

Citizens Advisory Board Committee Minutes



Committee: Executive/Administrative

Date: May 01, 2006 – 10:00 a.m. (MT)

Participants

Board Members: John Bolliger
Bill Flanery
Fred Sica

DOE-ID: Shannon Brennan

Support Staff: Lisa Aldrich

Objective(s) for the Committee Meeting

- Review budget.
- Draft response of letter to Dr. Peter Rickards
- Presentation regarding risk levels and numbers
- Tours and pending agenda items.

Budget

Lisa will prepare a report this week that will include some of the April numbers. This can be discussed in the wrap-up session at the May meeting if needed.

Draft Response of letter to Dr. Peter Richards

Fred wanted to make sure any correspondence we gave back to Dr. Peter Rickards was based on good science. Fred asked Bill Johnson (CWI) to have his staff look at the comments and information sheet from Dr. Rickards and provide feedback. When those are received, Fred will get a third party to look them over for content to make sure the science is good and then give to the chairs for review. Bill thought the written material provided to the CAB was informative and it would be good to thank Dr. Rickards for that. However, the information was from a 2002 report and it might be outdated. It should point out to Dr. Rickards what information is outdated. Fred has asked for a reply in an excel spreadsheet explaining why and why not things are valid and then the third party will have a look at that and will get a complete unbiased opinion from this third party and then it will be given to the chairs for their review. Con Mahoney will address these issues also, but if the Dr. Rickards is giving us this information and it isn't based on good science then the Dr. Rickards needs to know. Fred proposed that we should reply to the letter from Fred's letterhead on behalf of the CAB. Dr. Rickards will either accept these issues or won't. When Fred gets the information back from CWI he will send a copy to John and the Executive Committee and also will send them a copy of the response letter for his review. If all are in agreement with Fred, he will send it off to Dr. Rickards and see if there is any response. Committee suggests the Board should be apprised of what's being done so they are aware of it before the letter is sent. There is no need to go to the whole CAB over this letter, but need to be informed of what is going to happen with the letter to Dr. Rickards and how it is being dealt with. If the difference is ethical and philosophical it needs to be dealt with good science. Fred wants to hear if he has a good scientific reason of why something should or shouldn't be done.

Does anyone recall the statement about the board profiting from serving on the CAB? Mr. Rispoli (EM-1) suggested that any response should be a federal response. This should be addressed with a separate piece

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of correspondence from Rick or our DDFO. Shannon will pursue this letter from Rick and will report back to the committee. We will wait and see how things unfold with this issue and talk about this about the next meeting.

Presentation regarding risk levels and numbers

A presentation will be given as a stand alone incorporated in the orientation modules presentation. Orientation is for everyone. Haven't been talking in curies and will be addressing the comparatives of risk levels so it will be readily understandable by all. It is a broad based presentation. It will include the different types of radiation and their risks (half vs. short lives and the health effects). If there are too many questions on these topics then there might be a need to have a follow-on presentation. The plutonium fact sheets will also be incorporated. Risks from non-radioactive sources will be covered as well.

Tours and pending agenda items

INL Site tour scheduled for Monday, July 17th and will be a full day tour. No specific focus yet for the tour. It would be a site-wide tour with EM focus. Shannon asked if the CAB would like a repeat of last year to benefit the new members. The committee commented that INTEC, RWMC, and the AMWTP would be good to include; maybe the north-end as well (if added in will make a long day). There is a lot of activity going on there that is of interest. The TAN-607 EE/CA for the High Bay area would be opening up which might be of interest. Committee thinks this should be brought up to the whole board as to where we are going to tour at the site and the decision on what stops can be made. Add to the agenda during the wrap up at the next meeting.

We don't have any information from the chair's meeting on the WIPP Site tour at this point. There was more interest in having another type of workshop rather than the WIPP tour. Maybe interest for the WIPP tour will come up in about a year. It was suggested to have a low-level waste workshop. The Savannah River Site SSAB talked about doing one on high-level waste. Next chairs meeting in September will be in Northern New Mexico. There is interest in having a tour of the Los Alamos Site.

When the draft of the schedule came out did Kathleen Trever agree to talk about the law suit? Shannon said she most likely will talk about it to the degree of her comfort level. Shannon will ask her again if she will talk about this.

Actions

- Fred will get together a response for the Dr. Rickards and send a copy of it to a third party and will give all correspondence to John and this committee to look at before sending.
- Shannon will get with Rick to put together a separate correspondence in regards to the allegations of the CAB profiting from serving on the Board.
- Shannon will send Fred a new meeting schedule.
- Shannon will send the agenda out for DOE approval.