



**MEETING MINUTES
CASBO Fall Conference**

SEPTEMBER 17, 2004

Present

Douglas County-Bill Chambers **Jeffco**-Jim Faes, Tom MacDonnell **Adams 12**-Sam Crispin, **Poudre**-Stu Reeve, **Mapleton**-John Kreutzer, **St. Vrain**-Ralph Bozella, **Summit**-Dan Huenneke, **Thompson**-Scott Weber, **EPA/Cadmus**-Julio Rovi, **OEM&C/Rebuild CO**-Peter D'Antonio, **Colorado Energy Science Center**-Pat Keegan, **Guests**-Paul Hutton and Tom Poeling

Welcome/Minutes

Stu Reeve, CASDEM Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting. Stu distributed the meeting minutes from March 4, 2003. The meeting minutes were approved. The current CASDEM membership list was distributed and updated.

CASDEM Updates

The group is still trying to reach out to the rural districts. The idea was brought up to put the "Starting a No Cost/Low Cost Energy Program" slide show on the website as a CASDEM product instead of a Bill/Sam/Ralph product.

Colorado Energy Science Center

The mission of the CESC is to do energy education for schools and homes. Pat Keegan passed out some materials and summarized some of the exciting energy programs the CESC sponsors. One that might be of particular interest to CASDEM members is the Home Energy Investigation Contest. Teams of students investigate home energy bills and other data from different homes and create posters presenting the analyzed data. Winning teams get cash prizes but more importantly the homes that were studied get some free efficiency upgrades. This year the OEMC donated a photovoltaic system to the winning team's school, as well. These contests are a good way to get students interested in energy conservation.

EPA/Cadmus Group

Julio Rovi discussed a new leaders campaign through the EPA Energy Star program. They are trying to institute a program that recognizes schools whenever their score increases by 10% or more. To do this, districts need to make sure they are benchmarking their schools. The Cadmus Group is there to help in this endeavor. Julio/Cadmus/EPA is asking for feedback from CASDEM members about the program. They are looking for ways to improve, but need suggestions from districts. Julio also mentioned the need for a mechanism to channel resources to CASDEM such as a non-profit status. To this end Tom MacDonnell was nominated to head a committee to look into getting a non-profit status from the IRS.

OEM&C/Rebuild CO Update

Peter D'Antonio is making good inroads with the rural school districts. Every month new schools are joining in the effort to conserve energy and save money for their districts. The OEM&C has placed Peter in a role of energy advisor for smaller school districts. In fact, Peter had his first meeting with the Southeast BOCES group, which was similar to the CASDEM meetings. The next one is October 19th. If you would like to attend one of these meetings with Peter, let him know. He could use the support. Peter also let everyone know that Joan Gregerson took another position. There are no plans to replace her at this time.

General Discussion/Networking/Miscellaneous

A suggestion was brought up that each CASDEM member and other organizations such as the CESC and OEM&C should bring their energy guidelines to the next meeting. Members should encourage other CASDEM members to do the same. These guidelines could be consolidated and organized for the use of all. This consolidation process could be started at the November meeting.

It was brought up that we need more funding for our website. Tom MacDonnell and Stu are going to look into this.

Linda Smith is asking for data for the last twelve months from schools. Please forward your energy use data to Linda at Linda.Smith2@state.co.us.

Peter D'Antonio talked about wind energy and whether it was feasible for schools. Alternate energy sources and their feasibility would be a good topic for discussion at a future CASDEM meeting.

Ralph Bozella presented amendments to our CASDEM By-Laws. The amendments were approved and will be distributed to our CASDEM membership soon.

Please remember to help us reach out to other school districts to become members of CASDEM and attend our CASDEM meetings.

Next Meeting

November 4, 2004 at Thompson Valley Schools – location and directions TBA