

CONNECTICUT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Wednesday June 8, 2005

A meeting of the Executive Board of the Connecticut Environmental Health Association was held on Wednesday June 8, 2005 at the West Hartford Town Hall West Hartford, CT. The following voting members were in attendance: Mike Pascucilla, Cam Walden, David Rogers, George Calkins, Joe Hock, Don Mitchell, David Knauf, David Boone and Maureen Whelan. Non-voting members present: Eloise Hudd, Marco Palmeri and Vicky Carrier. Guests: Leon Vinci, Ellen Blaschinski and Ray Jarema.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:34 P.M. by President Mike Pascucilla.

Guest Speaker – Leon Vinci addressed the Board about a proposal to hold a social at the NEHA AEC as a fundraiser for the scholarship fund. As there are no activities scheduled for Tuesday evening June 28th, this would be the best time to hold something. NEHA has reserved a room with a bartender for that time and there would be no cost to CEHA other than for food. Leon indicated that Pat Maloney had suggested this event, but none of the other Yankee Conference Board members recall Pat saying anything to them about this. Eloise Hudd questioned the purpose of the social, and other members noted that only the Yankee Conference host affiliate makes any money for scholarships. Since there is no host affiliate this year, there is no scholarship fund to benefit and CEHA would derive no funds from this event. A lengthy discussion followed during which it was proposed that this be a social event for Yankee Conference affiliate members and others to meet and network. It has been the custom of CEHA to hold a hospitality event in the President's room at the YC for anyone wanting to attend. This typically costs up to \$200. Motion by Cam Walden second by Don Mitchell to allocate \$200 to be used at the President's discretion for hospitality in the President's room or at the hotel. If held in a meeting room, the other YC affiliates will be asked to contribute a similar amount. Motion carried.

Leon then distributed copies of Senate Bill 506 entitled the "Public Health Preparedness Workforce Development Act of 2005" that is now before Congress. If passed, this bill would establish a scholarship and loan repayment program for public health preparedness workforce development, including environmental health.

Secretary's Report

Approval of minutes. Motion by Dave Knauf, second by Dave Boone to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2005. Motion carried with George Calkins abstaining.

Treasurer's Report - Copies of the Treasurer's Report had been e-mailed and also were distributed. Motion by Don Mitchell to approve the Treasurer's Report, second by Joe Hock. Motion carried. Sands Cleary reported on the status of the funding of the partnership training and the accountability of those funds. Until now, CEHA has not been charging an administrative fee against the grant funds and there was a discussion about whether such a fee could be charged.

Standing Committee Reports

Membership – No report

Publicity – Dave Knauf reported that there have a number of job openings posted on the web site that have accounted for most of the revenue. He also mentioned that there is a need for newsletter articles as it is scheduled to go out in 1-2 weeks.

Scholarship – Maureen has sent out a number of scholarship applications, which are due back by the end of July. Following their receipt, the applications will be brought before the Board for a selection.

Legislation – No report.

Nominations/Elections – Joe Hock has not received any nominations yet. Nominations for Vice President and Elected Director are needed.

Education – Eloise Hudd reported for Phyllis Amodio. She has received a proposed contract with Anthony's Ocean View in New Haven for the Annual Meeting. The cost is \$19.95 per person with a minimum of 80 and includes an extensive menu. Motion by Dave Knauf to authorize Phyllis to sign the contract on behalf of CEHA and appropriate \$100 as a deposit on the contract costs. The educational session will focus on disaster sanitation and include power and/or water loss in food service. Northeast Health District will make a presentation on its involvement in a recent mill fire in that district. 71 persons attended the swimming pool seminar on May 26th in Meriden.

Special Committee Reports

RS/CEUs – Eloise reported that the CADH Education Committee does not support the CEU proposal unless someone oversees it and DPH will not support it if any staff are required. A lively discussion followed after which Eloise agreed to research if DPH approves continuing education approval for any other professions. Mike Pascucilla will contact Baker Salisbury about the lack of CADH support.

Housing/Pb – No report.

Food – No report.

Emergency Preparedness Training – Sands was disappointed in the attendance at the recent session held at Mohegan Sun. He thinks that the audience for this set of modules may have been saturated and the Board agreed that if new modules, that will attract a wider audience, are not available the training should be suspended for a year. Sands has contacted some of the instructors about taking over responsibility for the program next year while he is CEHA President, and they have agreed. He is unsure about the prospect for funding for the 3rd year.

Water – Vicky Carrier reported the Water Committee had not met since the last CEHA Board meeting. She did distribute draft agendas for the Water Systems Council training in September and the cross connection in food service training tentatively scheduled in October.

Subsurface Sewage – Don Mitchell distributed the minutes from the April 14, 2005 meeting, which was attended by 23 people. 250 attended the Short Course at the recent NEIWPC that was co-sponsored by CEHA. Planning for soils training in October is proceeding and a site for the session is still being selected. The FOG general permit is expected to be approved in May or June. Steve Dix of Worldstone Monitoring gave a presentation on a new monitoring tool for septic tanks and grease traps his firm has developed. There was a discussion with DEP officials about Wastewater Management Districts and Alternative Technologies as well as potential sources of funds.

Bylaws – The committee has not held a meeting yet.

Summer Meeting – Marco is working out the details on how those attending the Summer Meeting will get into the park. The Board discussed whether the event should be catered vs. buying and cooking our own food. Marco was given a budget of \$1300-1500 to use for food, beverages and ancillary items. He will check with caterers and decide if one should be used or not. The cost to attend was set at \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members.

Yankee Conference – The New England Affiliates will give presentations on innovative programs in their respective states on Sunday afternoon June 26th at the NEHA AEC. Don Mitchell will be presented with the Perriello Award during the Sunday morning session. Silent Auction – Since the bidding ends Monday morning, and Eloise will not be at the AEC until Monday AM, Mike will take responsibility for obtaining the wine selection approved at the last meeting.

Other Business

The next CEHA Board meeting will be July 13, 2005 at the West Hartford Town Hall unless an announcement to the contrary is made.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 P.M. by Sands Cleary, second by Joe Hock. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

David Rogers
Secretary

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