

**FINAL AGENDA w/ Meeting Minutes**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**SOCIETY OF TOXICOLOGY & CHEMISTRY - HUDSON/DELAWARE CHAPTER**  
September 10, 2014 (4 PM Meeting Start)  
Triumph Brewery, Princeton, NJ

**ATTENDANCE**

Bentivegna\_x\_ Butler \_\_\_ Cooper\_x\_ Czajkowski\_x\_ Ferreira\_\_\_ Garvey\_x\_Gneiding \_\_\_  
Hallinger\_x\_ Nazario\_x\_ Pensak\_\_\_ Sarkar\_\_\_ Tsipoura\_\_\_

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING**

**CURRENT ELECTION** – Announcements sent by Don to Membership on 8/26 and 9/3.  
Previous election-related notes included:

- Mindy sent in an updated biography to Don.
- Nellie has volunteered for the Communication position, she does not need to be elected to the board.
- Dan Milleman, a Rutgers PhD student, is interested in the currently vacant student board member position. He will be asked for a CV.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Dibs needs to submit a biography to Nellie and/or Don to be sent out with the election emails. An old bio may be used if not received in a timely manner.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Board members should solicit names of people interested in running for the open board positions. There is a particular interest in having a laboratory representative be nominated.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Term limits for the current board members need to be revised on the website.

Next steps related to Election and Action Items to be discussed.

As of the meeting date, 3 nominees had been identified: Mindy, Dibs and Gary Buchanan (from NJDEP). In the interim, 3 more nominees have surfaced. As a result, we have 6 nominees total and 3 Board positions open. Don will send an e-mail in the near future w/ nominees and instructions for voting. Don, I hope you remembered some IPA for your wife.

**TREASURER'S REPORT – Don Nazario** We are financially sound according to Don.

**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – Don Nazario** Briefly discussed 'tracking' of membership and focusing recruitment of new members, but decided to defer detailed discussion to next meeting.

## DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS – Board Members

### 1. Upcoming Meetings

#### **FALL 2014 WORKSHOP**

Date – Tuesday, October 14

Location – Prallsville Mill, Stockton, NJ

Theme – Current Complex Remediation/Restoration Challenges in the Mid-Atlantic States

#### Suggested Speakers

- Passaic River – Ann Hayden of NJDEP (Kari will contact)
- Hudson River – Mike Trainer of Berger (Ed will contact)
- Berrys Creek – Peter Brussock (Don will contact)
- USEPA Region 2 Sediment Guidance – Carol Lynes (Mindy and/or Gina will contact)
- Hydrofracing – Tim Bechtel
- Alcoa – Young Chang of USEPA (Gina will contact)
- Coastal Restoration/Dredging – Scott Douglas (Kris will contact)

**ACTION ITEM:** Need to have board members volunteer to be meeting chairs.

**ACTION ITEM:** A ‘Save the Date’ was sent to members on 8/26 and 9/3.

**ACTION ITEM:** Need to discuss special Logistics associated w/ Prallsville Mill location.

Board will meet on September 10<sup>th</sup> at the Triumph Brewery to finalize the October Fall Workshop. Next steps and Action Items to be discussed.

Very little is finalized at this point in terms of speakers. We need to confirm speakers ASAP, so announcements can be sent, etc. KDH to follow-up w/ Mindy and Gina re: their contacts. Kari indicated that Ann Hayden can't make it, but she suggested Alice Yeh at EPA Reg. 2 as a substitute. Kari has reached to Alice, but no reply yet. Ed's contact can't make it. KDH spoke to Scott Douglas as DOT – Maritime Resources and Scott is available to present on coastal maintenance dredging related to Hurricane Sandy.

So, the only confirmed speakers to date are Tim Bechtel (Hydrofracing) and Scott Douglas (Dredging). We need to confirm more speakers ASAP!

Finding speakers needs to be our focus during the next week – it's now or never!

#### **ANNUAL MEETING - SPRING 2014**

- To be held at Rutgers University – New Brunswick (Cook Campus?)

Keith confirmed that the Student Center location on Cook Campus will be the likely spot for the Spring meeting. Keith is working on a NOAA Grant application for presenters to come from other orgs. (Sea Grant, etc.) and participate in the meeting. This should help w/ filling out the speaker line-up. We should be considering topics/themes for the Meeting and thinking about possible workshops. Additional planning to get serious following the Fall Workshop.

2. Student Research Proposal

3. Involvement of other regional groups – NJ Academy of Sciences, Mid Atlantic SOT, etc.

4. Resource Allocation Committee (Carolyn, Laurie, and Nellie) – Suggestions for ways to monetarily aid our members (website design award, hardship awards, HAZWOPER scholarships, etc.)

5. Membership Drive Committee (Don, James, and Dibs) – Suggestions for expanding our base from academic and corporate and government organizations

6. Open Discussion

We deferred these last few items to the next meeting due to disintegrating conditions around us (people arriving, noise level rising, making sure the accommodations for our speaker were adequate, etc.). It had nothing to do w/ the beer.

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