

**CONNECTICUT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Wednesday March 9, 2005**

A meeting of the Executive Board of the Connecticut Environmental Health Association was held on Wednesday March 9, 2005 at the West Hartford Town Hall West Hartford, CT. The following voting members were in attendance: Mike Pascucilla, Sands Cleary, Cam Walden, David Rogers, Ed Briggs, Joe Hock, Connie Dinerman, David Knauf, David Boone, Phyllis Amodio, Don Mitchell, George Calkins, Brad Parandes. Non-voting members present: Marco Palmeri, Eloise Hudd, Karen Reid, and Vicky Carrier. Guests: Brian Testut New London Health Department.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 P.M. by President Mike Pascucilla.

Guest Speaker – Pat Maloney, NEHA Region 9 Vice President was unable to make the meeting due to bad weather. President Pascucilla introduced Brian Testut to the Board. He will be assuming the position of Lead/Housing Chair subject to approval of the Officers of CEHA. Brian is in charge of New London's lead inspection program and has attended many of the committee meetings.

Secretary's Report

Approval of minutes. Motion by Don Mitchell, second by Connie Dinerman to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2005 meeting. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report - Copies of the Treasurer's Report were distributed. Don Mitchell noted that the Total Assets should be \$66,911.08 not \$66,893.08 as shown. **Motion** by Don Mitchell to approve the Treasurer's Report as amended, second by Phyllis Amodio. **Motion carried.** Mike asked if it would be possible to list the value of the Association's assets on the monthly report. Other members noted that it would be impossible to assign a value to equipment owned because of depreciation. It would only be possible to list their purchase prices. Following some discussion it was the consensus of the Board that a simple list of owned assets should be provided once per year.

Standing Committee Reports

Membership – Brad Parandes reported that CEHA has 230 members. 80 reminder letters have been sent out to those that have not yet renewed their memberships. One new member application was submitted.

Publicity – Dave Knauf has met with the web master and reported that a calendar of events should be posted in a week or so. It will be necessary to keep the calendar updated as events are scheduled. Connie Dinerman needs articles for the Newsletter by March 31st. Sands will submit a piece he has written about how someone becomes and RS. Joe Hock submitted an article about the uncertain future of the Yankee Conference. Others who might submit something are Phyllis Amodio, Vicky Carrier, Brian Testut and Sal Nesci.

Scholarship – Maureen Whelan was not in attendance, but a copy of her notice of scholarship availability was submitted to the Board.

Legislation – President Pascucilla reported for Sal Nesci who was not in attendance. Sen. Murphy has cancelled the meeting scheduled for March 11, 2005. His staff is recommending CEHA send Sen. Murphy a letter outlining its concerns and positions. Members were asked to forward their comments to Sal. Eloise Hudd discussed the status of Bill 978 “An Act Concerning Local Public Health”. She reported that CADH has interpreted CEHA’s letter to Baker Salsbury as a letter of support for the bill. She pointed out to CADH that CEHA supports the bill with conditions (equal financial support for all health departments). CADH wants support for the bill as written with the expectation that changes could be made in subsequent years. The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) has come out against the bill and it is unclear if the bill will get a Public Hearing if CCM is opposing it.

Nominations/Elections – Joe Hock reported that the committee met on March 8 to discuss the nomination process and how to increase participation in CEHA by its members. Sands Cleary stated that the committee would like all Committee Chairs to indicate if they needed help in carrying out the work of their committees, if so, how many people are needed and a brief description of what types of things a volunteer might be expected to do. It is hoped that this would encourage members to get more involved without having to take on the responsibilities of an elected officer. Committee Chairs should get back to Sands with their input by early April so the form can be assembled and distributed. A preprinted ballot postcard has been suggested as one way to increase the number of members voting. Sands will research the cost of having this done. Brad Parandes was asked to send each Committee Chair a list of members who have indicated an interest in serving on a committee. Committee Chairs need to contact these people in an attempt to get them involved.

