



SRS Citizens Advisory Board

Bylaws Subcommittee

Meeting Summary
September 25, 1995
Beaufort, S.C.

A Bylaws Subcommittee meeting was held Monday, September 25, 1995, at 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Beaufort, S.C. Subcommittee Chairperson JoAnn Nestor presided. Beaurine Wilkins of the CAB, Dawn Haygood of Westinghouse Savannah River Company and Gerri Flemming of the Department of Energy attended.

JoAnn Nestor discussed the need for revisions to the current Bylaws and suggested several amendments. One suggested change was to reduce the number of Board members to 23 by reducing the number of public officials required in the stakeholder categories from five to three. Other adjustments would then be necessary to allow for the same demographic ratio applied to 25 Board members. This would mean that there would be no fewer than seven African Americans on the Board and no fewer than 11 females. This change was suggested due to quorum problems over the past two years as well as the difficulties associated with replacing a vacant public official position.

Terms of appointment also require modification since the current Bylaws reflect the initial Board.

Another major revision discussed was to incorporate the Bylaws, Nominations and Membership Subcommittees into one Administrative Subcommittee since these three committees were so closely interrelated.

JoAnn Nestor also requested a legal opinion on the definition of several terms including "politically disadvantaged" and "ethnic minority." She also asked for an interpretation of Section 3.3 regarding the qualifications for membership, specifically if two minority issues representatives were separate and in addition to the requirement of no fewer than eight African Americans. Additionally, she asked for an interpretation of voting by proxy in section 6.9 and how it pertains to quorums and requested an interpretation regarding the procedure to amend the Bylaws and when 30-days notification is required.

Other minor modifications to aid in clarification of the Bylaws were also discussed. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.