

Partnerships Subcommittee of the ACS Committee on Chemical Safety
Meeting Minutes
Boston, Massachusetts, August 18, 2002

In attendance: Wayne Woolsey, Ken Fivizzani, Jean Delfiner, Al Hazari, Erik Talley, Cherlyn Bradley, Larry Funke, Kevin Edgar

1. Small Business Safety Manual – Ken Fivizzani briefly described progress on the revision of the booklet. He is making progress identifying topics and authors, and would welcome further volunteers to suggest topics for the book and/or offer to write chapters. One important consideration is whether to publish the booklet in hard copy, on-line, or both. The current financial pinch at ACS may make it difficult to obtain funding (perhaps \$20K for an 80 page booklet) for hard copy publishing expenses. On the other hand, it is certain that this booklet would generate some income. Ken is targeting the end of 2003 to have the booklet ready for publishing so we can delay the decision on how to publish until one of next year's CCS meetings, when the financial picture will be clearer.
2. Develop recommendations on how CCS should partner with other ACS organizations
At our last meeting Partnerships developed a list of the following organizations with which CCS may wish to partner in order to better fulfill our mission. These partnerships will, we feel, help keep CCS aware of safety issues under discussion in the Society and keeping Society organizations aware of our resources and capabilities. The following are our suggestions about how CCS may want to interact with these groups, which we have tried to temper by the realization that CCS resources are limited:
 - * **Committee on Chemists with Disabilities** – This is a potentially important relationship since CCD can lend important perspective to CCS publications. Invite CCD to send a liaison to our meetings, send them our meeting minutes, and make it a practice to send the CCD chair drafts of our publications early in the editing process to be sure we don't miss important disability-related safety issues.
 - * **Corporation Associates** – seek to work together on industrial safety issues (see separate item on industrial safety)
 - * **Comm. on Environmental Improvement** - Exchange minutes, form task force to identify opportunities to work together to identify ways that ACS can contribute to issues of chemical plant security.
 - * **Division of Chemical Toxicology** – Exchange minutes, identify any CCS members who may also be on DCT executive, seek opportunities for joint projects.
 - * **Division of Small Chemical Businesses** – work jointly on Small Chemical Business Safety booklet, exchange meeting minutes.
 - * **Div. of CHAS** – continue liaison relationship and exchange meeting minutes.

Groups with which we may wish to simply exchange meeting minutes: SOCED, CPT,

Division of Chemistry and the Law, LSAC. There may be an opportunity in the future to work with LSAC, SOCED, and other groups on a project to minimize chemical waste in HS science labs.

3. Decide whether and how CCS may wish to increase its focus on industrial safety. CCS recently received an e-mail from an ACS member, who having looked at our website and the activities indicated there, concluded that we do lots to improve safety in academic laboratories but not much to improve industrial safety. Several of us who read this message found things to agree with in it, and wanted to consider, first as a subcommittee, what if anything to do about it. We conducted an open discussion in our subcommittee. Some consensus developed:

* We perceive that, relative to university and secondary school laboratories, industry has a much higher focus on safety and is further along in implementation of formal safety processes. Therefore, we perceive that industry is not as much in need of CCS help.

* There was some discussion of what we mean by industrial safety, whether that means industrial lab safety or whether it also included such areas as manufacturing, distribution, et cetera. In the end we felt that industrial lab safety was the area where CCS would be most competent to advise or provide help. We felt that organizations like AIChE, and the American Chemistry Council (ACC) would be better equipped to help in other areas.

* In spite of the higher industrial focus on safety, we felt that there might be a place for CCS, for example in disseminating safety information, particularly where new consensus might be developing as in the areas of contact lens wear and the wearing of cut-resistant gloves.

* We feel that some data gathering is in order to determine what needs exist in industry for information, publications, resources, or other assistance CCS might provide. With this in mind, we identified the following potential sources of information and identified the following volunteers to investigate each source:

- ACC – Erik Talley
- CCR – Wayne Woolsey
- AIChE – Kevin Edgar
- Analytical Lab Managers Association – Cherlyn Bradley
- Corporation Associates – Larry Funke and Ken Fivizzani

Jean Delfiner also suggested it might be worthwhile to approach Elsa Reichmanis since she is an industrial chemist and incoming ACS president.

4. Project Seed – Cherlyn Bradley brought up the need for safety literature for Project Seed mentors and students. The subcommittee agreed that it would be appropriate for ACS to provide some of the key CCS-generated safety documents, and we MOVE that CCS provide one copy of SACL to each mentor/student pair in this year's program (estimated by some on the subcommittee at 200 copies) free of charge. We also felt that the K-12 safety booklet would be appropriate, and that we should include with the SACL shipment a reference to our website and to the K-12 booklet so they can download (meanwhile becoming more familiar with our site).