



## **MINUTES**

**Thursday – October 11, 2007  
8:00 AM – 9:30 AM  
TBG - Terrace Room**

**Members of  
Advisory Group**

Dick Bostdorff

Michael Carroll

Tom Creque

Bill Dearing

Beth Fausey

Theresa Hoen

Tony Keil

Walt Krueger

Joe Perlaky

Lindsay Potts

Neil Reid

Tom Wardell

- Dean Krauskopf called the meeting to order at 8:06 am
- Attendance: (20)
  - Neil Reid, Bob Feldstein, Bill Dearing, Dean Krauskopf, Kirk Mizerek, Tom Wardell, Scott Leisner, Mike Carroll, Judy McFarland, Serenity Carr, Tony Keil, George Dabrunz, Jonathan Frantz, Dick Bostdorff, Brian Kanotz, Theresa Hoen, Bob Hoen, Sandy Knitz, Taylor Gedert, and Mike Hopkins.
- New Business:
  - MVGA – Legal Status:
    - Neil Reid reported that details regarding the MVGA 501 (C) (6) non-profit entity should be available for review at next month's grower meeting.
    - The next step will be the establishment of by-laws which will transfer a large amount of responsibility from academia to growers.
  - Natural Gas Program –
    - Kirk stated that there are approximately 380,000-400,000 mcf units signed up so far. Indiana is becoming involved. Michigan would also like to take part. There were 17 in attendance at the Metropolitan Detroit flower Growers Association held 10 days ago.
  - Judy reported that the Maumee Uptown Celebration is scheduled for Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, 3-5 pm. The Flower Power bus will be available. There will also be small pumpkins passed out to kids and discount coupons to the parents.

- "Celebrating the Season with Flower Power" was featured in 6 regular papers as well with the Channel 11 and 13 weather station on the 6 am and noon news.
- Scott Leisner reports he is interested in visiting the grower's facilities. He will be available to meet with them after each monthly meeting to discuss individual needs and gather their input.
- It is of high importance for representation at the Marcy Kaptur meeting on Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:30-12:00 to discuss UT's plant science research and grower collaboration.
- Dick reported that Owens C.C. installed a small greenhouse for class instruction. A donation of plant material and equipment is needed.
- Dick recommended growers consider an energy audit with CIFT. Results have been excellent.
- Dick reported on the current status of the OFA and ONLA. Grower input was encouraged.
- The MVG Greek Hill sign has been installed.
- Mike Hopkins from Cardinal Aggregate reviewed their BIG BAG program. Their recently produced animated video and flyers by Thread can be used to market the product in retail operations. Topsoil, mulch, and stone can be purchased without heavy hauling or mess. Contact him at (419) 698-7167 for more details.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.

Minutes submitted by Serenity Carr.

The next meeting is Nov. 8  
8:00 am  
Toledo Botanical Gardens