



MINUTES

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CLEAN AIR AGENCIES BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS' MEETING

Sunday, October 20, 2019

Congressional A
Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill
Washington, DC

NACAA Co-Presidents Ali Mirzakhali (OR) and Richard Stedman (Monterey, CA) called to order the NACAA Board of Directors and Committee Chairs' Fall Meeting at 1:00 p.m. In addition to Ali and Richard, NACAA Board members present included Charlene Albee (Reno, NV), Rick Brunetti (KS), Mark Buford (Mount Vernon, WA), Bob Colby (Chattanooga, TN), Jayme Graham (Pittsburgh, PA), Christine Kirby (MA), Garry Kaufman (CO), Sam Rubens (Akron, OH), Frank Steitz (NJ), Eddie Terrill (OK) and Erik White (Auburn, CA). Committee Co-Chairs in attendance, who are not also Board members, included Tad Aburn (MD), Alberto Ayala (Sacramento, CA), Jack Broadbent (San Francisco, CA), Darcy Bybee (MO), Gail Good (WI), Steve Flint (NY), Craig Kenworthy (Seattle, WA), Michelle King (Louisville, KY), Ursula Nelson (Tempe, AZ) and Jaclyn Palermo (OR). Other attendees included Brad Pracheil (NE) and Kelly Crawford (DC). NACAA staff present included Phil Assmus, Monique Faye, Miles Keogh, Nancy Kruger, Karen Mongoven and Stephanie Steigman. The meeting agenda is attached.

Executive Director's Report

NACAA Executive Director Miles Keogh discussed the association's recent and ongoing activities. He observed that NACAA's financial situation has improved and will present less of a challenge in 2020 than it has over the past year, which will allow the staff to continue to focus on driving value to the members. NACAA has continued to serve as a voice for the members in the national policy-making community, Miles reported, through the development of comment letters and engagement with lawmakers on Capitol Hill, as well as through efforts to bring public attention to clean air issues through the media. In addition, Maine and Canton, OH have returned to the NACAA membership. Committee work continues to serve as the backbone of the association.

Improving Connections Between Leadership and Membership

NACAA Co-Presidents Ali Mirzakhali (OR) and Richard Stedman (Monterey, CA) led a discussion about outreach efforts by NACAA's leadership to state and local air agencies. Board members and committee chairs described their recent contacts with other air agencies and within their own staff.

Plans to Pilot External Meeting Attendance

NACAA Local Co-President Richard Stedman (Monterey, CA) gave a presentation on opportunities to invite non-NACAA members to portions of future meetings. The group discussed the basic parameters of an expanded meeting, including the types of participants who could attend, as well as opportunities to test ideas at future meetings.

Preparation for October 21-22, 2019 Meeting Sessions with EPA

The Board of Directors and Committee Chairs identified key topics they wanted to discuss with EPA Acting Assistant Administrator Anne Idsal during the Fall Membership Meeting session, titled “A Conversation with EPA’s Acting Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.” Members expressed considerable concern about a recent letter from EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler to the California Air Resources Board, rebuking the state of California for its backlogged State Implementation Plans (SIP). This, coupled with news that every other state will soon be receiving letters from their EPA Regional Offices regarding their own SIP backlogs, was an issue that the Board and Committee Chairs felt was important to raise with Ms. Idsal.

Critical Issues

Review of the Charter of the Ad Hoc Committee on Resilience and Sustainability – Jaclyn Palermo (OR) and Michelle King (Louisville, KY), Co-Chairs of the NACAA *ad hoc* Committee on Resilience and Sustainability, reviewed for the Board and Committee Chairs the charter of the *ad hoc* Committee and activities of the past year (the Committee’s first) and asked the Board to approve renewal of the charter for another year. After discussion, the State Agency Group of the Board of Directors and the Local Agency Group of the Board of Directors, in separate votes, unanimously approved renewal of the charter.

Mobile Sources and Fuels – Erik White (Auburn, CA) and Steve Flint (NY), Co-Chairs of the NACAA Mobile Sources and Fuels Committee, recommended to the group that NACAA submit an *amicus curiae* (friend of the court) brief in litigation challenging EPA’s and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s recently finalized “Safer, Affordable, Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule Part One: One National Program.” The “SAFE Vehicles Rule Part One” preempts and revokes California’s waivers of federal preemption, granted by EPA, for California’s light-duty vehicle greenhouse gas emission standards and Zero Emission Vehicle program, thus trampling California’s authority under Section 209 of the Clean Air Act (CAA) and other states’ authority under Section 177 of the CAA and denying state and local air agencies across the country of a critically important tool for protecting public health and welfare and attaining and maintaining clean air standards in their jurisdictions. After explaining the background of and justification for their recommendation, what an *amicus curiae* is and is not and what is involved in preparing and filing an *amicus* brief, Erik and Steve led a preliminary discussion among the group, hearing comments and answering questions. At the end of the discussion, Erik and Steve committed to provide the group additional information about what participating as an *amicus curiae* would entail.

Other Policy Issues – There were no additional critical policy issues for discussion.

NACAA Finances and Other Business

Financial Reports

Miles Keogh explained NACAA's financial reports and provided details about the association's current finances. The reports included information about the NACAA treasury account (i.e., non-grant funds) as well as NACAA's grant from EPA.

Update on NACAA Investments

Miles Keogh provided information about the NACAA treasury funds that were invested several years ago.

Approval of Board-Committee Chairs' 2019 Summer Meeting Minutes

The State Agency Group of the Board and the Local Agency Group of the Board, in separate votes, unanimously approved the minutes of the 2019 Summer Board of Directors and Committee Chairs' Meeting (with one abstention by a State Agency Board Member who had not attended the meeting).

Future Meeting Dates and Locations

Miles Keogh reviewed the schedule for upcoming NACAA meetings:

- NACAA 2020 Winter Board Meeting, The Peabody Memphis, Memphis, TN – January 30-31, 2020 and
- NACAA 2020 Spring Membership Meeting, Hyatt Regency Phoenix, Phoenix, AZ – May 18-19, 2020.

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjourn

The NACAA Board of Directors and Committee Chairs' Meeting was adjourned.

FINAL AGENDA

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS' FALL MEETING**

**Sunday, October 20, 2019
The Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill
400 New Jersey Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001
(202) 737-1234**

1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Welcome and Introductions
1:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Executive Director' Report
1:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Improving Connections Between Leadership & Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Recent outreach, learning, discussion○ Board welcome efforts for meeting attendees○ Next steps to continue progress
2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Plans to Pilot External Meeting Attendance
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Break
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Preparation for October 21-22, 2019 Meeting Sessions with EPA <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>A Conversation with EPA's Acting Assistant Administrator for EPA OAR</i>• <i>Priorities for the EPA OAQPS Outreach and Information Division</i>• <i>EPA's Permitting Oversight Initiative</i>
4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Critical Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of the charter of the Ad Hoc Committee on Resilience & Sustainability• Mobile sources and fuels• Other policy issues
4:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	NACAA Finances and Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Financial Reports• Update on NACAA Investments• Approval of Minutes of Board and Committee Chairs' 2019 Summer Meeting• Future Meeting Dates and Locations
4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	New Business
5:00 p.m.	Adjourn (10/03/2019)