

**CONNECTICUT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Wednesday June 10, 2009**

A meeting of the Executive Board of the Connecticut Environmental Health Association was held on Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at the Southington Town Hall Southington, CT. The following voting members were in attendance: Vicky Carrier, Scott Cook, Sharon Antunes, Phyllis Amodio, Michael Kirby, John Deckert, Robin Sleeman, David Boone, and David Knauf. Non-voting members present: Eric McPhee and Mira Lami. Guests: Gill Roberts, Ray Jarema and John T. Sieviel.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:48 P.M. by President Vicky Carrier.

Approval of Agenda – Changes made to order of reports.

President's Report – Gave a brief on the NEHA AEC meeting she will be attending this month. Al Buzzetti is retiring and will have a party on June 11, 2009. Marco will not be attending this meeting but is working on the Summer Meeting. Allesandra Litro will not attend this meeting but did issue a written report.

Secretary's Report

Motion by Phyllis Amodio to accept the minutes for the May meeting. **Second** by Mike Kirby. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report – moved to later in the agenda. *Sharon Antunes arrived at 1:00 p.m.*

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership – Robin Sleeman circulated new member applications.

Legislative - Dave Boone reported that the letter regarding the Governor's proposed budget and Executive Order 26 was mailed out to targeted local health departments last week. There was approximately 73 pieces of mail. He did receive some positive feedback from the mailing.

Dave Boone also reported that the regular session ended last week and that a special session will be required for the budget.

Dave Boone updated the Board on the status of a number of bills he has been following especially Public Act No. 09-157, An Act Concerning Access to Health and Nutritional Information in Restaurants that awaits the Governor's signature.

Nominations/Elections – President Carrier reported that Joe Hock has received only one nomination for the upcoming election: Sharon Antunes for Treasurer.

Publicity/Newsletter – David Knauf discussed the upcoming newsletter and the proposed new CEHA mottos he has received.

Motion by Scott Cook that the members vote on the mottos at the Summer Meeting. **Second** by David Knauf. **Motion carried.**

David Knauf also reminded the committees to send him reports for the newsletter.

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Education – Vicky Carrier gave a brief report on the successful pool inspection seminar and the upcoming Certified Pool Operator training.

Treasurer's Report –Motion by Scott Cook to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. **Second** by Jennifer Eielson. **Motion carried.**

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water – Eric McPhee reported that the Water Committee recommends that CEHA draft comments that are not in general support of the Total Coliform Guidance Document. Discussion then turned to the Water Sampling Guidelines.

Motion by Robin Sleeman to accept the CEHA Recommended Well Water Testing Guidelines as amended for the CEHA website. **Second** by Mike Kirby. **Motion carried.**

Discussion then turned to Public Act 08-184 and the draft Report to the Connecticut General Assembly. Water Committee supports some provisions of the act and does not support others. The provision of variance on setbacks for replacement wells is supported, but provisions for expanded water testing requirements on sales on new construction and others on pump issues are not supported. The report also lacks consensus from the workgroup convened to study issues raised with PA 08-184. A letter from CEHA responding to the report will be drafted and signed for the June 15 meeting.

Gil Roberts then discussed the Superior Court ruling in the case Alphonse [sic] W. Milo, Et Al v. Connecticut Department of Public Health, Et Al. This ruling overturned a Public Health Hearing Office decision dismissing an appeal of a Torrington Area Health District order enforcing 19-13-B51 for a water supply well at a car wash. The Superior Court decision ruled the Section 19-13-B51 does not apply to water supply wells constructed prior to January 12, 1971.

Motion by David Knauf to vote electronically on a letter to respond to the report on PA 08-184 by the June 15 meeting. **Second** by Robin Sleeman. **Motion carried.**

Old Business

Total Coliform Guidance Document – Discussed during Water Committee report.

Water Sampling Guidelines – Discussed during Water Committee report.

Insurance Policy Update – Not discussed.

RS Exam Study Materials – Phyllis Amodio continues to work on the matter in light of the 10 percent passing rate for the exam. Robin Sleeman asked if the Office of Workforce Development can look into this issue. Vicky Carrier reported that the R.S. exam is tougher than the P.E. exam.

Summer Meeting – It was agreed that a presentation on tick management from Kirby Stafford, PhD would be a good subject matter for the meeting. The food inspector contact hour is not a must for this event.

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Annual Meeting – **Motion** by Scott Cook that the Annual Meeting be held at Anthony's Ocean View at the best negotiated price obtained by Jennifer Eielson. **Second** by David Knauf. Discussion. **Motion carried.**

Passing Rate for R.S. Exam – discussed earlier with study materials.

Perriello Award – Need candidates by August 1, 2009.

Printer – Mira Lami discussed selling the printer previously used for the newsletter. It was suggested that the printer could also be donated.

Policy documents re: conference forms (planning and follow-up) – Get your final comments in.

New Business

Yale Center for Public Health Preparedness – What would CEHA like to see for training next year? Some ideas discussed.

Letter of Support for Yale Center for Public Health Preparedness and Kathi Traugh's Grant – **Motion** by Mike Kirby to allow Vicky Carrier to finalize, sign and send letter of support to YCPHP. **Second** by Robin Sleeman. **Motion carried.**

Al Buzzetti Certificate of Recognition & Letter – **Motion** by Scott Cook that CEHA present a letter of appreciation and a certificate of recognition to Al Buzzetti as a unanimous declaration of our appreciation of his service throughout his career. **Second** by David Knauf. **Motion Carried.**

Public Act 08-184 – discussed during Water Committee report.

Training Seminar on Private Wells – Sharon Antunes requested training that is specific on the construction of wells. Ray Jarema discussed the resources available on the DPH website. He also discussed some treatment systems that have questionable value. Gil Roberts discussed training on bed bugs and proprietary leaching systems. There was also discussion on the DEP general permit for pools.

Return Address on Newsletter – No further discussion or action is necessary on this matter.

Budget Policy Proposal – Sharon Antunes proposed a policy on creating a budget. The proposal will be sent to the By-Laws Committee for review. Robin Sleeman discussed sending letters for notification [the notes for the minutes were incomplete on this discussion].

Website – Sharon Antunes is contemplating taking over management of the CEHA website.

Financial Review – No discussion.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 2:58 PM by Phyllis Amodio
Second by Mike Kirby. **Motion carried.**

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Respectfully submitted,

Scott Cook

President-Elect

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