

ENGINEERING FORUM TELECONFERENCE MINUTES

October 4, 2006

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NEW ORLEANS BUSINESS SESSION MINUTES

Bernie Schorle (Region 5) drafted a brief summary of the discussions held during the Engineering Forum (EF) business sessions at the spring 2006 NARPM meeting in New Orleans. Sharon incorporated co-chair comments into the summary and sent the document back to Bernie for one last check. Once Bernie agrees with the revised version, Sharon will coordinate with Diane Dopkin (EMS) for posting on the TSP website.

NEW EF CO-CHAIR

Sharon Hayes' (Region 1) co-chair term expires at the fall meeting, after which she will be leaving the Forum. Nominations for her replacement should be sent to Keith Arnold (EMS), with a copy to the co-chairs, by 5:00 p.m. EDT on October 20. Both Regional members and friends of the Forum can nominate an individual, but only Regional members are eligible to serve as co-chair. Nominators are encouraged to check with potential nominees before nominating them. Keith will send an email to EF members detailing the voting procedure following the announcement of eligible nominees on October 20. Voting will be completed by November 8, and the new co-chair will be announced at the fall TSP meeting in Long Beach.

MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION

Several Regions are actively searching for new EF members. Ideally, each Region would have two representatives on the Forum (one each from Superfund and RCRA). Mike Gill (Region 9 HSTL) will update the new member solicitation that he drafted years ago and will forward it to Keith for distribution to all EF members. Regional representatives will be responsible for forwarding the solicitation to RPMs and RCRA staff in their respective Regions.

Any EF member who has not yet signed a participation agreement should notify Jon Bornholm (Region 4). Jon has all of the signed participation agreements in his possession. In order to ensure that members are adhering to the requirements set forth in the participation agreement, the co-chairs will be paying special attention to participation on teleconferences and at meetings.

SPRING 2007 NARPM MEETING

The spring 2007 NARPM Conference will be held in Pittsburgh, PA, but the dates have not yet been set. The deadline for submission of topics for panel sessions and training courses is October 6, but this deadline may be extended. Bernie will review the feedback from the EF technology sessions held during last year's meeting to see if it would be worthwhile to propose similar sessions for next year's meeting. Following a brief discussion of possible topic sessions (including nanotechnology remediation, working with ITRC to sponsor training, and coordinating with the Superfund Basic Research Program), EF members decided to ask the NARPM co-chairs for two, two-hour time slots. Jon will send an email to

the NARPM co-chairs with this request. EF members will decide which topics to cover at the Long Beach meeting.

FALL 2006 TSP MEETING

The Fall 2006 TSP meeting is being held in conjunction with the Groundwater Resources Association of California's (GRAC) 2nd Tools and Technologies Symposium. The symposium will take place November 14-16 at the Westin Hotel in Long Beach, CA. The EF business session will take place on Monday, November 13. The deadline for registration was October 10.

Possible topics for the EF business session in Long Beach include the USACE/HQ 5-year review lessons learned paper, 5-year review training (being discussed by the Ground Water Forum), status of the Evergreen List, topics to be submitted for the spring 2007 NARPM conference, and project updates. Additional topics should be forwarded to Jon, who will draft an agenda.

NEXT ENGINEERING FORUM TELECONFERENCE CALL

The next EF teleconference is scheduled for Wednesday, November 1, 2006, from 12:30-2:00 pm EST. Noah Heller (BESST, Inc.) will lead a discussion on production well profiling technology. Additional agenda items should be sent to Sharon Hayes prior to the call.

ATTENDEES

Aaron Gilbert, Region 1
Sharon Hayes, Region 1
Stephanie Vaughn, Region 2
Andy Palestini, Region 3
Hilary Thornton, Region 3
Jon Bornholm, Region 4
Leo Romanowski, Region 4
Tony Holoska, Region 5
Bernie Schorle, Region 5
David Seely, Region 5

Terry Burton, Region 6
Sandra Bourgeois, Region 8
Mike Gill, Region 9 HSTL
Neil Thompson, Region 10
Lindsey Lien, USACE
Craig Maurer, USACE
Jim Harrington, NYSDEC
Keith Arnold, EMS, Inc.

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