

AIHA Biological Monitoring Committee Mid-Year Meeting via Teleconference

Date: December 13, 2002

Start Time: 1:00 p.m. (EST)

Participants: Lee Blum; Mark Boeniger; Carole Boraiko; Tim Buckley; Jim Calpin; Kevin Cummins; Jean Grassman; Dan Napier; Leena Nylander-French; Shane QueHee; and Margie Brieda (AIHA).

1. AIHA Conference 2003 Dallas:
 - a. The Biological Monitoring Committee will sponsor three (3) PDCs. In addition to the Introduction to Biomonitoring course held on Sunday morning (May 11th), two additional PDCs include an advanced course on Case Studies in Biomonitoring to be held Sunday afternoon and a course on dermal exposures to be given all day on Saturday May 10th. One auditor for each of the new PDCs is required by AIHA. Dan Napier and Kevin Cummins volunteered to audit the new courses.
 - b. The BM committee will sponsor one technical session on Wednesday evening (May 14th) entitled Biological Monitoring – Dermal Exposure. Eight (8) technical paper will be presented. Jim Calpin and Kevin Cummins will monitor the session. Dan Napier was involved in the arrangement of this session, which was accomplished “long distance” without a face-to-face meeting. He expressed some concerns about the methods by which the sessions were arranged and the scheduling of the BM session on Wednesday evening. There was some discussion with Margie Brieda about the way AIHA rotates the scheduling of committee sessions from year to year. Mark Boeniger expressed concern about the lack of technical papers for the session and wondered if some of the dermal exposure papers were dispersed to other sessions. A discussion also arose about the quality of the papers presented and the noticeable shift in the past few years towards the applied practice by consultants.
 - c. The BM committee poster will again be displayed; however, it was thought that the poster needs to be updated with a facelift. Mark Boeniger will take responsibility for the committee poster in Dallas.
 - d. Student Awards – The biggest concern was the identification of student presenters prior to their presentations.
 - e. Biological Monitoring Committee meeting to be held Sunday night May 11th in Dallas 5:30 – 9:30 p.m. with dinner starting at 6:15 p.m. Although an overhead projector will be requested, it was thought that Larry Lowry could bring his LCD-computer projector rather than rent one.
2. Business plan
 - a. Goals covered in the business plan included sponsoring two technical sessions, one roundtable session, three PDCs, finalize the BEEL for MDA,

finish the slideshow, and complete the guidebook. We are on our way to achieving most of the goals outlined in the business plan with the exception of fewer conference sessions (one rather than two technical sessions and no roundtables). A copy of the business plan will be distributed through the listserve.

3. Membership
 - a. Currently there are 22 committee members. Recently, three members (Mike Morgan, Paul Ulucci and David Ashley) requested to be dropped from active participation in the committee; however, Jim Calpin knows of 5 additional individuals who may be interested in joining.
 - b. New member information packets were discussed; however, the location of packets or the material contained therein was uncertain. Jean Grassman will contact David Ashley about the orientation material.
4. AIHA Leadership Conference – Lee Blum will look into attending this year's conference to be held January 31 – February 2, 2003.
5. Budget – We were under budget for the year especially since no funds were used for a mid-year meeting.
6. Biological monitoring white paper – Kevin Cummins expressed concern about the reception of the white paper by the AIHA board. He suggested we get clarification from the board before proceeding further. Tom Hall will be contacted and Margie Brieda will speak with Arron Trippler about the board's interest in the white paper. If the board has no interest, the committee felt that the information provided in the white paper would still be useful e.g. on the website.
7. Biological monitoring book – Shane QueHee has virtually completed the book; however, he is looking for pictures and other visuals from members of the committee. A suggestion was to use some of the slides from the PDCs. Also, the BM slide show will be incorporated onto the book as a chapter and as an accompanying CD-Rom.
8. New BEELs – Shane QueHee has completed the BEEL on MDA and is soliciting final comments from committee members. He is looking for suggestions for the next BEEL compound. Although compounds suggested included glycol ethers, PCBs and MOCA, Shane will post the request on the listserve with specific compound requirements e.g. dermally absorbed, no ACGIH BEI, etc.
9. Genetic testing white paper – This white paper is still in progress with Jean Grassman taking responsibility.

Following a few comments from Margie Brieda and a brief discussion about the usefulness of this and future teleconference meetings, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m. (EST).

Submitted by Lee Blum 1/13/03