

**CONNECTICUT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Wednesday May 12, 2010**

A meeting of the Executive Board of the Connecticut Environmental Health Association was held on Tuesday April 14, 2010 at the Wallingford Public Library Wallingford, CT. The following voting members were in attendance: Scott Cook, Jennifer Eielson, Vicky Carrier, David Rogers, Sharon Antunes, John Deckert, Phyllis Amodio, David Knauf, David Boone, Maryam Hosseini, Eloise Hazelwood (12:40 P.M.) and Alessandra Litro (2:08 P.M.). Non-voting members present: Marco Palmeri, Jessica Fletcher, Don Mitchell, Eric McPhee. Guests: Ed Malik, Bruce Morton, Goodwin College and Suzanne Blancaflor, DPH (12:40 P.M.)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:22 P.M. by President Scott Cook.

Additions to the Agenda – None

President's Report – Guest Speaker: Bruce Morton of Goodwin College addressed the Board about the environmental studies program which Goodwin College has recently started. This is a certificate program; the college also has a 4 year program in health science with an emphasis on environmental health. The college moved into a new campus in East Hartford in January 2009 and caters to working student and those with families. Most of the courses are taught in the evening. The college is seeking a relationship with CEHA and NEHA and is interested in getting a letter of support for the programs from CEHA. He invited members to visit the campus and examine the programs if they are interested. Mr. Morton was asked to work with Don Mitchell in crafting a letter of support for Board review. Don will act as liaison between the college and CEHA.

Local Public Health Council – there has been nothing further on this.

Wood Smoke Work Group – the group has met once and will meet again on May 21st.

Climate Change Steering Committee – this is a very large group put together by DEP. President Cook has been assigned to the public health subcommittee. The large committee is tasked with planning for the effects of climate change.

EHS Net – a second letter of support for the effort was sent but DPH was unable to meet the application deadline and the grant application was pulled.

NEHA AEC – President Cook has made his arrangements to attend the conference and a silent auction item has been sent out but the costs are more than the budgeted amounts. A budget adjustment will be required.

2010 Yankee Conference – the conference has been moved from Burlington, VT to Nashua, NH and will be held 9/22-24.

YCPHP letter of support – a draft letter of support for a CDC grant was circulated for comment. A few corrections were suggested by Jessica Fletcher.

Motion by Eloise Hazelwood to approve sending the corrected letter.
Second by Jennifer Eielson. **Motion carried.**

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Day Care Inspection Report Form – a draft of the revised local health day care inspection form was issued by DPH for comment. It was noted that DPH was not listed anywhere on the revised form. There were a number of other concerns about the new form and confusion about how it would be used. Members were asked to submit comments to President Cook who will forward them to DPH.

Treasurer's Report – Sharon Antunes distributed a report for the period ending 4/30/10.

Motion by Jennifer Eielson to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. **Second** by Eloise Hazelwood. **Motion carried.**

Secretary's Report - Approval of minutes.

Minutes of the April 2010 regular meeting were sent out to the members.

Motion by David Knauf to approve the minutes as submitted.

Second by Jennifer Eielson. **Motion carried.**

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative – David Boone reported that there had been no vote on the Acidified Foods bill, but that the Food, Farms and Jobs which contained the same language was passed. This bill exempts acidified foods prepared on farms and poultry producers slaughtering <5000 animals from regulation. The fate of the bill exempting day care centers operating in non-public schools from physical plant requirements is unknown.

Membership – Maryam reported that there are 38 names on the suspension list. However, 9 of these are Honorary Members who will remain on the list. One new member application was circulated for approval.

Nominations & Elections – Don Mitchell started that he has one name to submit for the position of Elected Director.

Publicity/Newsletter – David Knauf discussed the controversy around the content and style of the "Dear Marco" column in the newsletter. Some members suggested adding a disclaimer to the column noting that the views were those of the author not CEHA. President Cook stated that the column should steer clear of discussions about race, religion, sex or politics. Marco apologized to anyone who might have taken offence and offered to do anything the Board felt was needed. David Knauf stated that the next issue of the newsletter would be in June and needs to include information on the Summer Meeting. The deadline for submissions is June 25, 2010 so the newsletter can be sent out by June 30th. President Cook received a feeler from Affiniscape about managing the website. They would plan to make the site more attractive and include pay on line features. David Knauf cautioned that pay on line could be more expensive once bank fees are factored in. The fees to this company are also unknown

Scholarship & Awards – Eloise Hazelwood reported that the applications have been sent out to the schools. One application has been returned so far. No award nominations have been submitted.

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Education – Alessandra reported that there were 72 at the legal issues training held on May 10th. The net to CEHA is \$927.45. An on-line survey was sent to all who attended. Certified Pool operator Training is set for June 14&15 at the DOT building. Cost to members is \$150 and \$200 for non-members.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Housing/Lead & Summer Meeting – Marco reported that he had manned a booth at the LOB for World Asthma Day. He indicated that there was not much foot traffic by legislators but a lot if information was distributed anyway. He noted that there have been a lot of questions about the new lead renovation and repair rule, but that the state is not authorized to enforce the rule and it is unlikely they will do so anytime soon. Registration in advance for the Summer Meeting will be encouraged via Train. Alessandra will set this up. Payment will be at the site with no advance payments.

Food – Jessica Fletcher noted that the 3 information sheets for sanitarians are up on the CEHA website. She recently attended the Conference for Food Protection meeting in Providence and was the only local health official from New England. She was asked to be the Northeast Region (New England and New York) representative on the CFP Board for a 6 year term and has accepted.

SSDS – Don Mitchell stated that he and Jeff Polhemus will be alternating attendance at Executive Board meetings. A SSDS Code Advisory meeting is scheduled for 5/13. The committee is setting up a mentoring program for sanitarians that are Phase I certified but have little or no field experience. Don discussed continuing the soils training which has been very popular. DPH has no money with which to continue the training and Don would like to see CEHA sponsor it in the future. There are no details at this time.

Don also mentioned the concern he and others have with the current RS exam and the low passing rate. There was a discussion about the relevance of the exam and what steps might be taken. Don will work with Suzanne Blancaflor in contacting whoever at DPH is in charge of the process.

David Rogers leaves at 3:00 P.M.

Water – The committee has endorsed the concepts in the guidance document for coliforms in water supplies at FSEs but has reserved its right to comment. Board comments need to be submitted to Vicky Carrier by June 16th. The full Board will vote on the document at the June meeting. Eric reported that DPH is trying to meet with DCP about geothermal wells. Sanitarians are encouraged to work with their local building official(s) on permit requests until new regulations are in place.

Policies & Procedures/Bylaws – Vicky Carrier stated that the policy on advertising has been modified to include both the newsletter and the website. It will be ready for approval next month.

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OLD BUSINESS

Inventory – Alessandra has obtained the descriptions and model #s for CEHA owned equipment. There was some discussion about the large screen which does not have a number.

Motion by Phyllis Amodio to authorize the Education Chair to administer the inventory of equipment at its current location at DPH. **Second** by Eloise Hazelwood. **Motion carried.**

Wrist Bracelets – Phyllis will order the wrist bracelets approved at the last meeting.

NEW BUSINESS - None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 3:28 PM by Jennifer Eielson.

Second by Phyllis Amodio. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

David Rogers

Secretary

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