

**Sweatfree Purchasing Consortium Annual Meeting  
May 31, 2011**

*Members present:*

Sam Dominguez, City of Austin; Carmen Herrera, City and County of San Francisco; Betty Lamoreau, State of Maine; Cindy Matz, City of Milwaukee; Monette McGuire and Susan Rebello, City of Madison; Christine Moody and Stacey Forman, City of Portland; Michele Reale, State of New York; Dolly Small, City of Seattle; Lee Tuneberg, City of Ashland.

*Additional board members present:*

Bama Athreya, Eric Dirnbach, Ian Robinson

*Non-members public entities present:*

John Deighan, Allegheny County; Krin Flaherty, City of Ithaca; Rob Newman, New York City

*Observers present:*

Katie Corrigan, Georgetown Law School; Liana Foxvog, SweatFree Communities; Judy Gearhart, International Labor Rights Forum; Brian O'Shaughnessy, New York State Labor Religion Coalition; Marianna Smirnova, City of Madison Sweatfree Advisory Group.

*Additional presenters present:*

Kalpona Akter, Bangladesh Center for Worker Solidarity; Bjorn Claeson, Sweatfree Purchasing Consortium; Theresa Haas, Worker Rights Consortium; Robert Stumberg, Harrison Institute for Public Law, Georgetown Law School.

The meeting was called to order at 1pm eastern time by Bjorn Claeson, interim coordinator.

**1. Election of Directors**

The following individuals were nominated to serve as Directors of the Sweatfree Purchasing Consortium.

**Ex-officio representatives of public members:**

- **Sam Dominguez**, City of Austin
- **Betty Lamoreau**, State of Maine
- **Monette McGuire**, City of Madison
- **Christine Moody**, City of Portland
- **Michele M. Reale**, New York State
- **Dolly Small**, City of Seattle
- **Darlow "Lee" Tuneberg**, City Of Ashland

**Labor rights experts, nominated in their individual capacity; organizations listed for identification purposes only:**

- **Bama Athreya**, Global Works Foundation, Washington DC
- **Rini Chakraborty**, Amnesty International USA, San Francisco
- **Eric Dirnbach**, Laborers International Union of North America, New York City
- **Ian Robinson**, Department of Sociology and the Residential College of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Michele Reale, State of New York, motioned to approve the slate of nominees to serve as Directors of the Sweatfree Purchasing Consortium. Cindy Matz, City of Milwaukee, seconded the motion. All members present voted YES. There was no opposition and no abstentions.

**2. Welcome and Report**

Eric Dirnbach, Acting President, reported on the Consortium's activities during the past year.

**3. Finance and Budget Committee**

Sam Dominguez, Committee Chair, provided the finance report, July 1, 2010, through May 15, 2011.

**4. Membership Committee**

Michele Reale, Committee Chair, reported on the committee's activities.

**5. Communications and Operations Committee**

Ian Robinson, Committee Chair, reported on the committee's activities and called for new members.

**6. Program and Compliance Committee**

- Christine Moody provided an overview of the Sweatfree Purchasing Guide.
- Bjorn Claeson provided an overview of the supplier database under construction and demonstrated search functions on-line.
- Monette McGuire demonstrated the on-line Certification of Compliance, including the database automatic factory download function.
- Bama Athreya explained the code of conduct complaints process using the database and the complaints form.

**7. Labor compliance in uniform factories**

- Kalpona Akter, Bangladesh Center for Worker Solidarity, presented on the work of her organization and their findings of labor violations in factories in Bangladesh that produce public employee uniforms for export to the United States.
- Theresa Haas, Worker Rights Consortium, discussed the work of her organization for the cities of Los Angeles and San Francisco and described cases where they were able to positively influence working conditions.

## **8. Legal Authority for Sweatfree Purchasing**

Robert Stumberg, Harrison Institute for Public Law at Georgetown Law School, discussed preemption threats to sweatfree procurement policies and how to craft rules and regulations to minimize threats based on an analysis of the New York State procurement code.

## **9. Concluding Remarks**

Eric Dirnbach presented Consortium goals for the coming year and adjourned the meeting at 3pm eastern time.