

INTERNATIONAL BOTTLED WATER ASSOCIATION
STATE AND REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 15, 2011
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Park Ballroom A
Park Hyatt Hotel
Washington, DC

MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Robert Smith (SABWA). Those present were:

Committee Members:

Joe Cimino, Northeast Bottled Water Association (NEBWA)
Allen French, Northwest Bottled Water Association (NWBWA)
Robert Smith, South Atlantic Bottled Water Association (SABWA)

IBWA Staff and Counsel

Daniel Felton, International Bottled Water Association (IBWA)
J.P. Toner, International Bottled Water Association (IBWA)

II. Minutes

It was MOVED and SECONDED to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 11, 2011. The MOTION CARRIED.

III. State Affairs Task Force Updates and Discussion

IBWA staff updated the Committee on the work of IBWA's State Affairs Task Force on 2011 legislative and regulatory issues, priorities, and strategies, focusing in particular on BPA, taxes and recycling. Committee members indicated their interest in continuing to work together with IBWA on state and local legislative issues in order to protect their members and the bottled water industry. IBWA staff commended the various state and regional associations for their support in several important legislative initiatives during the first 6 months of the year.

The Committee then received a brief update on ongoing IBWA grassroots outreach efforts directed towards employees, customers, legislators and governors, and Committee members indicated their interest in continuing to work with IBWA to increase signatures in support of IBWA's Bottled Water Matters program.

IV. State and Regional Association Updates

Committee members then reviewed current information about each state and regional bottled water association in attendance at the meeting. Information reviewed included membership levels, past and future annual meetings, educational sessions, and various challenges faced by the associations. Those in attendance stressed the point of the importance of membership not only in their associations but IBWA as well. All pledged to continue efforts to increase membership to all the associations and IBWA.

V. New Business

A. IBWA 2011 State Forecast Update

The Committee ended the meeting with a brief review of IBWA's current allocation of its assets, resources, and relationships for working with the state legislatures during 2011. Committee members were reminded that this outline is always very fluid, and were encouraged to contact IBWA with any related concerns or suggestions about that plan.

B. Communications

Committee members as well as other IBWA members in attendance with ties to state and regional associations expressed an interest in a regular communication cycle among the various associations and IBWA.

IBWA staff committed to monthly or as needed Committee calls to discuss key legislative issues in the state and issues or concerns of the associations.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.