

A/P STUDY POLICY COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 29, 1988
College of the Albemarle

The meeting began at 11:00 a.m. chaired by Lee DeHihns, EPA Deputy Regional Administrator. The minutes were tabled for approval. Dr. Frankenberg motioned for approval. Derb Carter seconded. Ayes carried motion.

I. Director's Report

Bob Holman gave an overview of recent activities to include the annual meeting and the State Fair Exhibit. Holman said there had been some pressure on researchers from the press on releasing the results of individual research projects (particularly Stan Riggs).

A. Peer Review -- There was question on who could release the results of researchers and when it could be released. Bruce Barrett said there is a peer review process in place and that the A/P Study must ensure that all studies go through this process. If there is an erroneous statement, the peer review process can catch it and save embarrassment. He noted there are two different publication review subcommittees (2) technical and (2) CAC. Dr. Frankenberg asked how the universities handle peer review. He suggested that we follow that process, i.e., that anything officially printed under the A/P Study imprint must be peer reviewed before being printed. However, we cannot prevent a researcher from printing something on his own. The paper must contain a disclaimer that the document has not been peer reviewed by the A/P Study.

B. Technical Committee -- Larry Minock, Virginia Council on the Environment, EPA Region III, has joined the A/P Study Technical Committee. His appointment is filling the void in the program involving the State of Virginia in the program.

C. Annual Meeting & Call for Proposals -- There were two major themes resulting from the annual meeting. One, there must be more public funds, and (2) there must be more implementation money. After deliberation, the Technical Committee, at their 11/10/88 meeting, voted to review the A/P Study funding. As it currently exists funding is:

60% Technical Information
15% Program Administration
15% Data Management
10% Public Participation

The Technical Committee voted to increase public participation by starting at 10% funding and going up to 20% provided proposals are of good quality. The committee

agreed that additional money in public participation would come from the technical percentage category.

Dr. Frankenberg asked if the administration budget would be increasing. Holman said he is anticipating an increase to accommodate two new positions for his staff.

December 15, 1988, the Technical Subcommittee will meet to determine more exact budget needs. Mr. Turner explained that the quality of proposals was often the underlying criteria for categories funded. DeHihns asked how this would affect the human environment category which seemed to be underfunded in the past. Dr. Orbach explained that the public involvement subcommittee would work with the CAC's to ensure that all proposals are in the proper category before deciding funding. This should eliminate the past confusion of human environment overlapping in several categories and being overlooked.

DeHihns said that the new Call for Proposals takes into consideration the questions and concerns raised at the October Annual Meeting. The Call for Proposals has been released, thus allowing ample time for preparation of proposals.

Dr. Costlow asked the status of funding water quality/hydrodynamics studies. Mr. Turner said they are currently trying to coordinate 10 years of data which should be useful to the study. As far as funding transport/fate studies, Mr. Turner said the amount of money required is beyond the scope of the program.

C. Implementation Projects -- Ted Bisterfeld, EPA Project Officer, explained that money had been earmarked for an early implementation project which was tabled due to lack of a suitable site. Given that the money is available and the short time to spend the money, the Technical Committee deemed it both worthwhile and appropriate to use the early implementation funds to fund a joint Virginia/North Carolina project. Bob Holman has met informally with Virginia representatives to have Virginia provide matching funds. The Technical Committee approved the concept but will still need to formally approve the actual project.

D. Pamlico Priority Action Plans -- Derb Carter put on the table for consideration a resolution of the Pamlico CAC for priority action plans. The objective of the resolution is to look at the effectiveness and coordination of existing programs. DeHihns stated that before the A/P Study puts money into developing a management plan as proposed, that there be a more systematic approach to looking at our existing programs and the steps and funding to improve those. With existing institutions and their participation in the A/P Study, much of this work is already being done. The

committee felt that a special resolution and additional funding were not needed. Secretary Rhodes noted that part of the A/P Study process is to point out the best places to improve existing EPA and State processes, as well as point out where new programs might be needed.

Motion: Derb Carter motioned that NRCD staff comment on the Pamlico resolutions vis-a-vis their conflict with other programs. Based on NRCD's comments, the TC would then be asked to make appropriate recommendations on the resolutions. Dr. Costlow seconded. Ayes carried the motion.

E. Status and Trends Report -- The CAC's and the TC approved funding of a Status and Trends Report (STR). The PC must approve funding of it. The PC indicated that priority problems and milestones for meeting those problems must be incorporated into the STR.

Motion: Dr. Costlow motioned to approved the TC and CAC resolution to fund the STR. Mr. Carter seconded. The ayes approved.

F. Public Participation -- The CAC resolution to increase public participation from 10% to 20% based on quality proposals was tabled.

Motion: Derb Carter moved to increase public participation from 10% to up to 20% based on the quality of proposals. Gantt seconded. Ayes carried.

G. Data Management -- The position of data coordinator has still not been filled. Dr. Frankenberg said that since almost all avenues for recruiting have been exhausted, that the A/P Study should look into adding additional money/work to LRIS. This seems to be the logical route. It was agreed that if a coordinator was not hired by February, then LRIS would be considered.

H. Save Our Sounds -- It was suggested at the annual meeting that the A/P Study conduct a Save-Our-Sounds symposium perhaps in conjunction with an ongoing seafood festival. Joan Giordano was asked to identify appropriate CAC members to help with this and possible festivals.

I. Legislative Liaison -- Derb Carter asked for consideration of Resolution #3 -- to explore a legislative liaison with the NC General Assembly. Mr. Rhodes explained that NRCD has a very active legislative program which incorporates the A/P Study needs.

Motion: Dr. Costlow motioned to have the NRCD legislative office work with the A/P Study public participation liaison to work out appropriate A/P Study legislative needs. Gantt seconded. Ayes carried.

Mr. Rhodes suggested inviting the NRCD legislative liaison to the next meeting.

J. Milestones -- Derb Carter reviewed the A/P Study milestones as agreed to in the formal EPA/State agreement. He was concerned that some steps and milestones were delinquent and asked what this meant to the A/P Study. The PC directed Bisterfeld and Holman to determine if there is any problems with the unmet milestones.

K. CAC Vacancies -- Derb Carter recommended filling three vacancies to the PCAC, created by recent resignations. Nominations were John Greene, Scotty Whitford, and Jeffrey Smith.

Motion: Costlow motioned to approve. Gantt seconded. Secretary Rhodes requested adding additional names to the list and suggested going into executive session for discussion. The motion was amended. Dr. Chesson moved to go into executive session. Costlow seconded. Ayes carried.

The PC returned from executive session about 4:30 p.m.

Motion: Dr. Parker Chesson moved to approve three new members for Albemarle: Frank Thomas, Brewster Brown, David Watson. Costlow seconded. Ayes carried.

Motion: Derb Carter moved to appoint three new Pamlico members: John Greene, Scott Whitford, Jeff Smith. Gantt seconded. Ayes carried.

J. Implementation Plan -- Dr. Costlow stressed the need for the A/P Study to begin planning how the implementation plan, or the Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan (CCMP) will be developed. As suggested reading and guidance, he suggested reading Dr. Eugene Cronin's draft Chesapeake Bay Management Plan. A/P Study must focus direction on developing the CCMP.

K. Schedule of Meetings -- There was concern about the number and spacing of meetings. Because a number of people must attend all the meetings, it was suggested that the long-range schedule be reworked to consolidate some of the meetings. Bob Holman is to distribute a revised schedule.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 27, 1989.

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