

**CONNECTICUT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Wednesday June 14, 2007**

A meeting of the Executive Board of the Connecticut Environmental Health Association was held on Wednesday June 14, 2007 at the Naugatuck Valley Health District, Seymour, CT. The following voting members were in attendance: Cam Walden, Luci Ponganis, Sands Cleary, David Rogers, Gil Roberts, Patrice Sulik, Karen Reid, Maureen Whelan, Joe Hock and David Knauf. Non-voting members present: Vicky Carrier and Laura Pagliaro (1:35 P.M.).

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 P.M. by President Cam Walden.

Secretary's Report - Approval of minutes.

Motion by Sands Cleary to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2007 regular meeting.
Second by Patrice Sulik. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer was not in attendance and there was no report.

President's Report

President Walden has a certificate from CEHA to present to Paula Pendleton at her retirement party on June 15th. She will also receive an Honorary Membership at the 2007 Annual Meeting.

Marketing our profession is the subject that will be discussed at the NEHA AEC Focus Group meeting this year. Any ideas that President Walden can bring to the meeting should be e-mailed to him. He is planning to check his e-mails during the AEC.

He noted that the latest issue of the DPH IEQ Newsletter dealt with ozone generators and asked if there was a way to alert the membership to articles of interest like this. The CEHA website was mentioned as a vehicle for promotion of things like the IEQ Newsletter, and after some discussion it was agreed that placing a link to the newsletter on the web site was better than putting the newsletter directly on the site.

Comments concerning the proposed revisions to the Yankee Conference Bylaws need to be submitted by the end of June. David Knauf asked how Members at Large would be selected, as the language is unclear.

A thank you letter from DPH about the water training sessions held in January and March was circulated.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Scholarship/Awards - Nominations for the Perriello and Brunelle Awards are still being sought. The web site needs to have the increased scholarship award amounts shown as the old amounts are still there. Sands Cleary reported that the Policies, Procedure and Bylaws Committee has been working on the scholarship applications. The financial part has been removed, but there is still more work to be done. They are discussing eligibility for the scholarships, specifically if children and siblings of members should be eligible, with the member applying on behalf of the child. Most Board members thought this would be a great "perk" of membership. Maureen Whelan reported that 1 partial application has been received so far. She will send the updated application form to David Knauf for the web site.

Legislation – No report

Membership – No report. A new member application from Jennifer Henaire was circulated for approval.

Nominations/Elections – President Walden reported that 3 names have been submitted for the position of Director, one for Treasurer and one for Vice President. The ballots should go out by August 1st.

Publicity/Newsletter – David Knauf demonstrated a test version of the new web page and asked for feedback. It features more drop down menus, some dedicated buttons and a new look. The latest issue of the newsletter has gone out and all felt it was one of the best with interesting articles and great photos.

Education – A written update on the Summer Meeting was submitted by Marco Palmeri. Arrangements for the meeting have been all but finalized but some additional help will be needed for set up, prep/cooking and clean-up. Only a few members have participated in the planning even though 15 signed up during renewal.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water – Vicki Carrier distributed copies of SB 1341 Concerning Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity in public water supplies. Among other things, it requires adjacent property owners be notified when distances from a well to a septic system are reduced even if it is on the well owners property. Members thought this was very odd and could lead to some unexpected situations. The bill also removes DPUC from the approval process for new non-community systems.

Policies Procedures & Bylaws – The committee met prior to the regular Board meeting. Sands Cleary presented the proposed changes to the membership classes in which a new retired member class would be created. There was a discussion about the definition of Active member and whether it should be changed to accommodate persons who would not be eligible for membership in one of the other classes. There was also a discussion about how many Honorary or Retired members there should be on the Executive Board. No action was taken on the proposal to allow the committee to clarify these issues.

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Food – Laura Pagliaro circulated a letter of resignation from Kevin Elak as co-chair of the Food Committee. She reported that membership and participation on the committee has been an issue that needs to be addressed. The committee is scheduled to meet again in July.

Yankee Conference Planning Committee – Joe Hock and Rob Guerrera toured the Mystic Hilton, which appears to be the likely site for the Yankee Conference. Rob is getting some financial figures now. The committee would like to hold a dinner at the Aquarium as has been done in the past, but it is very expensive. They are looking for ways to reduce the cost.

Old Business - None

New Business – Karen Reid reported that Pam Scully is planning to revise the swimming pool design manual, which dates back to the 1980s. She may be looking to CEHA for some assistance in this effort.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 2:20 PM by Joe Hock
Second by Sands Clary. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,
David Rogers
Secretary
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