

CONNECTICUT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Wednesday April 13, 2005

A meeting of the Executive Board of the Connecticut Environmental Health Association was held on Wednesday April 13, 2005 at the Farmington Valley Health District in Avon, CT. The following voting members were in attendance: Mike Pascucilla, Sands Cleary, Cam Walden, Joe Hock, Connie Dinerman, David Knauf, Phyllis Amodio, Don Mitchell, George Calkins, Brad Parandes. Non-voting members present: Karen Reed, Vicky Carrier, Brian Testut.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:33 P.M. by President Mike Pascucilla.

Guest Speaker – No Guest speaker

Secretary's Report: Minutes were approved (see below)

Approval of minutes. Motion by Don Mitchell, second by Connie Dinerman to approve the minutes of the March 9,2005 meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Copies of the Treasurer's Report were distributed. The following corrections were noted:

- Under M.L. Smith Account, Interest to Date, amount should be \$704.49 (not 704.98)
- On third page, Subtotal should be \$18,744.48 (not 18,774.48) Motion by Don Mitchell to approve the Treasurer's Report as amended, second by Phyllis Amodio. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports

Membership – Brad Parandes reported that CEHA has 260 members. Three or four members have not renewed. An additional \$1,035.00 in dues has been collected. Brad reported that he has distributed the list of CEHA members with specific committee interests to the appropriate committee chairs. Two new member applications were submitted. Paul Schur, an honorary CEHA member submitted a letter with his membership application about encouraging donations from honorary members. Paul Schur typically donates \$35.00 when he updates his contact information annually to be applied to the scholarship fund. An item will be added to the generic renewal application about donations in general with Don and George's input. Brad also stated that he would be willing to send out two letters, one for honorary members (reflecting the fact that their membership is lifetime and therefore does not expire) and another one for general membership. The consensus of the Board was that two different letters may be unnecessary.

Legislation – President Pascucilla reported for Sal Nesci who was not in attendance. Bill 978 moved forward to Appropriations without funding (equal financial support for all health departments).

Scholarship/Award – Maureen Whelan was not in attendance. Mike encouraged everyone to submit names for award consideration. Don Mitchell mentioned that Janet McAllister is especially deserving because of her tireless effort in relation to soil/septic training. The Robert C. Perriello Award was also mentioned. As indicated in e-mails names need to be submitted as soon as possible for the presentation at the NEHA conference.

Nominations/Elections: Joe Hock, Sands Cleary and Dave Knauf met one time as a committee. Joe and Dave met an additional time also. A nomination form has been submitted to Connie for inclusion in the newsletter.

Publicity – A calendar is now available on the CEHA website. Jason Bashura had written a letter in response to an article that Karen had written about 6 months ago. Since it is an “editorial” commentary and CEHA wishes to encourage its members to express themselves, it will be published along with a comment from the editor. A discussion ensued as to whether a policy is needed on what should be published in the newsletter and the website.

Education – Phyllis Amodio reported that she has a confirmed date and location for a “pool” training event. It will be at the Meriden YMCA on Thursday May 26, 2005. The publicity for the event will be targeted to CEHA members but it is possible that some other folks will want to attend. The event will be free for CEHA members. A nominal fee of \$5.00 will be charged to non-members. Phyllis will post this event on the CEHA Calendar. The flyer for the event will state that interested parties should call and reserve a spot so that the number of attendees can be ascertained ahead of time. Advertising the event on the HAN or via broadcast fax via Juanita Estrada of DPH was discussed. Phyllis also discussed a Disaster Sanitation training event tentatively scheduled for August 2005. Something similar was last done in 1995. The charge for the event should include the cost of the Emergency Pocket Guide that Phyllis previously brought up so that it can be handed out at the event. DPH's Food Protection Program will be sending out a Food Emergency Investigation kit which will include a single copy of the pocket guide and other items in the near future.

Special Committee Reports

Emergency Preparedness Training – Sands reported that the training session scheduled for April 8, 2005 in Middletown was cancelled because of low anticipated attendance. Other training sessions have had attendance of approximately 15. In August, there is a plan to run the “Train the Trainer” event and recruit more trainers. Sands wants to start phasing himself out of this considerable time commitment in anticipation of taking over his new duties as President of CEHA. There are two training modules planned for May 18, 2005 at the Mohegan Sun. The food will be handled with a food gift card. There was some discussion about potentially developing three new modules for next year. Sands gave Mike an abstract in electronic format for the NEHA conference.

