Committee member Dr. James Ray and candidate Dr. Bonnie McCay were present also at the meeting on June 24, 2003.

The following candidates who attended the meeting lacked standing due to pending background security checks: Dr. Anthony Chatwin, Carol Dinkins, Dr. Bonnie McCay, Eric Gilman, Robert Moran, and Barbara Stevenson.

The following individuals provided oral public comments on June 25, 2003.

- Ms. Cheri Recchia – Ocean Conservancy (see page 92)
- Mr. Jay Johnson – Ball Janik LLP (see page 97)
- Ms. Kitty Simonds – Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (see page 103)
- Dr. Anthony Chatwin – The Nature Conservancy (see page 106)
- Ms. Barbara Stevenson – MPA FAC candidate (see page 108)
- Alexander Stone – ReefKeeper International (see page 111)
- Ms. Hannah Gillelan – Marine Conservation Biology Institute (see page 114)
- Mr. Ryck Lydecker – BoatU.S. (see page 117)
- Mr. Michael Doebley – Recreational Fishing Alliance (oral comments were deferred and written comments were to be submitted for committee review and consideration)

On the afternoon of the second day of the meeting, the 19 standing members of the MPA FAC who were present discussed a number of administrative matters and arrived at the following decisions:

- The committee agreed to defer the election of the Chairperson until the next face-to-face meeting of the full committee.

- The committee agreed to elect a Vice-Chairperson in a separate vote at the next meeting of the full committee and recommended that the Charter be amended to allow for this position. The Vice-chair, to be elected by a majority vote of the full committee, would serve a two-year term. In a related issue, the committee requested the Charter be revised to clarify the term “full committee” in the context of the election process.

- The committee held further discussions on the Charter and identified a number of additional proposed revisions related to the functioning of the FAC which the MPA Center was to consolidate and make available to committee members, as well as to the Departments of the Interior and Commerce, for review and approval.
• The committee identified a window from September through November for its next meeting and members were to send their schedules of availability to the Designated Federal Official so a suitable date for the meeting could be selected.

• The committee agreed on the importance of rotating the locations for its meetings; it was generally agreed that the next meeting should be held on the West Coast. The committee suggested that the MPA Center prepare and make available by the next meeting an analysis for planning purposes comparing travel costs for holding meetings in various regional locations around the coastal U.S.

• In light of the absence of a Committee Chair, an interim working group was established for the purpose of developing an agenda for the next meeting, consisting of members Tundi Agardy, Daniel Bromley, Dolly Garza, Mark Hixon, Mike Nussman, John Ogden, Walter Pereyra, Gil Radonski, and Jim Ray.