

STRONGER, INC.
Minutes
September 17, 2004
Teleconference

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

Laura Hanson
Leslie Savage
Mark Carl
Jim Erb
Don Garvin

Lori Wrotenbery
Wilma Subra
Jim Collins
Jim Carter

2. Approval of July 15, 2004 and August 18, 2004 Board meeting minutes
Approval of the minutes was deferred until the next meeting when all Board members will have had a chance to review the draft minutes.

3. Financial Status Report

- Update on DOE funding,

Dan Derkics provided the following update via email:

EPA budget folks have advised that the DOE-EPA IAG accounting information should be in the Agency's financial system by Monday, September 20th. Next, the commitment notices, which move the money from EPA-Cincinnati's IAG account to EPA-Las Vegas' grants accounts for both the STRONGER and IOGCC grants, will then be processed.

The IOGCC no-cost extension to the grant's period of performance was processed smoothly in mid-July. The STRONGER no-cost extension ran into some confusion because the original issuance notice was sent to Pennsylvania (then-Chairman Erb) but administration of the grant now resides in Utah (Bear West). The STRONGER paperwork should be transferred soon (by the 24th or 27th) to the EPA's Grants Administration Division (GAD) staffer who handles Utah, Mariela Munoz.

Dan reports that he believes the process can be completed by end of September.

- EPA Office of Water grant opportunity – Jim Carter reported that he is in communication with the EPA Office of Water regarding the upcoming grant application announcement, and has developed a draft grant application template to submit when the announcement is made.

4. Discussion and Approval of Review Team nominations

- Oklahoma:

A second environmental team member has not yet been identified. Don Garvin will serve on the review team as a public interest representative. The team roster at this point includes: Terri Lorenzon, Wyoming; Hal Fitch, Michigan; Angie Burckhalter, OIPA; Charles McDonald, Devon Energy; Don Garvin, STRONGER Board. Tim Baker has also suggested

contacting someone from the Osage tribe, and will get contact information to STRONGER

- Ohio:

Jim Carter reported that Ohio is concerned that no DOE observer will be in attendance. A question was asked whether Dave Alleman might be available. The balance of the review team has previously been approved and trained. Rick Simmer's concern stems from a 1995 review report recommendation on data analysis and the RBDMS project. Ohio recently got an award for its website, and Rick wants to make sure that the recommendation is fully addressed.

Action Item: Bear West will contact Bill Hochheiser to see if he is available to join a portion of the review by conference call.

Don Garvin indicated that he may not participate in the review as an observer since Sandra Bihn has been nominated. She went through review team training, and Jim Erb feels that she will be an asset to the team. Wilma pointed out that none of the team members have had experience on a previous review team. The Board discussed whether having Don participate as a reviewer would be valuable, but no conclusion was reached.

- Indiana:

The current Indiana review team nominees include: Bradley Fields, New York; Stephen T. Link, industry team member; and Donald Neeper, environmental team member. Observers include: Michael G. Cash, Coy Oil, industry observer; Nancy Comstock, DOE; Mark Carl, IOGCC; and Alexander Livnat, EPA. Jim Carter indicated that the GWPC has been invited to nominate a UIC program specialist to the team. Don Neeper indicated that he is still looking for a public interest team member, and would observe the review if another team member is nominated. Don Garvin moved, and Jim Collins seconded, to approve the nominees to date. The motion was approved.

Action Item: Laura will follow up with Brian Wright at the Hoosier Environmental Council.

Action Items: The Board environmental representatives will complete nominations for the Indiana and Oklahoma review teams by September 24th.

5. Approval of Stronger Brochure

Wilma Subra mentioned that the brochure should cite the STRONGER website where it discusses the three-pronged approach taken by EPA. Bill Hochheiser has also submitted some editorial changes by email. Don Garvin moved approval of the brochure, with addition of the website and Bill's corrections. The motion was seconded by Wilma and approved by the Board.

Action Item: Bear West will make corrections to the brochure and have a few copies printed.

6. Feedback for Bear West

Don Garvin mentioned the need to resolve the issue regarding group e-mail messages sent to AOL subscribers. It was suggested that Bear West set up some email addresses through www.strongerinc.org as a possible alternative.

Action Item: Laura will continue to work with AOL and Bear West's ISP to resolve the issue.

7. Scheduling of future meetings

- Laura confirmed that the Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Louisiana directors are planning on a de-briefing with the Board in conjunction with the IOGCC meeting (1:00-3:00 pm on October 19, 2004).
- The October 20th Board meeting will begin at 8:00 am and will focus on the Guidelines revisions the Board has not assigned to workgroups.
- The Board scheduled its next conference call for November 11th at 9:00 am central time, 10:00 am eastern
- The Board's annual meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 9th, in Oklahoma City
- Meeting with WGA

Jim Carter reported that we are still waiting to hear from Paul Orbuch regarding a meeting date and time. Lori Wrotenbery, Terry Adamson, and Don Neeper have indicated that they would like to attend, schedules permitting.

8. Update on Review Preparation – Jim Carter

- Ohio- The review team training was completed, and the review is set for October 3rd through 6th.
- Indiana- The main questionnaire responses have been received. Bear West sent the approved UIC questionnaire. The review team training is being scheduled for mid- to late- October. Several team nominations remain outstanding.
- Oklahoma- The questionnaire is in preparation.

9. Other items

- STRONGER presentation at the State Review Committee meeting in Oklahoma City, October 18th.

Don Garvin volunteered to give the presentation. Mark Carl noted that if we use a PowerPoint presentation we need to get it to IOGCC ahead of time. An informal working group was formed to assist with the presentation: Jim Erb, Tom Stewart, Don Garvin

Action Item: Bear West will prepare a preliminary draft presentation and submit to the drafting group (Tom, Jim Erb, Don Garvin) for comments.

- Mark Carl asked whether STRONGER would also give a presentation at the IOGCC annual business meeting on the 19th at 3:00 pm. Tom Stewart indicated he would give an update to the business meeting.
- Guideline revisions
Mark Carl asks that an update be sent to the workgroups letting them know of the revision process.

Action Items: Bear West will compile the workgroup lists and distribute them to the workgroup champions and IOGCC. STRONGER Board champions will contact work groups and suggest that they begin working on the revisions.

- Jim Erb indicated that he has prepared a UIC training powerpoint to be used in the Indiana review team training

10. Adjournment

On motion by Don Garvin, and a second by Leslie Savage, the meeting was adjourned.