



## ADVISORY GROUP MINUTES

**September 6, 2007**

**8:00 AM – 9:30 AM**

***Thread***

### 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

- Joe Perlaky called the meeting to order at 8:05 am
- Attendance – (10)
  - Dick Bostdorff, Neil Reid, Joe Perlaky, Tom Wardell, Beth Fausey, Theresa Hoen, Bill Dearing, Judy McFarland, & Serenity Carr
- New Business – Legal Issues MVGA
  - It appears that a 501 (C) (6) classification will be recommended by our attorney. Next month Joe will draft bylaws to reflect that. Partnering with 501 (C) (3) organizations are also likely in the future.
  - Neil announced there will be a meeting with Representative Kaptur on Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss UT's plant science research and grower collaboration.
  - Beth stated that there will be a tour of Michigan greenhouses. Please contact her for details.
  - Monthly newsletters to our statewide natural gas participants will begin in October.
  - Judy McFarland will prepare a Fall/Winter Marketing Program for submission at our next regular monthly meeting on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - Serenity is in the process of updating the Natural Gas Program's membership contact list. Joe is following up with phone calls answering administrative questions, while Kirk handles technical inquiries.
- Statewide Rollout
  - At the regional meeting in Dayton held on September 5<sup>th</sup>, approximately half the growers (25) were interested in obtaining more information on the program within a couple of months.
- Other Projects
  - Social Event (September 12, 7-10 pm). We will celebrate MVG's decision to move forward as a new non-profit organization and will officially announce the rollout of the Natural Gas Program statewide.
  - Our 2008 calendars should be completed within the next month.
- Minutes – Serenity Carr
- Adjourn – 9:15 am