



SRS Citizens Advisory Board

Bylaws Subcommittee Meeting

Meeting Summary

November 11, 1995

Savannah, Ga.

A Bylaws Subcommittee meeting was held Saturday, November 11, 1995, at 2:30 p.m. at the Oglethorpe Mall Branch Library in Savannah, Ga. Subcommittee Chairperson JoAnn Nestor presided. Anne Brown, Andrew Rea and Beaurine Wilkins of the SRS Citizens Advisory Board, Dawn Haygood of Westinghouse Savannah River Company and Gerri Flemming of the Department of Energy attended. (A copy of proposed Bylaws amendments are attached)

JoAnn Nestor discussed the need for revisions to the current Bylaws and suggested several amendments. Board members discussed a previous suggestion 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. Following discussion regarding the difficulty in acquiring public official applicants and the lack of a quorum on several occasions, the subcommittee decided to leave the number of Board members the same, but shift two of the required public officials to the general public stakeholder category. The suggested amendments would require three public officials and seven general public representatives on the Board. Also, all Board member terms will now be two-year terms.

Further discussion pursued regarding stakeholder categories and the definition of several terms including "politically disadvantaged" and "ethnic minority." Board members determined that the term "politically disadvantaged" was too abstract and should be deleted from Section 3.3 f.d. They also added a definition for the term "economically disadvantaged" in this section as below the poverty guidelines set by the federal government. The term "ethnic minority" is now defined as African American, Hispanic, Asian, Pacific Islander, American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut and other non-white persons, in the attached proposed amendments.

It was also determined that the two minority issues representatives required in Section 3.3 f.f are in addition to the eight African Americans required in Section 3.3 c and will be clarified within the proposed amendments.

In Articles IV and V, the subcommittee suggests adding that election of officers and subcommittee chairs shall be held annually every January.

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. All Board members agreed this was a good idea and could streamline certain Board operations. Subcommittee members decided to add a note that all duties and

responsibilities previously encompassed by the individual subcommittees shall henceforth reside within the Administrative Subcommittee.

Regarding Section 6.6 Attendance, subcommittee members suggested that a board member absent from two unexcused consecutive Board meetings in a calendar year shall be considered for dismissal, upon recommendation by the Administrative Subcommittee.

There was discussion regarding Article VII Conflict of Interest, particularly Section 7.3 concerning specific regulations. However, no proposed amendments were made to this section of the Bylaws.

Board members also discussed Section 7.4 Individuals Ineligible for Board Membership and tried to determine a definition for "management employees". They were also unable to decide what criteria should be used in determining which employees are eligible for membership.

Other minor modifications to aid in clarification of the Bylaws were also discussed (see enclosed). The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.

Note: Meeting handouts may be obtained by calling the SRS CAB toll free number at 1-800-249-8155.