

## **Minority Report on Strategic Issues Committee Recommendation**

I did not favor this as a formal process for presentations. I believe much of the process is all ready accomplished in the present presentations. Soon we would have checklists to rate every presentation. It would require a long past history of which we already spend too much time on. Institutionalizing presentations may be a good idea that ensures consistency of format and perhaps delivery. However, with the methodology defined in the CAB Recommendation, there is likelihood that the intent of certain presentations could be diminished. For example, I cite emerging or emergency issues such as the CIF Suspension or Leaking Tanks. While the CAB operates under committee Work Plans, spontaneous issues can and often do occur, and with a prescribed format, checklist items such as funding, strategic planning, technology, may well be overtaken by the events.

As a CAB, we keep on asking to be included early in the decision-making process, yet under the conditions outlined in the Recommendation, achieving this effort can pose many potential problems since it is unclear as to whether the Recommendation makes the included checklists and guidelines mandatory or not. The recommendation said these are only guidelines and not mandatory, I doubt if that would in fact be the actual case as the recommendation also stated that if any of the guidelines were not addressed, reasons must be given.

Additionally, time limits for presenters may make it impossible for them to convey the real intent of the presentation if they must refer to the same redundant issues in each and every presentation. For issues-based committees, whose members attend frequent committee meetings, they hear and usually know the information being requested by this recommendation. For those CAB members who only attend other committee meetings such as Strategic Issues or Long-Term Stewardship and do not hear the information they are asking for in the recommendation, it is understandable that they may believe other committees are not receiving the information outlined in the recommendation. However, for full clarification and understanding, the intent of the CAB Recommendation should be clarified as to whether the checklist is to be considered mandatory or not. What are the CAB's real expectations (i.e., to know what is really happening at SRS, or just to hear if the issue is addressed in a strategic plan, does it have adequate funding, and if technology is being used)?

Very truly yours,  
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