

Commercial Member Steering Committee Meeting

Meeting Summary – Thursday April 9, 2009

EDA Offices

9 AM – 11 AM

Members in Attendance

Ven Seshadri, George Kelly, Chuck Mossman, Brad Lagasse, Andy Molnar, Bob Mason, Paula Zarnett, Bart Burman, Peter Vickery, Brian Hollywood, EDA staff support Marica Macura, EDA staff support Tanya Fobear

Regrets:

Peter Black, Jim Mason, Paul Grod.

- **Welcome and Call to Order**

At approx. 9:06 am, Marica Macura welcomed the first meeting of the 2009/2010 Commercial Member Steering Committee to order.

- **Introduction of Members**

Committee members took turns introducing themselves.

- **Review Terms of Reference of Commercial Member Steering Committee**

EDA staff went through in detail with the Steering Committee the Terms of Reference for the Steering Committee as well as the Guidelines for the Role of the Chair and Vice Chair. No one had any questions or comments on the Terms of Reference or Guidelines

- **Introduction of Chair and Vice Chair Nominees**

EDA staff introduced the nominees for Chair and Vice Chair, Paula Zarnett and Ven Seshadri. Paula and Ven both addressed the committee on how they would best be suited to serve as Chair or Vice Chair.

- **Steering Committee members voted for their Choice for Chair or Vice Chair through ballot voting.**

The ballots were counted by EDA staff and oversaw by EDA Board Representative Brian Hollywood. The Chair of the 2009/2010 Steering Committee is Ven Seshadri and the Vice Chair is Paula Zarnett.

- **Objectives for 2009**

Chair Ven Seshadri led the discussion for identifying objectives for the steering committee to work towards in 2009. The importance of engaging commercial members to get them more involved in districts and educate LDCs about new technologies surrounding the Green Energy Act was discussed.

Discussion also surrounded the opportunity for commercial members to begin creating relationships with districts to demonstrate a value proposition by showcasing the knowledge of commercial members in a variety of areas.

Action Item - EDA staff to verify if agendas are finalized for 2009.

- **EDA Activity Update**

Marica Macura provided an update on upcoming district events:

May 6, 2009- Niagara Grand Spring Technical and Administration Meeting at the Erie Beach Hotel in Port Dover

May 7-8, 2009- Upper Canada Spring Meeting in Gananoque

Ms. Macura also provides highlights from the Green Energy Act to the Committee and will share a copy of the highlights with committee members.

- **Other Business**

The Meetings for 2009 were discussed and the next meeting is scheduled for

- **Wednesday May 13, 2009 at 9:30am-11:30am**

- **Meeting Adjourned**

Chair Ven Seshadri adjourned the meeting at approximately 11.04 pm.