

# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SARA TITLE III PROGRAM OFFICIALS

Annual Conference

April 16-20, 2007

Kansas City Missouri

President Bob Dopp began the session with a welcome and a few announcements. He expressed his appreciation to all the members who helped with the planning of the conference and explained the consultants help from MARC.

Mr. Dopp introduced Gregg Mills, Director of the Riverside Department of Public Safety. Mr. Mills welcomed the members to Riverside and described his agency. He introduced Mr. Mike Sheldon from his agency, who was a tremendous asset for all of us at the conference with his knowledge of the area and assistance with supplying transportation and helping Bev Kaiser with registration.

USDOT HMEP Program updates-Charles Rogoff, US DOT

Mr. Rogoff gave a very optimistic report on the HMEP grant program. He announced that over two million responders has been trained with HMEP Funding and believed there would be more funding available this year. He said he would remain the rest of the week to answer questions or be available to help anyone needing assistance.

Mr. Tim Gablehouse, LEPC Chair-Jefferson Co. Colorado, reported on the newly formed NASTTPO Rapid Response Team and their intent to send out information on issues initiated by the Federal Government as soon as possible.

Mr. Lance Orem, New Jersey State Patrol, OEM, started his presentation with a very entertaining video. His report on the New Jersey Exercise tracking and monitoring system was educational and exciting to learn about.

#### NASTTPO Membership Meeting-Bob Dopp, President

Several topics were discussed starting with a report on the Board Meeting held on Monday, April 16, 2007. Mr. Dopp has appointed a By Laws committee consisting of Tim Gablehouse, Dan Roe, Gerry Goudreau and Dave Crose. Historical issues were reviewed and Mr. Dopp appointed Marianna Ruiz-Temple, Lance Orem and Margie Gunn to review these issues and bring back a report at the mid year meeting. Mr. Dopp asked the nominating committee to present their recommendations to the membership. The recommendations were presented and the following were elected to office:

Tim Gablehouse.....	President, by acclamation
Marianna Ruiz-Temple.....	Vice President, by acclamation
Frank Moussa.....	Treasurer, by acclamation
Margie Gunn.....	Secretary, by acclamation
George Little.....	Tribal Rep, by ballot count
Jeff Trask.....	Region 1 Rep. by ballot count
Lance Orem.....	Region 2 Rep. by acclamation
Arthur D Paul.....	Region 3 Rep. by acclamation
Randy Howard.....	Region 4 Rep. by acclamation
Ron Kasperski.....	Region 5 Rep. by acclamation
Kenny Harmon.....	Region 6 Rep. by acclamation
Bob Dopp.....	Region 7 Rep. by acclamation
Kenneth Rost.....	Region 8 Rep. by acclamation
Richard Brenner.....	Region 9 Rep. by ballot count
Mary Halverson.....	Region 10 Rep. by acclamation

Mr. Dopp thanked the nominating committee.

Frank Moussa gave a Treasurer's Report. There is \$20,300. in the treasury.

Discussion followed on how to increase interest in the NASTTPO and membership. Bev Kaiser reported we have 30 new members.

The decision to have the mid-year meeting in Las Vegas Nevada was made and discussion on 2008 annual conference was discussed. At last years meeting, California had offered to host it, but with the reorganization that is going on at the present time, they asked to be excused. Ron Kasperski from Wisconsin offered to have it in Milwaukee Wisconsin and Randy Howard said he would host it in Savannah Georgia. The membership decided on Savannah Georgia for 2008 Conference. Harrison Talgo volunteered for a Tribal Conference in the near future. Dan Roe suggested we try for more involvement with the Tribes in all the States

Mr. Dopp asked for discussion on the Sunshine Law. Many of the states have reporters calling to ask questions about the law and what it means. Kim Jennings said that EPA was also getting calls from reporters. Some reporters are calling to ask for information on chemicals and storage. Dan Roe suggests putting together on the web site a process of what is required for obtaining information.

No other business, Mr. Dopp called the membership meeting adjourned.

Kim Jennings gave an interesting address on EPA Program Update

Wednesday morning began with announcements.

Sicy Jacobs, EPA HQ gave a TRI overview with regulatory updates. Discussion on EPCRA, CERCLA guidance and RQ Changes. Questions and answers followed.

Tribal Panel Discussion with George Little facilitating was very stimulating. Panel members were Gila River AZ Indian Community Tony Enos, C-TERC and Chip Humes, ROMIC Industries, Potawatomi Tribe, Kansas-Dave Price, Fire Chief/Emergency Mgr., Shoshone-Paiute Tribes, Nevada-Marcie Hunter Phillips, Environmental Director/Senior Officer.

Regional Reports from Region 1 through Region 4 was given before lunch.

Panel Discussion “Lessons Learned from the Kansas City Chem Central Incident”. Panel members: Chief Smokey Dryer, Deputy Chief John Bruno- K C Fire Dept., Major Tom Daley, Mark Stinson-KC Police Dept., D.A. Christian, Director-KC OEM and Susan Sweet, On Scene Coordinator-EPA Region VII. Major lessons learned was: Evaluate often to decide to evacuate or shelter in place. Media concerns (get info out as soon as possible). Critical Incident Management very important. Activate the EOC early.

Dan Roe, Executive Director-Arizona ERC report on Peer Exchanges and SERC’s/TERC’s/LEPC’s went back to the basics of SARA-Title III law and what it means.

Thursday morning President Bob Dopp announced his intention of changing positions in the emergency management field. He will be leaving as the State Emergency Response Commission Director to take a position with Franklin County Kansas. Mark Smith, from Region VII EPA presented Bob a plaque for his years of serving in his position with the state. He was also presented a plaque from NASTTPO for serving as president for the years 2006 and 2007.

Mark Smith, EPA Region VII reported the changes to the Toxic Release Inventory, Regulatory Activities-Expanded Form A Eligibility, Technology Advances, and EPA's Enforcement Program.

Region 5 and 6 gave a quick report on their regions.

Carole Cameron, Deputy Director NIMS Integration Center presented updates to the NIMS program, followed by questions and answers.

Karen Eagelson, Johnson Co. KS LEPC and Dave Price, Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation TERC/LEPC addressed how Region VII TERC's/LEPC's are conducting planning.

Pat Romero, DOT-PHMSA had an interesting presentation on pipeline hazardous materials safety issues.

Region 7 through 10 presented a quick report on their regions.

Tom Bergman, Oklahoma Dept. of Environmental Quality presented an update on CAMEO.

Wrap-UP

Upcoming events:

Haz-Mat Explo will be November 5-9, 2007 in Las Vegas at the Tuscan Hotel.

Mid-year NASTTPO meeting will be November 6-8, 2007. Las Vegas Nevada. Annual Meeting Savannah GA. April 2008.