

Nanotechnology Advisory Committee Introduction, Background & Objectives

Or: Why Are We Here, What Was Done
Before, and What Are We Supposed to Do?

What is JCOTS?

- ◆ Created in 1997
- ◆ Permanent legislative commission composed of 7 delegates and 5 senators
- ◆ Charged to “generally study all aspects of technology and science and to promote the development of technology and science in the Commonwealth of Virginia through sound public policies”
- ◆ Delegate Joe May is the current Chair

What's an Advisory Committee?

- ◆ After each legislative session, JCOTS adopts a work plan that identifies “issues to actively study through Advisory Committees”
- ◆ Advisory Committees are composed of members of the Commission, who co-chair the committees, and citizen members with expertise in the matters under consideration by the committee
- ◆ Advisory Committee citizen membership expires at the end of the calendar year

2004 Advisory Committees

◆ COMPUTER CRIMES

- Co-Chairs: Senator Newman, Delegate Rust, Senator Stolle

◆ INTEGRATED GOVERNMENT (permanent)

- Co-Chairs: Delegate Nixon, Delegate Plum, Senator Howell

◆ PRIVACY (permanent)

- Co-Chairs: Delegate May, Senator Watkins, Delegate Alexander

◆ NANOTECHNOLOGY

- Co-Chairs: Senator Wampler, Delegate Purkey, Delegate Cosgrove

What does an Advisory Committee do?

- ◆ Advisory Committees study the issues charged to them
- ◆ Upon conclusion, they issue their final reports and recommendations. Recommendations can include:
 - Legislative proposals
 - Proposals for further study
 - Other proposals
 - Informal requests and other action

What's Nanotechnology's charge in the workplan?

◆ Charge:

- "To identify nanotechnology research and economic development opportunities for the Commonwealth and consider the efficacy of creating a statewide, comprehensive and coordinated strategy to secure additional federal research and development funds and to boost commercial activity in this fast-emerging sector."
- Charge comes from HJ 120

Nanotechnology 2004 meetings

◆ Wednesday, September 22

- 1:30 p.m., House Room D

◆ Wednesday, October 20

- 1:30 p.m., House Room D
- Possible field trip to Institute for Advanced Learning & Research (IALR) in Danville

◆ November 16 or 17

- if necessary

Administrative Necessity

Or: Please Do the Following As Soon As Possible to Avoid Nasty Looks from JCOTS Staff

- ◆ Please return the “Advisory Committee on Integrated Government Citizen Membership Information” form that accompanied the e-mail informing you of your appointment to the I-Gov Committee
 - You **MUST** complete and return this form even if you waive reimbursement
 - We have extra copies of the form here