

CONNECTICUT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Wednesday April 11, 2007

A meeting of the Executive Board of the Connecticut Environmental Health Association was held on Wednesday April 11, 2007 at the MDC Training Center in Hartford. The following members were in attendance: Maureen Whelan, Cam Walden, Sands Cleary, Don Mitchell, Vicky Carrier, Karen Reid, Dave Knauf, Brian Testut, Lucy Ponganis, Gil Roberts, Scott Cook and Robin Sleeman.

Call to Order President Cam Walden called the meeting to order at 12:31 pm.

Approval of March 14 minutes~ motion by R. Sleeman, 2nd by S. Cleary~ passed

No Treasurers report- (Treasurer absent)

President Walden spoke about the NEHA AEC in New Jersey this June. If there is enough interest, NEHA will provide a bus from Hartford to Atlantic City for CEHA members. The cost ranges from \$91 per person and up dependant on the number of people utilizing it. Please give Cam and call with your interest by May 9th. V. Carrier will also be emailing the membership for their interest.

Names for the Pierrello Award (given at YC) , and Bradley award are also needed.

President Walden also passed around an email he received regarding "hopper juice" (leakage from garbage trucks).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Scholarship, Policies & Procedures/Bylaws

Maureen Whelan stated she and Robin attended the SCSU Environmental Health Training class on March 28th. She spoke to the class about the scholarships CEHA offers. A meeting was held on April 5th at Naugatuck Valley Health District where the forms were reviewed. Whelan, Rogers, Cleary and Knauf were in attendance. It was decided that you must be a CEHA member to receive the award and the financial portion of the application would be removed (pending board approval) and other fonts changed. All the colleges and universities have been mailed out packet information for students wishing to apply per Whelan. An article was sent to Sleeman for the newsletter.

Motion to remove the financial portion of the application~ K. Reid, 2nd D. Knauf. Motion carried.

Motion that you must be a CEHA member to receive a scholarship award~ S. Cleary, 2nd K. Reid. Motion carried.

Legislation~

Scott Cook reported that HB 7163 (revisions to the Dept of Public Health Statutes) is still on the calendar to be voted on. The one of interest is the denial or revocation of a license for a Registered Sanitarian having been found guilty of a felony or disciplinary action.

HB 1341 - Protecting Public Water supplies from contamination- technical changes such as requiring easements for public water lines

HB 6768 -approval of small alternative on site sewage treatment systems from DEP jurisdiction to the Commissioner of Public Health.

Membership~

Letter sent to J. Dicine from R. Sleeman regarding her honorary membership. Sleeman has received 6 new applications and one late renewal. She is looking for ways to reach out to local health department that have no members currently. She cross-referenced the listing of all local Health departments against our master list. Several towns have no involvement with CEHA and should be contacted.

Nominations- (chair absent)

We have 3 open positions for the 2007-2008 year. They are for Vice President, a Director and Treasurer. G. Calkins will probably stay in the Treasurers position.

Guest Speaker – Ana Chambers State DPH

Ana spoke about the potential for the Lead inspector/Risk Assessor class being done “online” on a yearly basis or renewed every three years. That means no more traveling to Hartford on a yearly basis. Still has to go before EPA for approval. Discussion about modules and security as a final test would still be required.

B. Testut stated he would draft a letter of support for CEHA. Lively conversation regarding this issue.

Education – (Chair absent)

Sands Cleary was pleased to report 140 people attended the “Hot Topic” class at Anthony’s Oceanview in New Haven. It was very well received and future ones with the State HD and CADH should be planned. CEHA ended up making \$250.00. He then made a motion for that \$250 to be returned to CADH as a measure of good faith as they did much of the work. Motion not seconded.

Summer meeting~ location will either be Middletown or Hammonasst. This year it was proposed that we have a budget of \$1500.00 and we do all the buying and cooking. Members wishing to attend would get in for free, children/guests over 12 years old and would pay \$10.00. Motion made by Cam Walden, 2nd by R. Sleeman. Discussion followed about education component, date, cost of food, CEU’s and parking. Motion passed.

Publicity~

Dave Knauf reported the template for revisions of the website should be ready next week. Committee chairs are encouraged to write articles.

Subsurface ~ .DEP, DPH, CADH, COWRA and the Home Builders Association met 3/22. The meeting focused on the issues involving the implementation of Alternative Technology for small on-site systems under 5,000 gpd. Part of the intent of the meeting was to provide a unified stakeholder's voice for funding to develop technical standards and pay for staff to implement AT for small on-site systems at the State DPH and Local levels. D. Mitchell asked for a donation to be made for us to co-sponsor the NEIWPC conference in 2008 in Mystic, CT. We will have our logo on literature and have a booth set up as well. Motion made by D. Mitchell, 2nd by S. Cook for CEHA to donate \$500.00. Passed.

M. Whelan left at 3:00, quorum lost.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Maureen Whelan

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