

**Model Aquatic Health Code
Operator Training Technical Committee**

**Conference Call Minutes
October 16, 2008 (at World Aquatic Health Conference)**

Members Present: Dennis Berkshire, Tracynda Davis, Connie Harvey (for Greg Stockton), Colleen Maitoza, Michele Hlavsa, Kay Smiley, Tom Donaldson, Carl Ralph, Doug Sackett, Lee Tate, Charles Otto, Michael Beach

Members Absent: John Whitmore, Wayne Crokus, Lorraine Forston, Dean Hyatt, Mark Pabst

1. Steering Committee: Michael Beach and Charles Otto, steering committee members, attended this technical committee (TC) meeting. They thanked TC members for volunteering and stressed the need for the TC to formulate a set of best practices as its first priority. The goal is to have a set of best practices from each established TC completed within one year. Lee Tate will look for resources pertaining to specialty venues (e.g., interactive fountains).

2. Collaboration site: This site facilitates communication among members and minimizes the number of emails by providing daily digests.

3. Pool operator training: What topics should a core course include? Operators must be able to demonstrate core knowledge (e.g., on a paper-based exam) and skills on site. Demonstrating skills allows for assessment of knowledge to execute pool operation and maintenance steps correctly. Skills demonstrations are a part of food inspections. Both the course instructor, who trains operators, and the pool inspector, who evaluates operators, must have knowledge competencies, too. Supporting documentation for each recommendation currently may not be available. What studies are needed?

4. Next Steps: Dennis Berkshire will review the Straw Man and report back to the TC. The next conference call will be on November 25, 2008 at 3:30 pm EST.