

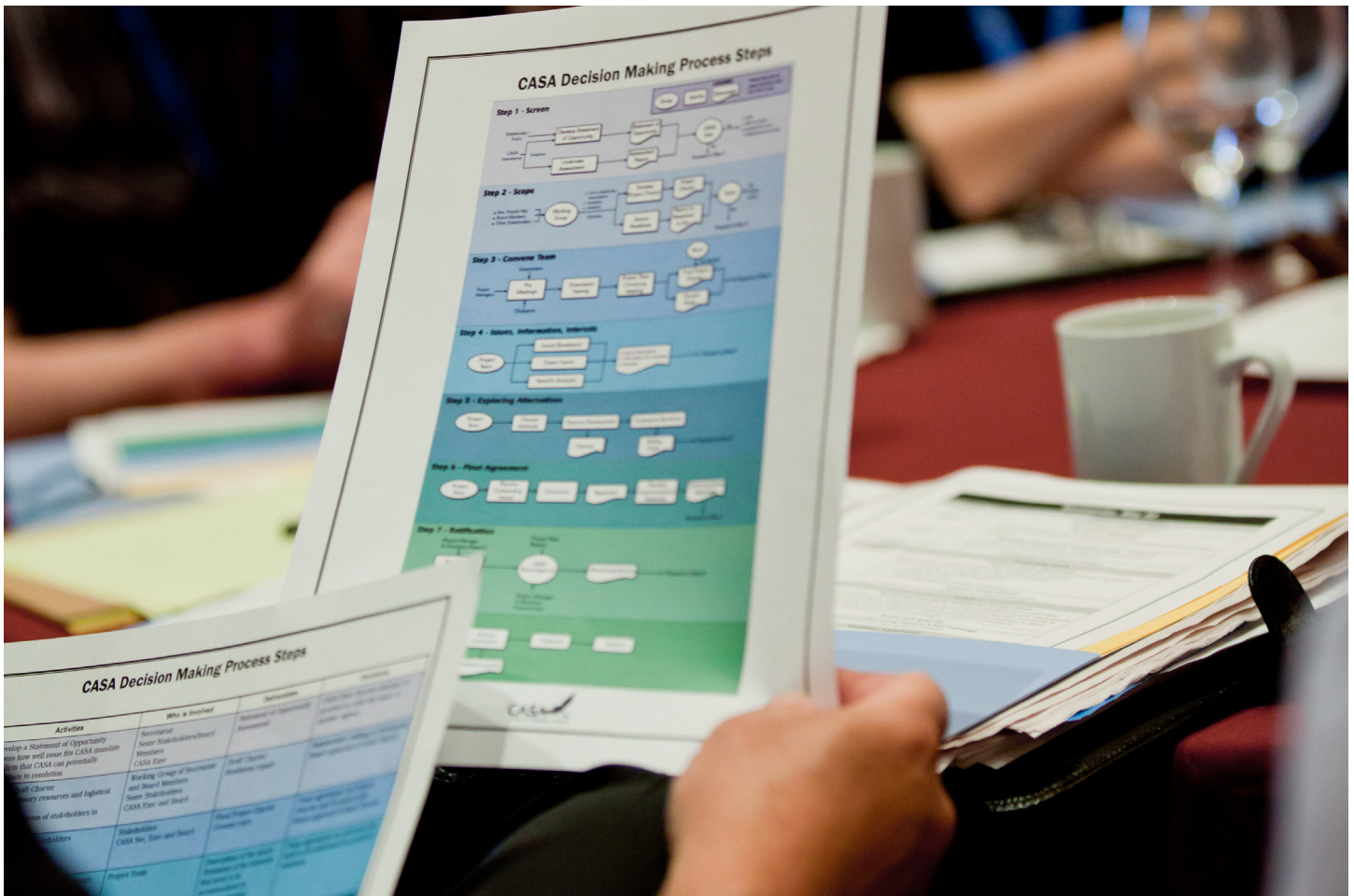


Collaborating for Cleaner Air

2012 Coordination Workshop

May 29/30, Red Deer, Alberta

Over 60 participants from industry, government and NGOs



Thank you - **Alex Grzybowski**, Facilitator



Alex Grzybowski provides mediation, facilitation, process design and training services to assist in multi-party dispute resolution, strategic planning and partnership development in the public and private sectors.

Throughout the workshop, Alex was able to keep participants on task with activities, comedic relief and time management.

Thank You - **Sleepingbeagle Studios &**



rachelfoley Photography

Sleepingbeagle Studios is dedicated to creating engaging digital media solutions. Dan Herrick was busily capturing video clips and interviews of participants for CASA's future use.

Rachel Foley's work is exemplified throughout this newsletter. Rachel spent all day capturing memorable moments and marketing images for CASA's branding.

CASA's 2012 Coordination Workshop

This interactive forum focused on managing multi-stakeholder collaborative processes and best practices for building consensus on air, land and water issues.



Presentations

Presentations on Day 1 of CASA's Coordination Workshop offered organizational updates from the Clean Air Strategic Alliance, Land Use Secretariat, Alberta Water Council and Alberta Airshed Council, providing insight into key developments and their implications for stakeholders.

The Government of Alberta delivered two presentations; 'Key Government Initiatives, National and Regional' as well as 'The GoA View of Air Quality in Alberta, How the Pieces Fit Together'.



Community of Practice

Day 2 of the Coordination Workshop focused on CASA's new Managing Collaborative Processes Guide; a comprehensive guide for project managers and facilitators of interest-based negotiations.

The day fostered conversations about the collaborative process in a supportive and inclusive environment. Participants worked to improve their understanding of interest-based negotiation and its application to multi-stakeholder dialogue.



Engagement

In small groups, participants discussed the effective engagement of stakeholders in addressing key environmental issues. They also provided feedback to the presenting agencies.

The numerous breakout group sessions, brainstorming sessions and interactive World Café encouraged discussions for overcoming common challenges at various stages of the consensus-seeking process.



Review and Feedback

Reviews of the Coordination Workshop were positive, and provided useful suggestions for how CASA can continue to improve these information-sharing sessions. Future considerations will include:

- More outreach to and participation of a younger generation of stakeholders
- Structuring presentations from all agencies for brevity, and ensuring that content is current and relevant
- Distributing interactive exercises throughout the agenda
- Clarifying how information gathered from discussions will be used and disseminated

Participants appreciated the opportunity to reconnect with fellow stakeholders and gain some knowledge about consensus processes. The sessions were thought to be engaging, with a good variety between presentations and activities.