

## **MCMLA 2005 Environmental Policy**

The MCMLA 2005 Planning Committee is planning an environmentally aware meeting incorporating as many green practices as possible. Our goal is to heighten the environmental consciousness of participants and to promote the idea that it is feasible to plan an environmentally friendly meeting by consciously rethinking our process, reducing and recycling waste, and reusing or purchasing recycled materials. We will evaluate this event and celebrate its success by sharing our experiences with others to inspire them to host green meetings.

### **Exhibitors**

- We would like to highlight your successful greening efforts on a web page for our conference. Please let us know:
  - What are you currently doing that might be considered green?
  - Are you planning any changes in the future to make your operation more environmentally friendly?
- Greening ideas for exhibitors:
  - Rethink what has “always” been done!
  - Avoid individually packaged materials, and use bulk dispensers.
  - When choosing conference “giveaways” choose useful items that are recyclable or made from recycled material.
  - Avoid mass distribution of brochures/handouts:
    - Print fewer copies to avoid waste.
    - Consider double-sided handouts/brochures printed on recycled paper using vegetable-based inks.
    - Allow attendees to order copies and have them sent directly to their offices.
    - Provide cards noting links to online handouts/brochures.
    - Provide PDA versions of your handouts so that participants can download them to their PDAs.
    - Collect and reuse handouts/brochures not taken by participants for another event.
  - Make use of our recycling areas while at the conference.
- The following web sites provide further information on green meetings:
  - MCMLA 2005 Web Site: <http://medlib.med.utah.edu/mcmla/2005>
  - EPA Green Meetings Web Site: <http://www.epa.gov/region03/p2/conference.htm>
  - Green Hotel Initiative
    - Web site: [http://www.ceres.org/our\\_work/ghi.htm](http://www.ceres.org/our_work/ghi.htm)
    - Best Practice Survey: [http://www.ceres.org/our\\_work/ghi/bps\\_survey.pdf](http://www.ceres.org/our_work/ghi/bps_survey.pdf)
  - Oceans Blue Foundation Web Site: <http://www.bluegreenmeetings.org/Suppliers/index.cfm>