

CONNECTICUT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday December 15, 2004

A meeting of the Executive Board of the Connecticut Environmental Health Association was held on Wednesday December 15, 2004 at the West Hartford Town Hall. The following voting members were in attendance: Mike Pascucilla, Sands Cleary, Cam Walden, Ed Briggs, George Calkins, David Rogers, Joe Hock, Steve Maskara, Connie Dinerman, David Knauf. Voting members absent: David Boone, Eloise Hudd, Maureen Whelan, Don Mitchell and Sal Nesci. Non-voting members present: Brad Parandes, Marco Palmeri, Phyllis Amodio, Vicki Carrier . Guests: Ellen Blaschinski (DPH), Francesca Provenzano (DPH Radon Program), Suzanne Blancaflor (DPH Program Manager) and Jack Bennett (DPH Lab).

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:34 P.M. by President Mike Pascucilla.

2. Guest Speaker – President Pascucilla reported that Baker Salisbury, who been on the agenda was unable to attend today's meeting. He will address the Executive Board at the January meeting. In his place, Francesca Provenzano of the DPH Radon program spoke to the board. She is new to the program and is interested in determining how much interest local health departments might have in radon programs. She indicated that DPH has some money available to give out in mini grants for local projects. She indicated that mitigation of radon in day care centers is a potential new regulatory initiative, while Cam Walden said setting standards for radon in public drinking water systems was also in the works. After much discussion it was decided that a mention in the next CEHA newsletter could be made directing those interested to the CEHA and/or DPH website.

3. President's Report - President Pascucilla provided the Board with copies of a packet that contained all of his committee appointments and initiatives for the next year. It was noted that Steve Maskara is resigning his position as Membership Chair and will be replaced by Brad Parandes. Motion by Dave Knauf to approve the Presidential appointments, second by Cam Walden. