CHEMICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

State Affairs Committee
Board Conference Room B
February 18, 1988

MINUTES OF MEETING

SAC-34-1

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jack Brewer, Chairman	Olin Corporation
Geoffrey Hurwitz, Vice-Chairman	Rohm & Haas
Richard Arnold	Allied Signal, Inc.
Timothy Holt	Air Products & Chemicals, Inc.
William Lafield	Shell Oil Company
Ralph Loomis	CIBA-GEIGY
James Murray	Union Carbide Corporation
Jerry Ring (for Ben Woodhouse)	Dow Chemical Company
Ronald Roberts	Borg-Warner Chemicals
Benjamin Schuster	ARCO Chemical
Colbert Wilhite	E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.
William Westendorf, Staff Executive	CMA

PRESENT BY INVITATION

Becky Chidester	CMA
Larry Gallo	CMA
Joan Riley	CMA

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jerry Chambers	American Cyanamid
Garth Fort	Monsanto Company
Deborah Witmer	FMC Corporation

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Jack Brewer. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted. All action items were completed except:

ACTION ITEMS: 1) Larry Gallo will distribute copies of Geoff Hurwitz's outline of his presentation to the Board Advocacy Committee 2) Mary Heaton will send copies of the

white paper on tort reform to the SAC when available. 3) Becky Chidester will send a brief summary of the new North Carolina CIC organization together with its bylaws to SAC members.

2. The action item concerning the Massachusetts Toxics Use Reduction precipitated a discussion about AIM's effectiveness. More CMA company involvement in Massachusetts on the toxics bill may be required.

ACTION ITEM: Joan Riley will get a list of CMA member companies who are currently participating in AIM.

3. STI Work Group Update

Jim Murray updated the committee on the recent STI work group meeting, including the contingency funding plan approved by the Board. A CMA sponsored seminar on California implementation of Proposition 65 has been tentatively scheduled for May 4, at the Westin hotel in Washington, DC. The STI work group is considering the possibility of our own ballot initiative in an attempt to modify the existing Proposition 65 law. The CURE Initiative was discussed and it was recommended that the STI work group should thoroughly investigate this issue and decide on a course of action.

ACTION ITEM: 1) Larry Gallo will prepare a letter on STI funding to be sent to executive contacts. 2) STI work group will recommend a course of action concerning the California CURE Initiative.

Larry Gallo distributed a two-page coalitioning proposal submitted by Bonner & Associates. The work group recommended that CMA State Affairs contract with Bonner & Associates to prepare a coalitioning strategy for state toxics initiatives.

ACTION ITEM: 1) Larry Gallo will schedule a presentation by Bonner & Associates at the next STI meeting tentatively scheduled for March 23rd. 2) Bill Westendorf will investigate the convenience of this date for STI Board members so that they will be able to attend the presentation.

4. State Advocacy Update

Geoff Hurwitz gave a brief overview of the SAC plans for participation in the Board State Advocacy group.

ACTION ITEM: 1) Minutes from the group will be distributed to the SAC by Larry Gallo.

5. Ms. Riley reported on the latest Proposition 65 activities in California. Emergency regulations were issued yesterday and will go into effect on February 27, 1988. Copies of the section of the regulations which covers clear and reasonable warnings were distributed.

ACTION ITEM: 1) Ms. Riley will send copies of the emergency regulations to the SAC with a short summary. 2) Ms. Riley will coordinate sending alerts on this issue to state affairs individuals, CMA environmental contacts and health and safety contacts.

6. Garrity Baker of CMA's Government Relations staff reported on legislation on precursor chemicals used for manufacturing illegal substances (i.e., drugs).

ACTION ITEMS: 1) Garrity Baker will summarize this federal bill including the list of chemicals. 2) Larry Gallo will distribute the summary to the SAC as well as the State Affairs network.

7. State Reports

Massachusetts - Companies need to get more involved in developing a legislative strategy with AIM on the critical Toxic Use Reduction Bill.

Louisiana - The LCA is undergoing a change in leadership at a critical time. Phil Bowen of the LCA staff will visit CMA March 17 and 18 and will spend part of his time at the next SAC meeting on the 17th. The Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, LCA and the American Industrial Health Council are still planning a seminar for legislators and the media.

