

# Minutes

NAGPI Conference Call: Wednesday, 2 March 2005, 14:00–14:40 EST

## 1. Welcome to participants and roll call

### Participants

Dana Arnold	Lou Pagano
Chantal Line Carpentier	Kim Peters
Scot Case	John Polak
Christine Cowan	Mary Ann Remolador
Brian Johnson	Véronique Robichaud
Pablo Eduardo López-Vázquez	Julie Shannon
Luz Aida Martinez	Paul Thomson

## 2. Update: Program plan for 2005

Chantal Line congratulated everyone in the group for their great work and support for NAGPI. This work was recognized by the Parties, helped by the government officials in this group, and given a green light for the next three years. The draft plan will be circulated immediately for comments before the final negotiations begin. The plan reflects the issues brought forward in our discussions and the proposals made at our last annual meeting. Although the whole plan has not yet been approved, the budget line for the Santa Monica meeting is approved; our next delivery is a merged strategic plan for our three products, to be presented at the June Council session (June 22–23) in Quebec City. During this event, specific activities will be approved by the CEC Council, which is composed of the environment ministers of the three NAFTA countries.

## 3. March 31<sup>st</sup> meeting in Santa Monica, CA

Approximately twenty people will attend this meeting. The Secretariat will send a revised agenda along with a list of participants.

Brian informed us of the logistics arrangements and asked that speakers send copies of their presentations ahead of time. A tour of the host city's "green buildings" is planned for Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Those wishing to join this tour should confirm with Brian and Véronique. Also, if anyone wants to distribute documents, they should send them in advance to allow enough time to make additional copies. Finally, Brian will come back to us and let us know about the conference call resources and arrangements.

## 4. Committee update

Véronique will send all NAGPI members and their respective committees the documents prepared by Scot (cleaning products) and John (renewables).

Christine (office supplies) is completing a document that she will share with her committee next week, and with the whole group later on, in order to have wider feedback. Mary Ann said she would send work they have done in this area.

## **5. International Green Purchasing Network (IGPN)**

The Secretariat as well as several NAGPI members received a questionnaire to be completed on NAGPI activities. Veronique will send this questionnaire to the group.

## **6. UNEP meeting on Sustainable Public Procurement on 15–17 June 2005**

Chantal Line sent proceedings from a prior meeting and will forward the agenda and invitation for this meeting. As there might be benefits for the NAGPI group, at least one member should participate. We will be discussing this matter at the upcoming NAGPI meeting.

## **7. Other business**

The Center for a New American Dream is co-hosting a meeting on responsible purchasing. This event will be held in mid-May and Scot will send out more information about it shortly.

## **8. Next meeting**

Next conference call: Thursday, 24 March, 14:00 EST.