

Western Electronic Product Stewardship Initiative Meeting Summary
Policy and Regulatory System subgroup
October 15, 2001, 12:30 - 2

Members in Attendance:

Lori Stole, WEPSI staff
Jennifer Allen, OECDD
Shirli Axelrod, City of Seattle
Tom Cusack, Wa DOE
Betty Patton, WEPSI staff
Dick Schmidt, City of Portland
Morgan Rider, LSI Logic

Other Members:

Cindy Tatham, Wa. Co
Ivy Sager-Rosenthal, WashPIRG
John Heffernon, Computers for Kids
Leslie Byster, SVTC and OEH
EPA rep
Doug Smith, Sony
Heather Bowman, EIA

CC: Scott Klag, Metro
Bill Bree, OR DEQ

Meeting Summary:

Subgroup membership: New group members include Doug Smith, Sony and Heather Bowman, EIA. We are still expecting an EPA person. Lori is following up with DEQ. Scott Klag, Metro agreed to follow our progress. Tom will approach Dave Nightingale, DOE, about joining us.

Meeting Ground Rules Policy: NEPSI has a policy and WEPSI is now proposing a similar agreement. Another subgroup had just pointed out that this policy must be consistent with supporting public access to public agency communications, and pertinent changes will be made. The draft version was readily approved by all subgroup members in attendance. The WEPSI Organizing Committee will finalize this document and it will be posted on the web.

Quick review of subgroup's tasks – General scope as listed in the subgroup background paper was reviewed.

Our group's focus: Looking at the items we brainstormed in the 9/25 meeting, and suggested groupings offered by Lori and Shirli, the list of potential focus areas was narrowed down to 5. A group member was assigned to each area; each will prepare a brief scope page of their areas for our next meeting.

These people will send a draft of their scope pages to the subgroup listserv early in the week of Oct 22 for comments by the whole group. Completed scope pages should be sent to Lori by Fri 10/26.

Lori will provide a format for them.

At our next meeting on 10/29 we will then choose one of these topics to focus on.

The 5 areas include:

- 1) (Shirli) Environmental Regulations that deal with hazardous materials
Includes CRT issues, landfill bans...
- 2) (Tom) Barriers to reuse/recycling
Includes surplus issues, parts replacement options...
- 3) (Dick) Environmentally responsible recycling standards
Includes overseas issues; our discussion pointed out that we have influence over how local organizations use Asian markets..
- 4) (Shirli) Environmentally preferable purchasing policies/regulations
- 5) (Jennifer) Economic Development Strategies

Speaker: It was suggested we consider someone in the economic development field. We'll discuss potential speakers later.

Research/Tasks

- Jennifer, Shirli, Dick and Tom: Complete draft of topic scope pages, for sharing on the listserv by early in week of Oct 22.
- All: Subgroup members provide feedback on draft scope pages.
- Jennifer, Shirli, Dick and Tom: Scope pages should be completed by 10/26 and sent to Lori

Future meetings:

It was agreed by all on the call that Mondays at 12:30 are the best time for our meetings. We tentatively set 10/29, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3, (and 12/10 if needed), and Lori will request a phone conference line for these dates.