

**Mickey Leland Environmental Internship Program
Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, March 23, 2007**

Members Present: Melissa Applegate, Debbie Boyle, James DeShaw, Brandi Harrison, L'Oreal Stepney.

Guests:

Members Absent: Commissioner Williams, Jon Kuhl, Leonard Spearman, Debbie Hastings, Ervin Thomas and Melvyn Wrenn.

Convening of Meeting: Debbie Boyle called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. The minutes from the November meeting were read, motion to approve was seconded by L'Oreal Stepney. Motion to approve minutes was carried, minutes approved.

Old Business

Debbie Boyle confirmed final bill was \$6,266.08. Ervin Thomas paid bill in full.

New Business

Dates for next year's conference have been confirmed by the Crowne Plaza . Dates are July 12 & 13, 2007. There will be two half day sessions beginning July 12th, at 1:30 p.m. and ending on July 13th at 1:30 p.m. Dates have been confirmed by executive management.

Debbie Boyle and Don Legg agreed that Ervin Thomas, Chair of the advisory committee would contact TCC for a commitment.

Open Discussion:

TCEQ is willing to provide templates for presenters and a presentation 45-60 minutes is preferred.

Repeat of previous conversation in November meeting to contact previous interns to be a part of the conference. Set up roundtable discussions on the first day of the conference after the general opening. This will be beneficial to current interns, they get to hear and see former interns discuss how they have benefited from participating in the program.

We will try to locate Stan Phillips @ Lockheed Martin, we have our own, Brandi Harrison, former MLEIP intern at TCEQ in Small Business (Tamara Shea Oatman) and current advisory board member, another is working at Exxon-Mobil (contact Leonard Spearman)

Workshops: **Leadership** - (D. Boyle) will recruit Dick White, former TXU VP

Career Planning- Don Legg will recruit panel

Environmental issues: air (Houston), global climate change, hawk camera (pollution)

Keynote Speaker: John Hall, (Debbie Boyle will invite) topics to include legislative session and Texas environmental issues.

Debbie Boyle will contact Centerpoint to see if they're going to use interns this year. Dr. DeShaw will contact the Ag department committed to find sponsors also, topics discussed are agriculture and Ag office safety.

Valero LP has requested a sponsor form and form was send a month ago.

A temporary agenda was created for the conference.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m. by Debbie Boyle.