

CONNECTICUT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Wednesday October 12, 2005

A meeting of the Executive Board of the Connecticut Environmental Health Association was held on Wednesday October 12, 2005 at the Stratford Health Department Stratford, CT. The following voting members were in attendance: Mike Pascucilla, Sands Cleary, Cam Walden, David Rogers, Joe Hock, Don Mitchell, Phyllis Amodio and Brad Parandes. Non-voting member present: Vicky Carrier. Guest: Barbara Dingfelder, CTDPH (2:00 PM).

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:47 P.M. by President Mike Pascucilla. Mike commented on how fast his year as President of CEHA went and said the Board should consider having the President serve for two years rather than one. He also said that Barbara Dingfelder from CTDPH would be addressing the Board, but would not be available until about 2:00 PM.

Secretary's Report

Approval of minutes. For the minutes of the September 14, 2005 meeting, it was noted that the date in the opening paragraph needs to be changed from May 11 to September 14 and that the Treasurer's Report was approved as corrected. Don Mitchell also noted that CONRA in the SSDS report should be COWRA. Motion by Sands Cleary, second by Phyllis Amodio to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2005 with the noted corrections. Motion carried with David Rogers abstaining.

Treasurer's Report - No report

Standing Committee Reports

Membership – Brad reported that there are now 282 members in CEHA. He has changed the renewal application in an effort to improve data collection. The application will now ask members to express their committee interests in rank order rather than a simple list. There was a discussion about whether CEHA should solicit contributions for the scholarship fund from members. It was decided that there will be a place for members to include a contribution for that use on the renewal form.

Publicity – Mike said that the newsletter has gone to the printer and should have been mailed out, but no one has received theirs yet.

Scholarship – No report. Maureen will have a presentation about the recipients at the Annual Meeting.

Legislation – No report. Sal has expressed his desire to step down as Legislative Chair because of work obligations.

Nominations/Elections – Joe Hock has received two nominations for Director for 2006, but none for Vice President. Sands said there would be a special election held after the Annual Meeting, since the deadlines in the bylaws were not met. He will make a presentation at the Annual meeting about the special election and try to get nominations for VP.

Education – Phyllis Amodio distributed a written report for the Education Committee. There was a general discussion about the format and content of the Annual Meeting. Gov. Rell was invited but the meeting does not fit into her schedule. She expressed interest in appearing at another CEHA training in the future, and Mike will make sure she is aware of our schedule. DPH Commissioner Galvin, however, will address the meeting. The agenda details were finalized and the announcement will be sent out very soon. Mike will have the announcement posted on the HAN network as soon as it is finalized. Mike would like all committee chairpersons to make at least a 2-3 minute presentation on the activities of their committees.

Mike asked why the minutes from the previous year were approved at the meeting. This seems to be a matter of historical precedent since the bylaws do not require it. It was decided that since it was not required, the Board would be asked to approve the minutes before the Annual Meeting rather than at the meeting. A copy of the minutes from last year was circulated. (Secretary's note: Since the quorum was lost before a vote could be taken, the minutes will be e-mailed to the Board for an electronic vote).

Special Committee Reports

Housing/Pb – No report.

Food – No report.

Summer Meeting – No report.

At 2:04 PM, the meeting was recessed for the guest speaker.

Barbara Dingfelder of CTDPH Local Health Administration addressed the Board. Barbara is a Nurse Consultant and talked about Public Health Nursing and how it is related and complementary to environmental health. Mike agreed to provide the CEHA mailing list to Barbara so notices of training sessions of interest to sanitarians can be sent to them.

The regular CEHA Board meeting resumed at 2:40 PM.

Bylaws – No report. There is still the need for policies and procedures to be developed and adopted.

RS/CEUs – Nothing further to report. DPH will not track CEUs; this will have to be done another way.

Water – Vicky Carrier distributed a written report for the Water Committee. The September 21, 2005 Wellcare Seminar went very well. There were 80 persons registered, with 10 no shows. Feedback was very positive. She has not received the evaluations for the cross connection seminar yet. There were 125 registered and reviews have been mixed. Information seemed to be more of a review and the facility was hard to find. The Drinking Water Section focus group is beginning to look at changes to the B-51 regulations. The issue of the effects of blasting on wells will probably be incorporated into a future training event.

Subsurface Sewage – The next committee meeting is October 13, 2005. Items on the agenda include the recently approved FOG General Permit, tire chip aggregate in SSDS and water softener backwash. Don distributed copies of the FOG General Permit regulations along with information on the use of tire chip aggregate in leaching systems, which he believes has been approved by DEP. There is still substantial uncertainty about who will ultimately enforce the FOG regulations, even though it is specified that the WPCA or Building Official in a town is responsible.

Emergency Preparedness Training – CEHA has still not received any funding from the State in the latest round. Mike has been told the checks are being sent out now, so CEHA should be getting \$14,000 any time.

Other Business

Sands will announce the date and location for the next CEHA Board meeting, which will be in December, after the Annual Meeting. He is looking to hold the meetings in a location that is convenient for most of the members, probably West Hartford or Wallingford.

Adjournment – There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Rogers
Secretary

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