

**STRONGER, INC.**  
**Conference Call**  
**October 8, 2004**  
**Minutes**

1. Call to Order – Tom Stewart called the meeting to order and noted the presence of the following on the call:

Don Neeper	Jim Erb
Don Garvin	Wilma Subra
Jim Collins	Terry Adamson
Leslie Savage	Jim Carter
Laura Hanson	

2. Review team nominations Tom Stewart indicated that the Board needs to finalize its nominations for the Indiana and Oklahoma review teams.

Indiana Don Neeper volunteered to participate in the Indiana Review as a STRONGER Board observer. Jim Carter indicated that the Ohio review team appreciated having a Board member present. Don Garvin moved that the Board nominate Don Neeper to serve as a STRONGER Board member at the Indiana Review, and that his expenses be covered. The motion was seconded by Jim Erb, and was approved by the Board with Dr. Neeper's abstention.

The Board discussed the need for an environmental team member for the Indiana review. Jim Carter indicated that the GWPC has not yet nominated a team member for the UIC portion of the review. Depending on who GWPC nominates, that person could shift the balance of the three interest groups. Don Garvin mentioned that he is not completely comfortable with the decision to include the UIC person as a forth voting team member. Jim clarified that the team does not operate by voting, but depends on consensus. The UIC person has to be a team member because they need to participate in the drafting of the report.

The Board discussed this matter and decided that it should be considered for future reviews. Jim Erb suggested as a solution that, in future reviews, the state representative should be from a UIC primacy state. Don Garvin indicated that, absent some resolution, he would be uncomfortable voting for another team composed in this manner. If GWPC nominates one team member for combined reviews, this would limit STRONGER's nominees to five of the team members. **ACTION ITEM: Jim Carter will follow up with GWPC re: their observer for the Indiana Review Team. This matter will be added to the Oklahoma City Board meeting agenda.**

Don Garvin moved approval of the Indiana review team to date, with the addition of an environmental representative and a GWPC-nominated UIC Team Member with writing responsibilities. Don Neeper seconded and the team was approved.

Oklahoma Laura Hanson listed the Oklahoma team nominees as Don Garvin and Kathy Martin, environmental team members; Terri Lorenzon and Hal Fitch, state team members; Angie Burckhalter and Charles McDonald, industry team members; with Mark Carl, Jim Collins, Steve Souders (EPA) and John Ford (DOE) as observers. Jim Erb moved approval of the team, Terry Adamson seconded and the Board approved the Oklahoma review team.

3. Review reports

Ohio Don Garvin reported that the Ohio review went very well. He was impressed with the program. Logistically everything went smoothly. Jim Carter mentioned that team members indicated that the training was extremely helpful and that the team felt well prepared.

At the final closing debrief with Rick Simmers, he knew exactly where there would be follow-up recommendations. Leslie mentioned that we could use this as a great testimonial from the State.

4. Future meetings

IOGCC meeting: Don Garvin will provide a STRONGER update to the State Review Committee. Tom Stewart will give a presentation to the IOGCC Business meeting. **ACTION ITEMS: Jim Carter will review last year's business meeting presentation and will update the information. Bear West will prepare an outline and PowerPoint presentation for Don Garvin.**

State De-briefings: Tom Stewart indicated that Gary Ross has expressed concerns with the report writing process. Wilma Subra mentioned that we need to respond to the state's concerns and explain their concerns in the Review Report. Leslie Savage will talk to Gary Ross and discuss their concerns with the Louisiana Review Report and encourage them to discuss their concerns with the Board at the Oklahoma City meeting.

5. Guidelines revisions: Jim Erb indicated that he would be willing to serve as the Board champion for the spill control workgroup. The Board discussed organizing the workgroups and getting started. Bear West will provide staff support, but Board champions should contact their groups and begin scheduling work.

6. Upcoming reviews: Jim Erb indicated that the New York follow-up review is scheduled for June, 2005. Kansas is scheduled for October or November, 2005. Tom Stewart mentioned that Kansas is hesitating in committing to a firm date, and may need some encouragement. Jim Erb indicated that the Illinois follow-up review is scheduled for May. Wilma Subra volunteered to participate in this team. Colorado has indicated readiness for a follow-up review in November.

7. Other items: Don Neeper asked whether we have scheduled a meeting with WGA. Jim Carter indicated that he has not heard from Paul Orbuch, and will give Paul another call. Jim Erb mentioned the need for approval of the minutes from several previous conference calls. Those minutes will be deferred until Oklahoma City meeting October 19-20, 2004. Jim Erb also mentioned that we need to be careful to keep Mark Carl involved in STRONGER business.

8. Adjournment – On motion and second, the meeting was adjourned.