

Model Aquatic Health Code (MAHC)
STEERING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – CONFERENCE CALL
DECEMBER 18, 2007, 3:00–4:00 PM

Members Present: Michael Beach, Bart Bibler, Carolyn Erling – Secretary, Steve Goode, Joe Hunsaker, Amanda Long – Assistant to the Director, David Ludwig, Doug Sackett - Director.

Members Absent: Chip Cleary, John Linn, Chuck Neuman, and Charles Otto.

1. Meeting Minutes: The 9/25 and 10/2 meeting minutes were accepted and will be posted on the MAHC website.

2. Technical Committee Member Update: The list of interested members continues to be updated as inquiries come in.

3. Healthy Swimming Website Update: The MAHC website has been expanded and now includes a Steering Committee page with a list of members and meeting minutes, and a technical committee page, which lists proposed topics.

4. Priority Technical Committees: The group discussed the content of an operator-training module and a water quality module. A chairperson will be selected for the technical committee of each module. The chairperson and the steering committee will use the list of interested members to form the technical committee. A draft document with the technical committee chairperson duties will be created. The compilation of state aquatic codes will be given to chairpersons/technical committees for use in module development.

5. Other Priority Modules: These include a Guidance for Response to Enteric Illness Outbreaks annex, and a Fecal/Blood/Vomit Accident Response module, which have been outlined incorporating Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations.

6. Strawman Discussion: The Strawman is still in draft form; comments from the steering committee would be appreciated.

7. Plans for Spring 2008:

- Release the Guidance for Response to Enteric Illness Outbreaks annex and the Fecal/Blood/Vomit Accident Response module before the summer season.
- Choose Chairpersons for the Operator Training technical committee and Water Quality technical committee by mid-January.
- Three steering committee members will meet with Association of Pool and Spa Professionals (APSP) in February to discuss the relationship between the APSP code and the MAHC.
- The projected in-person meetings would take place around the World Aquatic Health Conference in Colorado Springs in October and the National Environmental Health Association meeting in Tucson in June.
- A fixed monthly conference call will be set; extra calls can be scheduled as necessary. The next call will be January 8, 9, or 10, 2008 based on availability.
- Funding has been requested from CDC to hire someone full-time to manage the project, which would enable the project to move along more quickly to meet as many expectations as possible.