



## ***Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board (NSSAB)***

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### **Membership Committee**

**Sahara Business Center**

**June 8, 2015**

**1 – 2:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Michael D'Alessio (phone), Donna Hruska, Janice Keiserman (Membership Committee Chair), Steve Rosenbaum, Bill Sears

Members Absent: Cecilia Flores Snyder

U.S. Dept. of Energy (DOE): Kelly Snyder – Deputy Designated Federal Officer (DDFO)

NSSAB Administrator: Barbara Ulmer

### Welcome

Janice Keiserman, Membership Committee chair, welcomed everyone.

### Pahrump Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) – D'Alessio

Member Michael D'Alessio reported that he has had limited success in making contact with the Colonel of the ROTC program regarding youth involvement with the NSSAB. Later this summer, he plans to make another contact with the ROTC and also with the Pahrump High School. There was a concern expressed with the students being able to participate in NSSAB activities due to parental consent and the travel involved from Pahrump. Member D'Alessio answered that he would work with the schools and the student on a task/project designed to educate the student body in an effort to minimize the number of NSSAB meetings that the student would be required to attend. Member D'Alessio was not aware of any special interest groups, such as future engineers, at the Pahrump High School.

### Bishop Gorman High School – Sears

Member Bill Sears stated that he contacted the Bishop Gorman High School, and they are interested in the program if the science teachers are willing to get involved with recruiting and supporting the students. Member Sears will re-contact Bishop Gorman in early September when the faculty returns from the summer break.

Member Donna Hruska inquired whether private schools follow a prescribed science curriculum. DDFO Kelly Snyder responded that the Clark County School District (CCSD) core curriculum is available online, but private schools are not required to follow the core curriculum. Member Hruska suggested that the committee review the federal guidelines for core curriculum to

determine what is available and how the NSSAB can fill a niche in educating students regarding the NSSAB and its roles and responsibilities.

### CCSD School – Community Partnership Program - Keiserman

Membership Committee Chair Janice Keiserman noted that she has made contact with the CCSD – Community Partnership Program (CPP), and they have a number of partnerships with various organizations in the community. Any proposed partnership includes an agreement between the students and the parents who need to be supportive of the program.

The CCSD - CPP has requested documentation to include the following:

1. Minimum requirements
2. Time commitments
3. Expectations
4. Credit or no credit

Once a draft document including the elements above is available, the CCSD - CPP coordinator will review and provide comments and send back to the Membership Committee for finalization.

Since there is an agreement involved with the CCSD -CPP program, DDFO Snyder will seek the advice of Environmental Management (EM) Legal Counsel and provide this information to Chair Keiserman.

Member Sears inquired whether the committee should pursue youth participation on the NSSAB through local colleges or junior colleges. DDFO Snyder answered that there was a technical advisor from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) on the NSSAB for a number of years that was funded through a grant. Once the grant ended, the Nevada Field Office (NFO) offered a liaison position to UNLV that they declined at that time.

After discussion, the committee reiterated their focus/goals/objectives for this program determined at the 3-23-15 meeting:

- 1) NSSAB promotes education of the NSSAB and history, current missions, and EM activities at the NNSS to the youth and the community, which ultimately results in better-informed and involved citizens for the future, and
- 2) NSSAB receives and utilizes youth perspectives/concerns when providing recommendations to DOE.

DDFO Snyder proposed an idea for a project to involve a student(s) in designing an advertising campaign for the next membership recruitment drive. The student would develop an advertising plan within a set budget for media--newspaper, radio, billboards, etc., to recruit new members, targeting rural communities around the Nevada National Security Site. This advertising plan would need to be delivered to the NFO before Christmas 2015 or January 2016 at the latest. This project would provide the student with real work experience for their resume and also benefit the NSSAB.

Member Steve Rosenbaum suggested offering a liaison position to the CCSD Leadership/ Administration. DDFO Snyder noted that the NSSAB could recommend that the NFO offer a liaison position to the Nye and Clark County School District. At a Full Board meeting, the NSSAB would need to vote and approve to send a recommendation to the NFO regarding new liaison positions. The NFO would review and discuss the recommendation internally to determine whether it is feasible, and respond to the NSSAB. If it is deemed feasible, the NFO would contact the proposed liaison organizations. The liaison organizations would responsible

to appoint a person to fill the liaison position. Membership D'Alessio volunteered to find points of contact within the Nye County School District if the liaison position is approved by the NSSAB and the NFO. Member D'Alessio suggested having multi-educational liaisons from both colleges and high schools.

Member Sears stated that a liaison position may be more conducive to a college as the student may get credit for a project with prior approval with the school. Member Hruska added that both student programs could be offered-one for high schools and another for colleges/junior colleges.

### Path Forward for Youth Participation

- Members Sears and Rosenbaum volunteered to research student involvement with the community colleges.
- Member Sears will re-contact Bishop Gorman High School the first part of September 2015.
- Member Hruska will review the CCSD core curriculum and design the language for the CCSD - CPP agreement.
- Chair Keiserman will contact the CCSD – CPP Coordinator and get more input on the success of other partnerships and develop the agreement after DDFO Snyder receives input from EM Legal Counsel.
- Member D'Alessio will research the Great Basin Community College in Pahrump, Nevada.
- Member D'Alessio will contact ROTC and Pahrump High School (including science clubs and other pertinent special interest groups) in late summer 2015.
- Member Hruska will reach out to other EM SSAB regarding interactions with student liaisons/interns and any legal agreements utilized.
- Chair Keiserman will contact Professor Michael Green for potential contacts at UNLV.

Chair Keiserman asked that members email the committee with any updates/progress.

### HQs Membership Package Status - Snyder

DDFO Snyder reported that the fiscal year 2016 membership package has been submitted to EM HQs and is on track to be approved with the beginning effective date of October 1, 2015.

### Other Business

There was no other business.

### Determine Need/Schedule Next Meeting

The next Membership Committee meeting will be held on Monday, August 17, 2015, from 3 – 4:30 p.m. at the Sahara Business Center, 1810 E. Sahara, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.