

Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2019

Via phone conference hosted by Ohio EPA/OCAPP, Central Office, Columbus

CAP members Present: John Pierko, Chris Shaw and Ben Stratton and **Call-in:** Glorianna Corman and Carolyn Cybulski

Absent: Kara Alison, Ty Baker-Baumann, Christina O’Keeffe and Dan Sowry

Non-member participants: Lexie Andrews and Jessica Cáceres

Roll Call: Lexie opened the meeting at 10 a.m. followed by introductions and roll call.

Welcome and announcements: Lexie kicked the meeting off by introducing herself (Ohio EPA’s Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention (OCAPP) Supervisor). Lexie informed the group that there will be a new member joining us from the Public Affairs and Government Law Group. Jonathan Abbott was appointed by former Governor Kasich on October 15, 2018 and will serve out the remainder of the term previous filled by William Hayes. Mr. Abbott’s term will end July 30 of this year. Mr. Abbott is an attorney with the Public Affairs and Government Law Group primarily focusing his practice on representing clients on government-related matters including energy and utilities, gaming and liquor law, procurement, broadband and telecommunications.

Ohio EPA has a new Director – Laurie A. Stevenson: In January 2019, Governor Mike DeWine appointed Laurie A. Stevenson as director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. She most recently served as Deputy Director for Business Relations where she served as a primary contact for regulated entities to help coordinate permitting activities within the Agency, particularly for complex projects requiring multiple permits. She also served as chief of Ohio EPA’s Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (DEFA). DEFA provides financial and technical assistance to businesses and communities to help achieve compliance with the environmental regulations. Director Stevenson has 29 years of public service, previously serving as the industrial liaison in the Director’s Office and managed Ohio EPA’s Small Business Assistance Office (SBA).

CAP By-Laws: Lexie asked the group if there were any questions, comments or updates to the CAP By-Laws. There were none at this time.

New Ohio EPA Fact Sheets: Lexie shared with the group that new materials on asbestos and anti-tampering of vehicle emissions that OCAPP and the Division of Air Pollution Control’s (DAPC) have been working on. The new fact sheet, “[Ohio’s Vehicle Anti-Tampering Law: What You Should Know](#)” is now available on Ohio EPA’s website. A anti-tampering palm card is also is nearly complete and will available once approved by DAPC.

DAPC and OCAPP are also collaborating on an asbestos outreach project. The group plans to create three different fact sheets about asbestos, focused on addressing information needed for asbestos training providers, asbestos contractors and other certifications available or required in the asbestos field. Lexie will share these with the group once they are created.

John, Ben and Carolyn expressed interest in the asbestos contract fact sheets.

Ohio EPA's upcoming Sustainability Conference: Lexie informed the group that OCAPP is gearing up for their second Sustainability Conference. The 2019 Sustainability Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Columbus. The conference is open to 200 businesses and communities and is nearly sold out. The conference features speakers that are sustainability champions in their communities and businesses. Lexie encouraged all CAP members to attend the meeting.

Outreach and Marketing Strategy: Lexie gave a short overview of OCAPP's outreach and marketing strategy. The CAP was interested in learning more about what OCAPP was currently doing and how the CAP can be better utilized to accomplish the outreach goals. The CAP members expressed interest in seeing what trade associations and groups had already been reached and was willing to give suggestions on the current plan.

SBO Updates: None at this time.

Outlook for the remainder of the 2019 CAP: Members from the Central Ohio Certified Hazardous Materials Managers (COCHMM) will join the August 20, 2019 CAP meeting. The group also expressed interest in learning more about Ohio EPA's Encouraging Environmental Excellence (E3) program, more networking opportunities, facility tours, plant tours and possible lunch and learns with Ohio EPA.

Lexie concluded the meeting by reiterating the idea of modifying the panel to better serve OCAPP, keeping in mind the function that OCAPP serves in assisting Ohio's businesses and some of the challenges such as reaching businesses in need and providing them with the services that they really need. Lexie shared with the group that guests are encouraged to attend the meetings. Lexie also urged the current CAP appointees to suggest agenda topics to make the panel a more effective tool.

Agenda & Next Meeting:

- Remaining 2019 Meetings
 - Tuesday August 20, 2019; 10 am – 12 pm (in-person)
 - Tuesday November 19, 2019; 10 am – 12 pm

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at ~11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lexie Andrews, OCAPP Supervisor/CAP Secretariat