Education – Phyllis Amodio will meet with Sands to discuss creating a 4th module on disaster sanitation. Sands indicated that this might not be feasible this year as all of the contract deliverables have been scheduled or met. The topic may be presented as a stand-alone conference instead and be used as a prototype for a 4th module next year. Eloise is planning a pool seminar (1/2 day?) that Ed Briggs has agreed to do. A half-day on West Nile Virus by Roger Wolfe of DEP may go with the pool seminar. She has received an offer from Garrison Enterprises to do a 1-hour presentation on the “digital health department” at the Annual Meeting at no charge. However, the Board felt the commercial aspect of this was inappropriate for the Annual Meeting and their offer was declined. Eloise distributed copies of a draft on RS CEU requirements. Under this proposal, members would be responsible for tracking their own training and keeping their own records. If CEHA sponsors training a receipt of proof of attendance will need to be given out. Comments on the draft should be directed to the CEHA Education Committee who will forward them to CADH and DPH.

Special Committee Reports

Housing/Pb – Motion by Connie Dinerman to approve the appointment of Brian Testut to chair the Housing and Lead Subcommittee. Second by Ed Briggs. **Motion carried.**

Summer Meeting – Marco Palmeri reported that a waiver of the parking fee has been approved for the July 29th event.

Food – No report.

Emergency Preparedness Training – Sands reported that six modules have been scheduled and there are six more to schedule. All modules should be completed by the end of June. He is looking for a location in the SE and NW parts of the state. He also asked the board for approval to enter into a contract with DPH to recruit and train 5 new trainers.

Motion by George Calkins second by Don Mitchell to authorize Sands Cleary to enter into a contract with DPH (approx. \$2500) to recruit and train 5 new trainers. **Motion carried.** Sands is also talking with CADH about doing his epidemiology training as part of the CADH training. He is looking for someone to assume the duties of this program next year when he will be CEHA President.

Water – Vicky Carrier reported on well training on September 21 & 22 put on by the Water Systems Council. CEHA has been asked to assist with publicity but the training must be free because the Council receives federal funding and cannot charge. There will be separate training for well drillers on 9/21 with the 9/22 session being geared for others. The board agreed to provide mailing labels to the Council and advertise in the Newsletter to assist with publicity but would spend no other monies on this. Other training possibilities are water at fairs and fairgrounds, the training process for Certified Operators, UV water treatment systems and waste discharge with DEP.

Subsurface Sewage – Don Mitchell reported on the February 10, 2005 committee meeting. Nate Jacobson presented a paper entitled "Primary Issues of Concern with On-Site Wastewater Systems" that he will present at the upcoming NEIWPC Short Course. Steve Dix will speak about a new management tool at the April meeting prior to a presentation by DPH on the Wastewater Management Districts/Alternative Technology legislation passed in 2003. DPH is planning a soil-training workshop, probably in the fall, but there are no details at this time. The State Subsurface Code Meeting on 1/25/05 included discussion on manufactured fill, stone aggregate, tire chip aggregate and mounding considerations. There was also a synopsis of the recent meeting on the shoreline concerning Wastewater Management Districts and alternative technologies. There is a perceived movement building to get alternative technologies available for use sooner rather than later.

Bylaws – The committee has not held a meeting yet.

Yankee Conference – Joe Hock distributed copies of an article on the future of the Yankee Conference, which will go in the next newsletter. There was a discussion about what participation the Yankee Conference states will have in this year's NEHA AEC. It appears each state will be allowed a time slot to highlight innovative programs in their state but little else is clear. It was suggested that Mike meet with Pat Maloney, Region 9 VP and the Yankee Conference Board to formalize plans and coordinate with Nelson Fabian, NEHA Executive Director.

Other Business

Annual Meeting – Sands has received no response from Adrien's Landing in Hartford about negotiating the costs of holding the meeting there. The Board agreed that another

venue would need to be found. Mike suggested using Rentschler Field in East Hartford and agreed to research this location. There is a need to work on an agenda and speakers soon.

Golf Tournament – Mike and Connie have met with the Arthritis Foundation and are looking for sponsors, donations etc. to increase revenue from the tournament.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:53 P.M. by Sands Cleary, second by Dave Knauf. **Motion carried.** The next CEHA Executive Board meeting will be during the second week of April at a location to be determined. Mike will notify the Board of the date and location.

Respectfully submitted,

David Rogers
Secretary

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