

Biological Monitoring Committee (BMC) Minutes June 3, 2001

Attending:

Margie Breida	AIHA
Fred Grunder	AIHA
Tom Hall	Board Coord/New
Deborah Nelson	Board Coord/Past
Tom Klinger	Corres. Member
Chris Trent	Corresp Member
Leela Murthy	Guest Speaker
David Ashley	Member
Lee Blum	Member
Carol Boraiko	Member
Tim Buckley	Member/Past Pres
James Calpin	Member/Vice Chair
Kevin Cummins	Member/Chair
Jim Dennison	New Member
Jean Grassman	Secretary/Member
Abdul H. Kalid	Member
Larry Lowry	Member
Michael Morgan	Member
Dan Napier	Member
Leena Nylander-French	Member
John Oudyk	New Member
Shane Que Hee	Member
Lakshmi P. Singh	Member
Gary Spies	Member
Glenn Talaska	Member
Paul Ullucci	Member
Muhammad Akram	Visitor

1. Presentation

The committee thanks Dr. Leela Murthy of NIOSH for her presentation on the documentation of biological and medical testing for exposure to toxicants.

2. Committee Reports

1) Chair's report (Kevin Cummins)

- Kevin reviewed the BMCs annual report and budget. The total committee budget is \$8785, the same as last years. It includes money for meals, travel to the midyear meeting, leadership conference, gallery, student award and conference calls.
- We need to have an annual 30% turnover in membership. Jim Denison and John Oudyk who are attending this meeting would like to join

2) Past chair's report (Tim Buckley)

- Biological WEELS. Tim emphasized the importance of Shane Que Hee's efforts to develop biological WEELS
 - Student awards. The committee presented the 1st award for student presentations
 - Lessons learned as chair. Tim cited the need to clearly identify a few goals and try to accomplish them. He said that the challenge for incoming officers will be to keep projects moving forward to completion.
- 3) Jim Calpin (Secretary) reviewed the mid year meeting
 - 4) Dan Napier
 - Leadership conference. Dan attended and said there were presentations about communications and the ACGIH lawsuit
 - BMC listserve. All committee members are urged to sign up for the listserve. It is easy to subscribe. Committee members said it was difficult to correspond privately with other committee members since hitting the "reply" function will broadcast the message to the entire listserve. A list of e-mail addresses is needed.

ACTION: Dan will send out an e-mail with a list of everyone currently on the listserve.

3. Government Affairs Report (Aaron Trippler)

- 1) BM white paper. The white paper was not adopted by the Board because they felt that it needed to be accompanied by a more extensive position paper. He will urge the adoption of the white paper in its present form.
- 2) OSHA Director. No nominees have been named but a probable candidate is John Henshaw, Director of Environment, Health and Safety at Astaris LLC in St. Louis
- 3) OSHA and NIOSH budget. The requested budget of both OSHA and NIOSH have been cut. AIHA is forwarding letters of support for both agencies
- 4) Legislation: He discussed legislation for record keeping, contractors and respirator standards. Although the ergonomics standard has been cancelled a new bill will likely come forward from the Senate. The Enzi's bill ("3rd party certification") is dead.

4. AIHA Board Report (Deborah Nelson)

- 1) Committee members discussed the use of the CRA to eliminate the ergonomics standards and AIHA's decision to not take a position regarding this event.
 - As result, Betty Taylor is heading up a task force to review AIHA communications.
- 2) The 6/3/01 Board Meeting focussed on recent concerns about declining revenues. The Product and Services Task Force did a cost benefit matrix of all of AIHA's activities including the value of the time that members donate through volunteering. Presumably, this meeting will form the basis for upcoming changes in AIHA's revenue base.
- 3) Tom Hall is the BMC new Board representative
 - We should direct the budget/business plan to him by 8/15/01
- 4) Make sure to choose a session arranger by the end of the meeting
- 5) Report from new AIHA Board Representative (Tom Hall)
 - He will bring our concerns to the Board
 - He plans on attending our midyear meeting

5. Administrative business

Selection of secretary for 2002

- Dan Napier agreed to be next year's secretary.

Platform arranger

- Leena Nylander-French and Mark Boeniger will solicit papers
- Dan Napier will be the official arranger and Carol Boraiko, who arranged this year, will attend and assist.

6. BMC Conference activities (2001 and 2002)

PDCs. General comments

- All instructors (Buckley, Klingner and Boraiko) reported well attended PDCs
- Klingner taught the Dermal PDC 516 and commented that there was a need for more substance in the course.
- A suggestion for future PDCs is to solicit attendees to submit papers to the platform sessions

Introduction to Biological Monitoring 2002

- Will be taught again by Spies, Morgan, and Buckley. Grassman volunteered to participate in teaching this PDC

The Specimen

- Kevin Cummins distributed this year's issue and asked members to pass them out

Student Awards

- Discussion of the difficulties in identifying students posters and presentations.
- This year, Singh, Leena, Shane and Tim volunteered to observe students. Singh, David Ashley and Kevin Cummins will pick the best poster

ACTION: Contact Ken Dillon-University of Birmingham about the existence of student awards for BM presentations. David Ashley volunteered to make the contact.

7. BMC Projects

Biological Monitoring Position Paper

- Kevin will monitor its' progress through the Board

Biological Monitoring Guide

- Rough drafts exists for most of the guide including the ethics section by Jean Grassman
- Jenny Quintana is currently coordinating the guide but was not in attendance today so the status is uncertain.

Biological WEELs (Shane Que Hee)

- The proposed WEEL for MDA goes before the committee tomorrow (Monday 2-5)
- In addition, Leena, Tom and Mark contributed.
- The current drafts add important information regarding liver carcinogenicity

- There are three documents
 - 1) Definition, format
 - 2) WEEL
 - 3) Documentation of WEEL
- It is hard to predict how the committee will respond
- Please give Shane comments by 6/18/01

Genetic testing white paper

- Grassman is working on a substantially revised draft that incorporates the impact of recent developments in the genome project. This is cosponsored by the Social Concerns Committee. Glenn Talask and Carol Boraiko will work on it on behalf of the BMC.

New members packet

- David Ashley has put together a packet of new materials which he distributed. Please provide him comments by 6/18/01.

8. BMC 2002 Roundtables

Possible topics include

- 1) An explanation of the WEEL for MDA cosponsored by the BMC and WEEL committees (Shane Que Hee)
- 2) National Report on Human Exposure to Environmental Chemicals.
 - aspects related to the workplace could be included (David Ashley)
- 3) BEI for PAH's (Glenn Talaska)