Food – Karen reported that Liz O'Malley has been promoted at the FDA. She takes the position of Mr. Schrade, the previous regional contact. The Connecticut Culinary Institute and the Chef's Association are enthusiastic about co-sponsoring training on hand hygiene with CEHA. It would be a full day program. The Institute is willing to

make the event a day trip for its students. DPH involvement would be requested. In the future consideration will be given to doing an event about holding time/temperature. A golf event was also briefly discussed. There was some discussion about the future of the Food and Dairy Association and how they might fit into an expanded CEHA membership. Mike will call Ellen Blaschinski about the status of the new committee.

Housing/Pb –Brian Testut reported that Al Buzzetti of DPH could not attend the meeting. He shared an e.mail from Al which indicated that there are 39 children 60 months to 192 months of age with Elevated Blood Lead Levels of 20 mcg/dL or greater in the state. A response from the DPH Commissioner is expected soon so it was decided that it would be more productive to wait until the response had been received and reviewed to invite Al to attend one of the Board meetings again. Brian will share the Connecticut Lead Elimination Plan with everyone via e.mail.

Water – Vicky Carrier reported on well training on September 21 & 22 put on by the Water Systems Council. All speakers have verbally committed to speaking. The next step will be to write a formal letter requesting their presence which will be undertaken after the next conference call on Tuesday April 19, 2005 at 9:30 am. The next scheduled Water Committee meeting is on Thursday April 21, 2005. On March 21, 2005, Brad Parandes e.mailed Vicky a list of all CEHA members who had expressed an interest in the Water Committee- all of them have been invited them to the next Water Committee meeting in April.

Discussions have begun discussing on another training event for treatment/well siting later in the year (after September). This event is still in its very early stages but the Kellogg Environmental Center in Derby is being considered as a potential location. Vicky visited the property recently -the facility itself is very nice and parking appears to be adequate and it can be used for FREE (if the event has some kind of environmental theme to it). By the later part of the year, the Drinking Water Division should have technical standards for the common treatment systems so that should make developing the training easier. A treatment vendor will be considered as a speaker.

A discussion on cross-connections and food inspector's role took place. It was suggested that the Chair of the Ct Section American Water Works Association Cross-Connection Committee and possibly some committee members be invited to the next CEHA Board meeting. Karen and Vicky will pursue discussions about potentially organizing a ½ day "Common Cross-Connections at Food Service Establishments" (possibly field-based) training event. John Gabor (retired from Aquarion Water Company) was mentioned as a potential speaker.

Eric McPhee was introduced as the new Transient Non-Community System lead under Cam Walden.

Subsurface Sewage – Don Mitchell reported on current Subsurface Sewage Committee activities using the Agenda for the April 14, 2005 meeting as a discussion guide. The New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission event in late March was very successful. Janet McAllister and John Sievec are working on a soils training event with DPH. Nancy Brault of Northeast District Department of Health has developed a training document. Betsy Wingfield of DEP will attend the next meeting to discuss the status of the FOG (Fats Oil and Grease) General Permit, Wastewater Management Districts/Alternative Treatment and potential funding sources for on-site

management. A letter from Rick Matheny of Farmington Valley Health District about the impending expiration of funding for a wastewater manual was discussed. Don Mitchell volunteered to review this document.

Bylaws – No report.

Yankee Conference – Joe Hock discussed the fact that there will be no separate Yankee Conference this year. At the NEHA Conference, there will be time allowed for NEHA affiliates to give out awards and also to discuss affiliate activities with regional interest (eg. Emergency Preparedness). A movie night was also discussed. There is a new Northern States chapter. Encouraging this chapter to host the 2006 Yankee Conference was discussed. An alternate year (every two year) schedule for the Yankee Conference was also discussed. Joining forces with the states of New York and New Jersey was also mentioned but ruled out.

Other Business

Annual Meeting – It was decided that the Disaster Sanitation training would be too lengthy to be part of the annual meeting.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:41 P.M. by Don Mitchell, second by Sands Cleary. Motion carried. The next CEHA Executive Board meeting will be held on May 11 at a location to be determined (possibly West Hartford Town Hall). Mike will notify the Board of the location.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicky Carrier

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