

Partnerships Subcommittee of the ACS Committee on Chemical Safety
Meeting Minutes
Orlando, Florida, April 6, 2002

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

- Brainstorm content and authors for Small Business Safety Manual – Ken Fivizzani joined us and led this discussion. The manual is currently undergoing revision with a target date of the Boston meeting in fall '02 for a first draft to be ready. At this meeting we went over the old table of contents and brainstormed new topics that should be included, old ones that can now be eliminated, and organizational issues. Suggestions were passed along to Ken for his use; these included adding sections based on the committee's work on contact lenses (**Action: Ken will contact Eileen Segal for text**) and hand protection (**Action: Kevin Edgar will provide text to Ken**), ergonomics, information or links to existing information on choice of rubber gloves vs. type of hazard, latex glove allergies, and reference to the committee-developed safety inspection guidelines. It will be important to get the perspective of actual small business people on their needs and capabilities in the field of safety; Peter Bonk of the Division of Small Chemical Businesses has agreed to work with CCS to provide that perspective. Orders are already in hand from SOCMA for this book, so clearly there is a need out there and we need to move as quickly as possible to revise the book.
- Develop recommendations on ACS and other organizations with which CCS should have partnerships, and how? We discussed the need to maintain good communications with other organizations, especially within ACS, so that we can identify areas where our expertise is needed, and effectively advertise the work and publications that we provide to chemical professionals. Given resource limitations on CCS, we need to be wise about choosing which liaison relationships, and how we carry them out, to maximize our effectiveness. The subcommittee came up with this (not prioritized) list of organizations with which CCS should establish better formal relationships:
 - * Committee on Chemists with Disabilities
 - * Comm. on Professional Training
 - * Div. of CHAS
 - * Comm. on Environmental Improvement
 - * Division of Small Chemical Businesses
 - * Comm. on Chemistry and the Law
 - * SOCED
 - * Local Section Activities Comm.
 - * Division of Chemical ToxicologyMethods may include CCS sending a liaison to the other's committee meeting, the other group sending a liaison to the CCS executive meeting, one committee reporting activities at the other's meeting, a meeting of the chairs or other officers, or simply exchanging minutes. **Action: Kevin Edgar will work with Ken Fivizzani and Larry Funke to determine appropriate methods for the different partners.**
- Decide whether and how to work with Amanda Yarnell of C&EN to develop an article on solvent drying methods. The subcommittee discussed the recent communication from Ms. Yarnell on column absorbent vs. metal or metal hydride methods for drying

organic solvents. Her feeling was that a C&EN article would be helpful in promoting more modern and safer methods like column absorbents. We felt that from her note and the ensuing e-mail correspondence, the discussion was rich with presumption and somewhat poor in facts. We agreed that it would be useful to the chemical community, and good advertising for CCS, if we were to help her research and write an article on the relative safety and efficacy (including economics) of various methods for solvent drying. This article was to be informative rather than proscriptive. We elected to so recommend to the full committee.