

2009 ANNUAL MEETING
CONNECTICUT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Anthony's Ocean View
Friday November 6, 2009

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Vicky Carrier at 1:07 P.M.

2. President's Report

President Carrier thanked all of those who helped to plan this year's Annual Meeting, especially Alessandra Litro who put together the educational sessions. She reviewed some of the significant activities of CEHA over the past year including the production of a pamphlet on how to become a CT Registered Sanitarian. She also noted that CEHA now has a page on Facebook. She remarked on the success of the NEHA AEC in Atlanta and the Yankee Conference in Warwick, RI.

She reported that a series of training sessions on legal issues with State's Attorney Judy Dicine is scheduled for the end of the 1st quarter of 2010 and a water event on February 23rd in Cromwell.

President Carrier presented Presidential Citations to Robin Sleeman for her work on the Executive Board and to Jeff Polhemus for his work on the Subsurface Sewage sub-committee.

3. Treasurer's Report

Copies of the 2009 Annual Report ending September 30, 2009 were distributed. President-Elect Scott Cook summarized the report for Treasurer Sharon Antunes, who was not in attendance. CEHA's assets as of the closing date were \$73,610.50.

4. Committee Reports

Publicity – David Knauf reported on the voting for a new CEHA motto. There were 18 suggested mottos and 30 total votes. 6 suggestions received no votes. The motto "Promoting Environmental Health in Connecticut since 1954" received the most votes in a close race. The Executive Board will make a final decision on a motto in December.

Scholarship/Awards – Eloise Hazelwood presented the Yankee Conference Scholarship to Sergio Lupo of the New Britain Health Department and the M.L. Smith Scholarship to Tina Latif of the Bridgeport Health Department.

President Carrier presented Honorary Memberships to Al Buzzetti who recently retired from the State Health Department and Art Leffert who has retired from the Fairfield Health Department. Both Al and Art are Past Presidents of CEHA and have long records of service to the Association.

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President Carrier presented the Raymond Brunelle Award for Sanitarian of the Year to incoming President Scott Cook.

President Carrier also recognized Nancy Wheeler of the East Hartford Health Department for being awarded the Perriello Award at the Yankee Conference in September.

Nominations/Elections

President Elect- Jennifer Eielson, Bridgeport Health Department
Vice President – No nominees. A special election will be held once a nominee has been found.

Treasurer – Sharon Antunes, Ridgefield Health Department

There was no nomination for Elected Director before the election. The Executive Board will name someone to fill that position at its December meeting.

5. Passing of the Gavel

At this point, President Carrier called Immediate Past President Rob Guerrero forward to administer the oath of office to President Elect Scott Cook. President Carrier then passed the gavel to incoming President Cook who thanked Vicky for her service to CEHA and presented her with the Past President's Award.

President Cook urged all CEHA member to consider getting more actively involved in CEHA whether on the Board or on a committee. He noted the vacancies in the positions of Vice President and Elected Director. He announced that all of the current Executive Board members would be staying on, except Membership Chair, where Robin Sleeman is stepping down. There is also an opening for Food Committee Chair.

President Cook stated that budgets and regionalization of local health services are likely to be major issues of concern for CEHA in the upcoming year.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 1:49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

David Rogers
Secretary
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