the fall meeting business session agenda.

Value Engineering Training

Ken Skahn (TIFSD) will be developing training modules on value engineering and is looking for engineers who are willing to participate in the development and review process. Dave Jaros (USACE) noted that USACE has done extensive work on value engineering and would be willing to assist with this endeavor. EF members who would like to volunteer should contact Kelly Madalinski or Ken Skahn.

RPM Expertise Survey Update

Sharon reported that Rich Steimle (TIFSD) is arranging for contractor support to finalize the RPM Expertise Survey and make it ready for publication. TIFSD hopes to have the contracting vehicle in place by the end of the calendar year.

Issue Paper Update

Bernie Schorle reported that Carlos Sanchez (Region 6) participated in a kick-off meeting on the soil capping issue paper. The bioremediation and hard rock mining issue papers are out for review.

ATTENDEES

Sharon Hayes, Region 1
Hilary Thornton, Region 3
Frank Vavra, Region 3
Bernie Schorle, Region 5
Gary Miller, Region 6
Steve Kinser, Region 7
Brian Caruso, Region 8 HSTL
Fran Costanzi, Region 8
Bill Rothenmeyer, Region 8

Harry Ball, Region 9
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Keith Arnold, EMS, Inc.

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