ACTION ITEMS: 1) Joan Riley will send additional information on this conference to the State Affairs Committee and the STI workgroup. 2) Jerry Ring of Dow will work closely with LCA. 3) Bill Westendorf will call both the current LCA chairman and executive director to express CMA's desire to LCA during the transition period.

Ohio - There is an onerous transportation bill (HB 428) which has passed the House. The Ohio CIC has proposed amendments and is implementing a strategy to get them accepted.

Tennessee - Lynn Johnson of Tennessee Eastman reported on the Prop. 65-type bill still in committee. Members are still encouraged to contact their legislators as well as Lt. Governor Wilder.

North Carolina - Copies of press releases announcing the formation of the new CIC were included in Tab 3 of the meeting book. The next CIC government relations committee meeting will be March 8th in Raleigh.

North Carolina legislators have been informed of the formation of the Chemical Industry Council by some companies.

ACTION ITEM: 1) All CMA member companies with facilities in North Carolina are encouraged to write legislators announcing the formation of the CIC and express their willingness to work with the legislature.

Kentucky - Jack Brewer reported on an incineration bill which gives control to local authorities on siting.

ACTION ITEM: 1) Geoff Hurwitz will use Kentucky as an example of a significant chemical state that needs improvement in its advocacy program.

California - Tim Holt reported that the California Highway Patrol is conducting a survey of hazardous material transportation, and there are hearings scheduled in Southern California. More information can be obtained from Dick Davis of the CICC.

West Virginia - Ron Roberts reported that the sales tax will be raised from 5% to 7%, which could impact chemical industry sales.

New Jersey - Bill Lafield reported on significant legislative developments in the waste minimization area in New Jersey.

ACTION ITEM: 1) Joan Riley will send copies of the waste minimization papers to the entire State Affairs network and member companies involved in state affairs.

Delaware - A bill related to prevention of catastrophic accidents is expected to be introduced in April.

8. Dana Duxbury of the League of Women Voters and Tufts University Center for Environmental Management was the luncheon speaker. Dana described household hazardous waste and the 850 programs that have occurred around the United States to organize and collect hazardous waste. There were nearly 300 such programs just last year. Other states are proposing such programs and many will continue them on an ongoing basis. These programs need the support of industry.

ACTION ITEM: 1) Joan Riley will send copies of Dana's handout on household waste to members of the committee.

Dana also described the Massachusetts Toxics Use Reduction legislation. She pointed out that a major initiator of this bill was the National Campaign Against Toxics Hazards headed by John O'Connor. A large document outlining model legislation in this area was sent to members of the SAC in early 1987.

9. Information Management Task Group Report

Dick Arnold reviewed the list of current SCAN subscribers. SAC members were again reminded to consider joining the network. He also encouraged SAC members to use the IPA gateway. The Committee decided to eliminate the SAC monthly report feature of SCAN. State reports, however, should be sent through electronic mail.

10. Planning for the April Open Meeting in Boston

Committee members working on the open meeting were advised that the April 21 open meeting is now scheduled for Boston.

11. Miscellaneous Items

The committee briefly discussed the ongoing concern over whether the SAC meetings should be open or closed. There was no resolution, but it was suggested that this be an item for discussion at the April open meeting.

ACTION ITEM: 1) Increase the advertising for the upcoming April open meeting in Boston, including the State Affairs report, SCAN and other media.

Larry Gallo discussed the opportunity for the chemical industry to again sponsor a booth at the NCSL annual meeting. There was concurrence that the industry should have a booth, but CMA does not have the funds to support the entire operation. Colbert Wilhite offered some support from du Pont and others are encouraged to do likewise. The theme will probably center around Title III, and the CMA communications department will be asked to help in the design.

ACTION ITEM: 1) Other members are asked to consider financial support for the exhibit. About $3,000 total would be required.

Finally the CMA State Affairs Committee planning conference will be July 13th, 14th and 15th. The location will be decided at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the State Affairs Committee will be at CMA on March 17th.

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Subject to Approval
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