

CONNECTICUT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Wednesday May 11, 2005

A meeting of the Executive Board of the Connecticut Environmental Health Association was held on Wednesday May 11, 2005 at the West Hartford Town Hall West Hartford, CT. The following voting members were in attendance: Mike Pascucilla, Cam Walden, David Rogers, Ed Briggs, Joe Hock, Connie Dinerman, David Knauf, Phyllis Amodio. Non-voting members present: Eloise Hudd, Karen Reid, and Vicky Carrier. Guests: Ellen Blaschinski and Ray Jarema of CT DPH.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:27 P.M. by President Mike Pascucilla. Mike apologized to the Board for the lack of communication from him, which was due to difficulties he has been having with both his work and home e-mails. He also noted the number of Board members absent from the meetings and noted that he will be contacting them about their ability to remain on the Board.

Guest Speaker - None

Secretary's Report

Approval of minutes. Motion by Dave Knauf, second by Phyllis Amodio to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2005 meeting with the provision that the "No Report" under Secretary's Report be stricken. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - George Calkins was not in attendance but copies of the Treasurer's Report had been e-mailed and also were distributed. Motion by Phyllis Amodio to approve the Treasurer's Report, second by Cam Walden. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports

Membership – No report

Publicity – Dave Knauf distributed a report outlining the proposed format for the Newsletter. Under this proposal, the Newsletter will be published quarterly, roughly coinciding with the seasons, and each issue will have specific reports or topics based on what traditionally is happening in the Association. Other articles will be published as topics arise and committee reports will be included as well.

Scholarship – No report

Legislation – No report.

Nominations/Elections – Joe Hock has not received any nominations yet. Nominations need to be submitted by May 25th for the next election. He encouraged Board members to submit names for nominations and to talk with their colleagues about his as well.

Education – Phyllis Amodio reported that 36 have signed up for the Pool Seminar to be held in Meriden on May 26th. She has also been in contact with Anthony's Ocean View in New Haven about the Annual Meeting but received the wrong contract . The facility is available on Friday November 4, 2005 and would require a minimum of 80 attendees. A discussion about the menu and the price followed. Phyllis will get back to Anthony's and try to work out the details. She is also checking into getting Rebecca Berg, who writes articles for NEHA, about being a speaker at the Annual Meeting but has no details yet. A concern was expressed about what this might cost, since the NEHA policy is usually for the host to pay most if not all expenses for travel and lodging. Disaster sanitation was discussed as a possible topic for the meeting but this may require more time than the Annual Meeting allows.

Special Committee Reports

Housing/Pb – No report. It was noted that Brian Testut's wife had recently given birth. Brad Parandes will be asked to send the family a gift as outlined in the protocol.

Summer Meeting – No report

Food – Karen Reid distributed a report summarizing the activities of the committee. There are tentative plans to put on a training session in conjunction with the Connecticut Culinary Institute (CCI). Topics to include creating a cooperative relationship between inspectors and operators and knowing when it is necessary to discard food. She also noted that the CT Chef's Association puts on a golf tournament each year similar to what CEHA did last year, but on a larger scale. There is a possibility the two organizations could collaborate in the future. She also told them about CEHA sponsored food training that the chefs might attend to get CEUs for accreditation. Other training ideas include interview skills for students looking to get into the field, although this may not be an appropriate area for CEHA.

There is no additional information on the Food Code update, but Ellen Blaschinski said the Advisory Committee was being formed, albeit without representation from CADH who did not show any interest. The FOG bill has been sent back to DEP for revision after the public hearings.

Emergency Preparedness Training – No report

Water – Vicky Carrier reported on the agenda for the well training on September 21 & 22 put on by the Water Systems Council. She is also working on a half day cross connection seminar (no date) and a full day (?) on well siting, treatment and sampling (also no date).

Subsurface Sewage – No report

Bylaws – The committee has not held a meeting yet.

Yankee Conference – The Yankee Conference Board met the week of May 2, 2005 in Providence and included representatives from the newly formed Northern New England affiliate. There was no commitment from this affiliate to host a 2006 Yankee Conference. For this year's Conference, each state is being allotted a 1 hour time slot at the NEHA AEC to highlight an innovative program or service.

A discussion on a recipient for the Perriello Award resulted in a motion by Ed Briggs to present the award to Don Mitchell, second by Phyllis Amodio. Motion carried. The award will be presented at the NEHA Awards ceremony, which will be on Sunday June 26th. The Board agreed that it would be nice if Don were in attendance to receive the award personally, but it is not clear if he is planning to attend. Motion by Ed Briggs to have CEHA pay the 1 day registration fee for Don if he attends on Sunday. Second by Dave Knauf. Motion carried.

There was also a discussion on a nominee for the NEHA Certificate of Merit, which is traditionally given to the current CEHA President. Motion by Ed Briggs to nominate Mike Pascucilla for the award, second by Joe Hock. Motion carried. Dave Rogers will forward the nomination to NEHA.

Silent Auction – the Board decided to donate a selection of Connecticut Wines in an amount not to exceed \$100.

RS/CEUs – Eloise is waiting for CADH to hold a training session so the CEU proposal can be presented. She agreed to re-distribute the proposal after some Board members could not recall seeing it.

Other Business

Ellen Blaschinski addressed the Board and reported that, as a result of the re-organization of DPH, she has assumed to position of Branch Chief of Regulatory Services, replacing Dick Edmonds who has been re-assigned. She introduced Ray Jarema, who is assigned to the Environmental Health Section and may attend CEHA Board meetings if Ellen is not able to do so.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:28 P.M. by Joe Hock, second by Cam Walden. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

David Rogers
Secretary

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