

CONNECTICUT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Tuesday October 19, 2004

A meeting of the Executive Board of the Connecticut Environmental Health Association was held on Tuesday October 19, 2004 at the Wallingford Town Hall. The following voting members were in attendance: Ed Briggs, George Calkins, David Rogers, David Boone, Joe Hock, Don Mitchell, Steve Maskara, Eloise Hudd, Mike Pascucilla, Connie Dinerman, David Knauf, Sands Cleary (12:50 PM). Voting members absent: Rick Werner, Maureen Whelan and Sal Nesci. Non-voting member present: Cam Walden (12:45 PM). Guest: Ellen Blaschinski (1:00 PM).

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 P.M. by President Ed Briggs.

2. Secretary's Report

Approval of minutes. Motion by Connie Dinerman, second by Eloise Hudd to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2004 meeting. Motion carried.

3. Treasurer's Report – No report was available for this meeting. Motion by Connie Dinerman to table the Treasurer's report until the next meeting, second by Steve Maskara. Motion carried.

4. Guest Speaker – None

5. Standing Committee Reports

Legislation – Eloise noted that the issue of food service in funeral parlors is still around although no action has been taken.

Scholarship – No report

Nominations/Elections – Joe Hock reported that 65 ballots had been submitted by the deadline. Those elected for 2005 are Cam Walden, Vice President; David Rogers, Secretary and Connie Dinerman, Director.

Membership – Steve Maskara asked that his new e-mail address be recorded since he has a new job. The address is smaskara@trumbull-ct.org. He also asked Dave Knauf to check the web site to make sure the application available there is for the current year. Dave reported that a new application will go up after the Annual Meeting.

Education – No report. However, there was a review of the preparations for the Annual Meeting. Connie indicated that the first speaker on the agenda had backed out. She was able during the meeting to secure a commitment from Waltham Chemical to speak on pest control as it relates to food service. She also has gotten approval from DPH for CEUs for food service. Dave Boone has the commemorative booklet and the posters ready. Mike Pascucilla went over the details for the Business Meeting portion of the program. Committee chairs who are giving a report were asked to prepare a

PowerPoint presentation and get it to Connie by October 29th so it can be put on the computer. About 50 are registered so far and it is hoped that there will be about 100 in attendance.

Publicity – No report

6. Special Committee Reports

Food – Karen Reid had sent out an e-mail about the Food Code Committee that has been working on the FDA Food Code. This committee will end soon and a new committee will be formed by DPH to act as a Food Advisory Committee. She expressed disappointment in the make-up of this committee as it appears CEHA has been excluded. A discussion ensued and it was thought that a letter to the Commissioner should be drafted for the President's signature highlighting CEHA's past involvement and the need for the Association to continue to have a presence on the committee.

Housing/Pb – No report

Newsletter – Nothing will be done until after the Annual Meeting.

Water – Cam Walden has been promoted to a supervisory position within DPH, but he will no longer be associated with the TNC program. He will now be in charge of the engineering review of water treatment systems for public water companies. Vicki Carrier is also moving out of the section and will be involved in operator certification. Cam said that some new employees will be moving into the TNC program and he is optimistic about the program, but there will be disruptions in the short term. As he will be assuming the duties of VP, Cam is looking for someone to take over the Water subcommittee. He suggested Vicki Carrier, and the board indicated its approval of this idea.

Yankee Conference – This year's version of the Yankee Conference was recently held as a part of the RI Food Protection Conference on October 6, 2004 at the Warwick, RI Radisson Hotel. Joe Hock reported that only a handful Connecticut people were there and it was nothing like past Yankee Conferences. He also distributed the minutes of the YC Board meeting held at that time. The long-standing problems of the YC in terms of participation continue with no resolution in sight. The YC Board had a lengthy discussion of the 2005 conference that is supposed to be held in conjunction with the NEHA AEC in Providence. It appears that no decisions have been made at this time with regard to that event.

Subsurface Sewage - Don Mitchell distributed the minutes of the October 7, 2004 committee meeting. Major topics were a public hearing on the FOG General Permit at a date yet to be determined and a discussion of issues associated with the recently approved Soil/Air system.

7. Other Business

Partnership Training - Sands Cleary reported that the final 3 sessions have been completed. Over 200 have been trained in at least one of the modules given in the first year of the contract. A final report is being prepared at this point. The programs will be evaluated, modified and/or fine tuned as needed before the next round of training in the period from January to June 2005. The last \$10,000 due to CEHA from Yale has been paid.

DPH Report - Ellen Blaschinski addressed the concerns about the new Food Advisory Committee. She indicated that DPH had sent out a letter recently asking for volunteers to serve on the committee, but very few from local health had responded. Most of the Board members did not recall receiving such a letter. Ellen will have the letter re-distributed, and the board decided to hold off on sending a letter to the Commissioner. She also reported that a new environmental analyst had been approved to work in land use and sewage disposal. There is also a new manager for the lead, asbestos and environmental laboratories sections.

Adjournment – There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 2:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

David Rogers
Acting Secretary

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