



SRS Citizen's Advisory Board

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Executive Committee

Newberry Hall, Aiken, S.C.

July 26, 2004

The SRS Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Executive Committee met on Monday, July 26, 2004, at 5:45 p.m. at Newberry Hall. The purposes of the meeting were to discuss 8A contract status, the Education Retreat, recommendation transmittal process, and any other issues offered by the committee chairs.

Attendance was as follows:

CAB Members

Jean Sulc
Mel Galin
Bill Lawless
Perry Holcomb
William Lawrence
Meryl Alalof

DOE/Contractors

Bill Spader, DOE
Gerri Flemming, DOE
Teresa Haas, WSRC
Dawn Haygood, WSRC

Chair Update

Jean Sulc commented on the passing of CAB Member Harold Rahn. She noted Mary Drye would present a poem in his memory during the full Board meeting. Ms. Sulc also commented that Jennifer Barrington has resigned from the Board and that the CAB would not be filling unexpired portions of terms, but would instead operate with 23 members until the 2005 elections. Mel Galin reported that he was working with a committee to develop the agenda for the upcoming Site Specific Advisory Board Chairs meeting to be held in early October at Hanford.

8A Contract Status Update

Jean Sulc noted that negotiations with the selected 8A contractor were still underway. When asked if any showstoppers were foreseen, Bill Spader, DOE, stated there were none, that the goal was for the transition to an 8A contractor to be transparent. Gerri Flemming commented that SRS is trying to work within its given budget and avoid any requests for increases to the budget.

Education Retreat

Dawn Haygood presented the draft agenda and outline for the SRS CAB Education Retreat to be held September 10-11, 2004, in Charleston, S.C. The Executive Committee was asked to

provide any comments or suggestions.

Recommendation Transmittal Process

Executive Committee Members discussed the proposed recommendation transmittal process (see attachment) at length. Perry Holcomb shared several sections of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, which does not say you cannot make recommendations to another agency. The Committee agreed it was premature to take any action regarding the transmittal of CAB recommendations and would await guidance from DOE-Headquarters. The committee is very much against sending recommendations only to DOE and indirectly to regulators through DOE. It was suggested that a letter to the new acting Assistant Secretary may be needed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.