

Model Aquatic Health Code (MAHC)

STEERING COMMITTEE

AUGUST 12, 2009

Members Present: Michael Beach, Chip Cleary, Tracynda Davis, Jim Dunn, Colleen Maitoza, Charles Otto, Bob Vincent, Amanda Long - Assistant to the Director, and Lee Tate - MAHC Project Coordinator.

Members Absent: Doug Sackett – Director, Chuck Neuman, and John Linn.

1. **June 25 Meeting Minutes:** The Steering Committee (SC) approved the June 25, 2009 meeting minutes.
2. **July 8, 2009 Meeting Minutes:** The SC approved the July 8, 2009 meeting minutes as corrected.
3. **Steering Committee Replacements:** Ms. Colleen Maitoza and Mr. Jim Dunn have been appointed to the SC. Ms. Maitoza brings over 27 years of environmental health experience in plan review and other activities directly related to the MAH. Mr. Dunn has an architectural background and adds a wealth of swimming pool design and construction experience.
4. **SC Meeting Discussion:**

The Facility Maintenance & Operations TC has submitted their draft to the SC for review and comment. Mr. Tate will send another review copy to all SC members and give a requested return deadline of Monday, August 17. The Facilities Maintenance & Operations TC will meet August 20th to address the SC comments.

The Operator Training TC has reviewed the SC proctored exam recommendations and will finalize their draft during the next OT meeting on the August 21st.

The Monitoring and Testing TC is nearing their draft completion. They should have a draft shortly after their next meeting on August 24th. The initial draft will consider microbial testing as well as testing for conventional pool parameters. The Monitoring & Testing TC needs to confer with the Disinfection & Water Quality TC on titration recommendations before each TC submits their final drafts.

The Disinfection & Water Quality TC is considering clarifiers and flocculants. This TC needs to confer with the Filtration and Recirculation TC. Clarifiers and flocculants are not currently being addressed in MAHC TCs. At a minimum, these parameters should be addressed in an annex.

The Regulatory Program Administration TC has received the comments from the SC and will address them at their meeting on August 18th. The SC comments were well received.

Geoff Brown, the Contamination Burden TC Chairperson, was asked to step down from his MAHC activities by his employer due to increased work responsibilities within his company. Ellen Meyer, an existing member of that committee, has agreed to assume the Chairperson role.

Mr. Nylander is still completing a list of proposed individuals for the Facility Design & Construction TC.

The Recirculation Systems & Filtration TC also still needs additional refocusing.

The Ventilation and Air Quality TC is moving well. They are working on code language.

The Lifeguarding TC is also progressing very well. The TC has developed subgroups and all are proceeding at a reasonable pace.

The Risk Management TC is moving well. They are also now preparing code language. There are some cross cutting issues for other TCs when considering approved and unapproved methods such as hand feeding chemicals.

APSP will make copies of their standards available to the MAHC TCs at no cost, with the proviso that they not be distributed to those outside the MAHC.

All TCs are awaiting feedback from the SC on pool types. This should be a discussion topic for one of our next calls. There was general discussion on bather loading from a contamination standpoint versus bather load from a lifeguarding perspective. Mr. Cleary and Mr. Dunn will develop a draft paragraph to further refine these issues.

The Fecal, Blood, Vomit Module has been posted on the web site for comment since last fall. However, very few comments have been received. This module needs to be finalized.

The MAHC web page needs updating as soon as possible with the latest TC membership changes. Dr. Beach will also generate a brief paragraph that can be used to generate further MAHC interest.

5. Action Items:

- a. The Disinfection & Water Quality TC and the Monitoring & Testing TC need to confer on titration recommendations before submitting their final drafts.
- b. Mr. Tate will resend SC members copies of the Facility Maintenance & Operation TC draft to review and return by August 17.
- c. The Disinfection & Water Quality TC and the Filtration & Recirculation TC need to address the clarifier and flocculent issues.
- d. Bather load should be a discussion topic for a TC Chairperson Summit Call in the near future.
- e. Mr. Tate will distribute copies of the APSP codes to all MAHC committees.
- f. The SC needs to define pool types.
- g. Mr. Tate will contact Mr. Nylander to determine the current status of the Facility Design and Construction TC membership proposal.
- h. Mr. Cleary and Mr. Dunn will develop draft language on bather loading issues discussed during the SC meeting.
- i. Dr. Beach will develop a brief web page paragraph that can be used to further generate interest and keep those in the industry updated on MAHC progress.
- j. The SC will meet in Atlanta October 27, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

The call ended at 4:00 PM.