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Subject: RE: Follow-up on SRA Session
Attachments: SRA ROUNDTABLE+Suggested Edits plus BDG.docx

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Hi Kimberly

Your changes are OK with me, but I have added a few words (“and decreasing the likelihood of the involvement of knowledgeable academic scientists in EPA review processes”) to reflect the substantial concern of the academic community about the following provision in the SAB Act. (I also think that the provision is short-sighted from an industry perspective).

“(H) a Board member shall have no current grants or contracts from the Environmental Protection Agency and shall not apply for a grant or contract for 3 years following the end of that member’s service on the Board.”

There is also other language in the Act which could be interpreted as the above provision being applicable to not only full SAB Board membership, but to the members of any EPA review process of any hazard or risk assessment

Let me know if the new language is acceptable to you. I’m also copying Joe Arvai and Nancy Beck in case they want to respond, either in writing or by phone, particularly as there is now no description of Administrator Pruitt’s goals or activities in this area. While not necessary, we do have room in the abstract for additional language

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Subject: RE: Follow-up on SRA Session

Dear Bernie:

Thanks for the additional information about the session and the abstract. We offer some suggestions to the abstract attached. The suggestions attempt to focus the abstract on the discussion regarding what are appropriate approaches for optimal provision of scientific advice to regulatory agencies and work to adjust some of the language that may be perceived as inflammatory.

Kind Regards,

Kimberly

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Subject: RE: Follow-up on SRA Session

Dear Dr White

Great news!!

My previous email to you is below; along with the original attachment of the preliminary draft

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Dear Dr White

I am following up with you at the suggestion of Nancy Beck (email below) to request your involvement in a proposal for a Roundtable to be submitted to the Society for Risk Analysis for its annual meeting in Crystal City next December 10-13. I've attached a short overview of Roundtables from the SRA web site along with a rough draft of the abstract. I am trying to focus the Roundtable on the parameters governing an effective science advisory process for a regulatory agency, rather than on the current controversy – although this is unlikely to be fully possible.

NOTE: no abstract would be needed from you, just an agreement to participate, give perhaps a 10 minute presentation and participate in the discussion during the 90 minute session. But your input on the proposal would be welcome.

One difference from the note below to Nancy is that I have been told that the proposal is more likely to be acceptable if it has a broader range of participants so it will probably 4-5 speakers rather than 3-4.

I had previously reached out to Richard Becker asking for whom to approach at ACC now that Nancy had left. His response was that ACC would be interested in participating but only if EPA did as well, which I fully understand. I know he is out of town today. As you no doubt know, ACC is on record supporting the EPA SAB Act that passed the House.

There are some time constraints in getting this completed, particularly as I will be at Dow Chemical for much of next week, so hope both that you can do this and that you can respond by midweek

Many thanks for your consideration

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Subject: Re: SRA panel

Happy to reframe. I originally had a quote from the congressman who sponsored it but this seemed too inflammatory for SRA. Will look at this again tonight and will contact Kimberly White

Sent from my iPhone

On May 18, 2017, at 12:08 PM, Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

Bernie,
I think the framing of the abstract is a bit biased and needs some work.
I cant and wont speak for ACC at all, but for this topic, I direct you to Kimberly White. She has testified in front of congress on these issues. Kimberly.White@americanchemistry.com.

If I have more time this week I will noodle the abstract but it's a bit of a busy time here.

Regards,
Nancy

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Hi Nancy

Great to hear!!

Attached is what I've written so far, and some of the directions from the SRA web site. I'm about to run out for most of the rest of the afternoon. I'd like to get this out of the way as soon as reasonably possible as am at meetings at Dow most of next week.

No abstract would be needed from you so there is nothing written with your name on it that would have to go through the EPA process, at least as I understood it many, many years ago. (As the proposer, I would be the only one with my name on the proposed abstract, but would welcome your input and that of the other panelists on the proposal).

I'm envisioning the 3 or 4 panelists for the Roundtable would have about 15 min each for presentation and the rest of the 90 minutes would be for a facilitated discussion led by the moderator

I'm thinking of asking Granger Morgan or Terry Yosie to be the moderator, but your suggestion for moderator or for another panelist who supports the ACC position on the SAB Act would be very much appreciated.

Best regards

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Hi Bernie,

Got your message and am happy to consider the request. Can you send me all the information on the proposal (abstract, goals, participants, etc)?

I will have to find out if I have to run this through a clearance process—not sure how that works yet and if those procedures apply to me.

Thanks,
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Dear Dr. Goldstein:

Thank you for your voicemail earlier today. I have had an opportunity to follow-up with Rick (cc'd on this email) and I understand you have a commitment from EPA to participate. Given the confirmation of EPA's participation, we will also confirm ACC's participation. Could you send me the proposed abstract or session description? Also it would be helpful to know of any additional information you need from ACC for the session and any deadlines.

Kind Regards,

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