

CONNECTICUT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday March 8, 2006

A meeting of the Executive Board of the Connecticut Environmental Health Association was held on Wednesday March 8, 2006 at the Southington Public Library Southington, CT. The following voting members were in attendance: Sands Cleary, Cam Walden, Robert Guerrera, David Rogers, George Calkins (12:55 PM), Gil Roberts, Robin Sleeman, Don Mitchell, Joe Hock, David Knauf, Brad Parandes, Phyllis Amodio and Scott Cook. The following non-voting members were also present: Brian Testut, Marco Palmeri, Laura Pagliaro and Vicky Carrier.

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:36 P.M. by President Sands Cleary.

#### President's Report/Strategic Planning

President Cleary continued the discussion on strategic planning for CEHA that began two months ago. He indicated that the Board need to develop a vision of what CEHA should be or become and that he wants the Board to commit some time thinking about CEHA's future. How can we transform CEHA from an organization that is adequate to one that is excellent? He restated his desire to have a formal Board vote endorsing the strategic planning process.

Motion by Dave Knauf to endorse the strategic planning process and for the Board to develop a vision for CEHA's future.

Second by Don Mitchell. Motion carried.

Copies of CEHA vision and mission worksheets were distributed. These were prepared based on the brainstorming session held in February. President Cleary asked each Board member to send him at least one vision and one mission example for next month. He also asked for examples of questions to be used in a survey of the membership. He is planning to develop an on-line survey to be sent to member and non-members alike as well as Directors of Health. To boost participation in the survey, he proposed offering a raffle for responders with a significant prize like an iPod nano. Dave Knauf expressed concern about tying a prize to survey participation and the message it sends. Gil Roberts questioned the value of information from a survey if those completing the survey do so only to win a prize. Additional discussion followed.

Motion by Scott Cook to offer a prize to members and non-members for participating in the survey. Total value of both prizes not to exceed \$300.

Second by Rob Guerrera.

Several members noted that they would feel more comfortable offering a prize that would encourage people to further their professional development such as a package to this year's Yankee Conference for members and free a CEHA membership or attendance at the Summer Meeting for non-members. It was thought that since the survey has not been developed, there is ample time to decide on a prize and there is no need to make a decision at this time.

Motion withdrawn until the survey has been developed.

President Cleary asked the Board for permission to send a letter in support of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station in New Haven to Rep. Rosa DeLauro. The station has been experiencing a loss of funding lately and may have to curtail services. The Board agreed that the Station provides a valuable service to the State and authorized such a letter. President Cleary said the Station would be the site for the next CEHA Board meeting. He has also been trying to contact a representative of the CT Food & Dairy Sanitarians about the status of that organization, but has been unable to reach the proper person so far.

Summer Meeting - Marco reported that it was difficult to get a cruise to go up the Connecticut River and that Old Saybrook seemed to be the closest docking location. Costs are from \$56.80 pp with a minimum of 40. This would be with a minimum of service and food with a 4 hour cruise. Costs go up with more food and service. Members thought the cost was too high and they were unsure if the turnout would justify the cost. It was agreed to look at other locations and options. Rob Guerrera offered to look into using Quassy Amusement Park as he has a contact there.

The meeting was briefly recessed as President Cleary needed to leave to travel to Washington DC for a workshop. The meeting resumed with President Elect Cam Walden presiding.

Secretary's Report - Approval of minutes.

Motion by Robin Sleeman to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2006 regular meeting.  
Second by Joe Hock. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Copies of the Treasurer's report were distributed.

Motion by Don Mitchell to approve the Treasurer's Report,  
Second by Brad Parandes. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports

Membership – Brad reported that 40 members have still not renewed their memberships. Applications for 2 new members were distributed. Brad had received a renewal from Ray Quinn who retired in 1999. It has been customary to award an honorary membership on those who have retired, but this seems not to have happened lately. Ray's \$50 renewal fee will be considered as a gift to CEHA. Brad will prepare a note for President Cleary's signature thanking Ray for his contribution. The process for awarding honorary memberships will be restarted with this year's Annual Meeting. Brad distributed lists with member committee interests to the various committee chairs. Chairpersons should contact those appearing on their list.

Scholarship - No report

Legislation – Scott and Brian spoke about Bill #396, which amended the lead regulations. The changes will require local health departments to become involved to some extent when a child has a blood lead level of 10 ug/dl, down from the current 20. It also changes the age in the statutes to include 6 yr. olds. There was a public hearing on February 28, 2006, so it is too late to offer any testimony. Other bills of interest involve public water main extensions, mold, asbestos, integrated pest management in schools and testing for VOCs in the soil if a house for sale has a well.

Publicity – Dave Knauf has had a counter placed on the web site to track the number of users. He will have a report next month. The last issue of the newsletter is now up on the web site. Articles are still needed for the next issue and must be in by the end of March. Robin has secured the new laser printer for producing the newsletter, which will have a change in format to 8½ x 11 sheets stapled rather than the folded version in the past.

Nominations/Elections – The nomination entry form from last year has been modified and will be used for the next election. While it would be desirable to include the form in the next newsletter, that may not be possible with the new newsletter format without requiring members to return the form in a separate envelope.

Education – No report

#### Special Committee Reports

Subsurface Sewage – Don passed out copies of the meeting minutes for February 9<sup>th</sup>. Revisions to the Technical Standards are due in 2007. The committee will discuss the proposed changes once the State Subsurface Committee has more fully described them.

Housing/Pb – Brian's report was included with Legislation.

Water – A joint meeting with CEHA Subsurface Sewage Disposal committee has been scheduled for June 8, 2006 to discuss issues that overlap the two committees. A training event with the Water Systems Council is being planned for the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in September. Dave Knauf asked about DPH having a training on water treatment of at least a half day. Cam and Vicky will look into this. Cam has received draft regulations on geothermal wells from the Water Well Association. He is currently reviewing the draft.

RS/CEUs – No report

Bylaws – No report

Yankee Conference – Joe Hock reported that the Yankee Conference Board will meet in Portsmouth, NH on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Jeanne Galloway who is setting up the educational sessions has sent out an e-mail asking about topics of interest to CT sanitarians, especially in food.

Food – No report

#### Other Business

Robin circulated a copy of an article on Bird Flu that appeared in the January/February issue of the Journal of Environmental Health. Since this is an issue that will likely impact CEHA members, she asked if and how CEHA should react. It was suggested that she write up something for the newsletter alerting members to the article.

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Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Joe Hock to adjourn at 3:35 P.M.

Second by Scott Cook. Motion carried.

The next CEHA Executive Board meeting will be on April 12, 2006 at the CT Agricultural Experiment Station in New Haven.

Respectfully submitted,

David Rogers

Secretary

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