

Model Aquatic Health Code (MAHC)

STEERING COMMITTEE

ATLANTA MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 25, 2009

Members Present: Doug Sackett - Director, Dr. Michael Beach, Tracynda Davis, John Linn, Charles Otto, Bob Vincent, Amanda Long - Assistant to the Director , and Lee Tate - MAHC Project Coordinator.

Members Absent: Chuck Neuman and Chip Cleary.

1. **June 10 Meeting Minutes:** The Steering Committee (SC) approved the June 10, 2009 meeting minutes as corrected.
2. **Steering Committee Resignation:** The two vacancies on the SC remain unfilled. Mr. Sackett will contact an individual representing a local regulatory agency to determine that person's ability to serve.
3. **SC Meeting Discussion:** Mr. Otto presented an extensive overview of the FDA Food Code and the Food Code Conference protocols and their development. The background development process for the Food Code has very relevant applications for the MAHC. The presentation needs to be recorded so that it can be shown to all TC Chairpersons and members. The SC needs to prepare a draft document similar to the Conference of Food Protection protocols. This vision should be presented at the Environmental Health Leader's Meeting in October at the World Aquatic Health Conference.

The SC was made aware of the proposed efforts to incorporate the APSP pool codes into the ICC building code. The SC needs to begin promotion of an "Association of Swimming Pool Officials" to represent public health. This organization should not be affiliated with any existing swimming pool organization. We need to initiate discussions with the Association of State and Territorial Health Officers, the National Association of County and City Health Officials, and other similar organizations about their participation.

The Operator Training TC Draft was discussed. Several recommendations were made. Should there be third party course evaluators like the food manager/worker certification courses? The SC agreed that there is potential for third party accreditation for OT courses and that this may be the best way to meet "knowledge and skills" requirements. SC members are to send review comments to Ms. Long.

There was also a discussion of the Disinfection and Water Quality TC Draft. Mr. Linn will provide SC comments back to the TC.

4. **Action Items:**
 - a. Get additional recommendations to fill the two SC vacancies.
 - b. Record Mr. Otto's presentation for viewing by all MAHC TCs.
 - c. SC members to provide comments on the Operator Training TC draft to Ms. Long.
 - d. Mr. Linn will provide SC comments to the Disinfection and Water Quality TC
 - e. Begin to work on establishment of a similar entity to the FDA Food Code Congress for the MAHC, prepare a protocol similar to that of the CFC, and develop a presentation.
 - f. Begin promotion of an "Association of Swimming Pool Officials" to represent public health.
 - g. Create a list of key words for TCs.