

**Model Aquatic Health Code (MAHC)**  
**STEERING COMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 14, 2008, 2:30–4:00 PM

**Members Present:** Michael Beach, Steve Goode, Joe Hunsaker, Amanda Long-Assistant to the Director, John Linn, David Ludwig, Chuck Neuman, Charles Otto, Douglas Sackett-Director, Lee Tate-Coordinator for Activities.

**1. January 9, 2008 conference call meeting minutes:** The minutes from the January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved with two revisions.

**2. APSP Meeting Summary:** Representatives from the steering committee (SC) met with the Association of Pool and Spa Professionals (APSP) representatives on February 13, 2008. A detailed description of the MAHC Project's scope and open process was provided; this cleared up some misconceptions about the scope of the MAHC. The APSP standards may be a component of the MAHC, but the project's process is much larger. APSP was invited to participate in the technical committees (TCs). A letter of understanding will be prepared by APSP to reiterate what was understood from the meeting and will be given to the SC to review.

**3. Introduce Lee Tate, Coordinator for Activities:** Lee Tate will be Coordinator for Activities for the MAHC beginning on 2/21/08. He will work full-time to expedite the process, remove hurdles to getting things done, and relieve the burden on volunteers.

**4. TCs - Updates:** Mr. Linn will be the liaison to the Water Quality TC. Next steps include finalizing the two TC scopes of work and setting up conference calls with the two TC chairs.

**5. TC Prioritization:** The SC decided the next TCs would be Monitoring & Testing, Bather Load, Recirculation Systems, and Filtration. The next steps are to find chairpersons for each TC, and to send a request to the SC members for volunteers to be SC liaisons for the new TCs. SC members should also send in their TC priority lists as soon as possible.

**6. In-person meetings update:** The next SC meeting will be June 19<sup>th</sup> in Phoenix, AZ.

**7. Module Updates:** The new CDC Fecal Accident Response Recommendations were distributed to over 3000 public health professionals, and a Notice to Readers was published in the 2/14/08 CDC MMWR alerting readers of the change to the original guidelines. This notice will be sent to associations and industry press. The corresponding MAHC module will be finalized and distributed with the understanding that updates will occur as new information becomes available. CDC's Guidance for Response to Enteric Illness Outbreaks should be available by the summer season; the corresponding MAHC module is on hold until the CDC document is finalized.

**8. Other Items, wrap up:** The importance of using a set format and numbering system for the modules was discussed, as was the role of the Coordinator of Activities in ensuring that modules are submitted in a standardized format.

The next conference call will be Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 – 4:00 PM.