

Biological Monitoring Committee Conference Call
July 15, 2002

Participants:

Jim Calpin (Chair)
Margie Breida (AIHA)
Mark Boeniger
Shane Que Hee
Kevin Cummins
Regi Suga
Jean Grassman

A. Biological Monitoring Guide: (Shane)

1. There are currently 10 case studies-adequate but more would be desirable.
 - Kevin suggested the addition of a case study involving respirators and surveillance with biological monitoring
 - Mark suggested an additional case where hazardous waste worker exposure was detected by monitoring of exhaled air
 - Jean suggested an additional case described by John Oudyk where incorrect reference values were used
2. Gary Spies chapter
 - Everyone agreed that Gary's chapter was an excellent presentation of how to set up a program.
 - Some thought that the introduction presented biological monitoring somewhat negatively. This might be dealt with by rewriting the beginning and referring to other chapters (ethics, pitfalls)
3. other discussion
 - Margie reminded us that a peer review is needed by experts outside the committee and possibly outside AIHA
 - The book is a technical development project so money is available
 - Graphics are needed and money is available for their creation.

B. Secretary-2003

Jim said that the committee is please to have a secretary-elect; Lee Blum

C. Membership issues

The committee needs to add new members and rotate inactive members into corresponding status. Jim said he would send a letter to all listed members asking whether they would prefer to be active or corresponding members. They will be asked to update their information regarding employment, address, telephone, e-mail. The letter will also remind current but inactive members that they may be moved to corresponding status if they don't respond.

Mark said that the criteria for active membership and letters for members have been developed. Either Tim Buckley or Kevin Cummins should have copies.

D. Website

Jim noted that the website needs to be updated with current minutes etc. Also, a website with more complete links and information would be good. He is currently contacting Jim Myers (AIHA webmaster) about this.

E. BEEL (Shane)

Shane is waiting for the WEEL committee to send a formal list of comments to him. When he receives the comments, he will distribute them to the Committee. The BEEL will be revised and hopefully published.

Shane also added that he would continue to be the liaison to the WEEL committee.

F. PDC's

PDC proposals are due in August.

Carole and Mark are developing a new and revised Advanced Biological Monitoring PDC.

The Intro to Biological Monitoring PDC will be submitted by Gary Spies.

Mark is working with the Exposure Assessment Strategies Committee on a PDC that will include dermal assessment. Recall that Jennifer from that committee made a presentation co sponsoring a PDC at our annual meeting in San Diego. However, Mark said that the Exposure Assessment Strategies Committee has not yet responded to his inquiries so they may not actively participate.

G. Budget

Jim and Jean will work on a budget for the upcoming year. The deadline is July 31.

H. Slide show

Discussion continues over the best way to make the slide show public. As discussed previously, it could be distributed

- 1) via the committee website
- 2) as a CD with the Biological monitoring Book
- 3) as a CD on its' own

Questions that remain to be answered are AIHA's policies on distribution and the need to copyright the content. Margie will check.

Mark would like more graphics and will contact Dan Edelman who may contribute some.

I. Next telephone conference call:

August 18th at 12 noon EST.

Submitted by Jean Grassman