

CONNECTICUT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday April 12, 2006

A meeting of the Executive Board of the Connecticut Environmental Health Association was held on Wednesday April 12, 2006 at the Fairfield Town Hall Fairfield, CT. The following voting members were in attendance: Sands Cleary, Robert Guerrero, David Rogers, Don Mitchell, Maureen Whelan, Joe Hock, Brad Parandes and Scott Cook.

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:38 P.M. by President Sands Cleary.

#### President's Report/Strategic Planning

President Cleary distributed draft copies of booklet containing questions for the proposed membership survey. Members were asked to review the draft and forward comments or suggestions to Sands before the next meeting.

#### Secretary's Report - Approval of minutes.

Motion by Joe Hock to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2006 regular meeting.  
Second by Maureen Whelan. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - The Treasurer was not in attendance, so there was no report.

#### Standing Committee Reports

Membership – Brad circulated an application for one new student member. Letters have been sent out to recent retirees who are eligible to be Honorary members. Brad reported that Paul Schur (retired) sent in the usual \$35 membership fee and asked that it be considered a contribution to CEHA. Brad also called 43 members who had not renewed their memberships and reported that some had forgotten and others had left their previous jobs and could not be reached. David Rogers asked who had editorial control of the new member application. He would like to have the form modified to contain spaces for Board members to sign on when applications are circulated for approval. In its present form, signatures are added in no particular manner and it is difficult to tell when an application has gained the required number of signature for approval. Brad will get in touch with Dave Knauf about this.

Scholarship – Maureen has sent out announcement letters to state colleges with Public Health programs. It was also distributed via the HAN. The announcement needs to be put up on the CEHA website. Maureen reported receiving a thank you note from Don Mitchell for last year's Perriello Ward. Don apologized for the lateness of the note.

Legislation – Scott Cook has researched the food labeling bill making its way through the US Congress. The bill passed the House and was before the Senate, but is not on the Senate calendar. NEHA had written a letter to the House opposing the bill in its current form, to no avail. The CT Senate approved a motion for Immediate Transmittal of the Childhood Lead Poisoning Eradication Act on April 11, 2006. Immediate Transmittal is a motion to send a bill directly to the Governor (or other house) without allowing the normal time for possible reconsideration. He noted that additional funding in the bill is earmarked for lead abatement and mitigation activities, and insurance coverage is required to pay for physician and laboratory services related to lead screening. There is little if any money for local health departments included, even though the revisions will result in a significant increase in work for LHDs.

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Publicity – Sands noted the new format for the newsletter. He reported that printing it “in house” will be a big cost saving for CEHA and it still has a nice look.

Nominations/Elections – Joe Hock has received one nomination so far. He is hoping there will be more nominations forthcoming. Nominations are due by May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Education – Sands said training announcements have been posted on the CEHA website. They are not CEHA programs, but are on related topics.

### Special Committee Reports

Food – Sands noted that a new food committee has been formed. He asked for input on whether there should be direction from the Board on its activities or if it should be self determined. Don Mitchell suggested using other CEHA committees as a model for this one, wherein members bring concerns to the group and it determines its direction. Sands reiterated the need for the committee to improve relations with DPH. A list of committee members needs to be provided. Board members stated that the co-chairs (Brian and Laura) need to arrange to have a representative from the committee attend the CEHA monthly meetings to report.

Housing/Pb – The report on the lead regulations was included with Legislation.

Water – A written report was provided by Vicky Carrier. Water Systems Council Training will be held sometime during the 3<sup>rd</sup> full week of September. Well siting/ source protection and the certification process may be topics for a joint CEHA/DPH Drinking Water Section training in the fall.

Summer Meeting- Rob Guerrero has a proposal from Quassy Park at \$27.56 pp for rides, parking, water activities and a limited food menu with a minimum of 50 persons. The menu can be expanded to include more items for \$34.54 pp. There was a discussion about the menu and what price should be charged for members and non members.

Motion by Don Mitchell to hold the Summer Meeting at Quassy the last week of July and that the price should be kept below \$30 for CEHA members and their immediate family.

Second by Brad Parandes. David Rogers offered an amendment to charge non-members \$10 more than the members, which was accepted by the maker and the second. Motion carried

RS/CEUs – Sands reported that there is no activity by this committee and nothing is expected. A question will be included on the member survey to see if this issue is important to the members.

Motion by Joe Hock to suspend the committee for the time being.

Second by Maureen Whelan

Following discussion on the motion, it was withdrawn to allow Sands to contact Eloise Hudd to see if she has an objection to suspending the committee for a while.

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Bylaws – There has been no activity in this committee either. Mike Pascucilla, who is the chair is very busy at work and doesn't have the time to do anything. Someone else may have to be appointed.

Subsurface Sewage – The next committee meeting will be held on April 13<sup>th</sup> and the joint meeting with the CEHA Water Committee will be on June 6. The SSDS Committee may meet with DEP in August about the new WPCA legislation. Language concerning water softener backwash disposal will be on the June 6 agenda. New Soil Air technology that would allow systems to be much smaller is under review.

Yankee Conference – Joe Hock reported that the YC Board had met on March 22<sup>nd</sup> in Portsmouth, NH, site of the next conference. Jeanne Galloway, who is the chair of the Northern New England affiliate is changing jobs and will be working in Massachusetts, so she will not take part in this conference. It is unclear who will take over for her. The conference committee is asking for input from CT members about topics of interest to them.

#### Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Joe Hock to adjourn at 2:04 P.M.

Second by Maureen Whelan. Motion carried.

The next CEHA Executive Board meeting will be on May 10, 2006 at a site to be determined. The June meeting will be at Middletown Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

David Rogers  
Secretary

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