

Minutes from RLA Food & Beverage Committee Meeting October 29, 2008

Attendees:

Don Rombach, GENCO, *Committee Chair*
Lori Kleinschmit, Conagra
Oliver Hedgepeth, University of Alaska
Carl DuBose, PepsiCo
Bruce Stevenson, Return Management Services
Brie Pickens, ExpressPoint Technology
Heather Eidem, ExpressPoint Technology

Dave Whitley, Reverse Logistics Association
Bekah Nixon, Reverse Logistics Association

1. Don Rombach conducted the meeting via teleconference and each member of the committee in attendance offered a brief introduction.
2. Don Rombach began the meeting with the topic of looking forward to the RLA Conference Las Vegas 2009. Don doesn't think the committee will have deliverables ready at that point but wants to direct the committee towards future goals. Oliver Hedgepeth asked for roundtable time at the conference and Bekah Nixon explained the opportunities for committee meetings at the Las Vegas on Tuesday, February 3. Don confirms that the committee will take advantage of the time slot and wants to aim for one committee conference call per month, with more or less as needed.
3. Don moved to the next topic of reviewing the 3 main topics that were previously discussed by the committee and in the committee charter:
 - o Standardization of practices
 - o Waste and HazMat Disposal
 - o Deductions and compliance

Don wants the group to review those topics along with the charter review to make sure we are up to date in light of changing economic conditions. Oliver suggested more "best practices" and Don suggested that the first topic be adjusted to "Standardization and communication of best practices." The committee agreed.

Bruce Stevenson suggested more discussion on green issues and Lori Kleinschmit agreed that Conagra has put a focus on that. Don agreed that Reverse Logistics and "green" go hand in hand and Bruce mentioned the idea of creating or seeking a type of green certification in the area of food and beverage. Carl DuBose followed the topic with an issue that green may lead to taking the strength out of the packaging leading to higher damage rates and that leaves the company with reduced costs, but busted product and this is an issue that can be addressed by the committee.

4. Discussion moved back to how to address these issues and Bekah talked about the panel opportunities at the RLA Conference in Las Vegas. Lori suggested posting a

panel topic for Food & Beverage immediately to draw interest and she, Carl and Don expressed interest in participating on such a panel.

Action Items:

Review the committee charter

Add green ideas to the charter

Invite others to participate on the committee

RLA will move forward with a Food & Beverage Panel Discussion at the RLA Conference Las Vegas and will allot appropriate time for the Committee Meeting on Tuesday, February 3.

Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2008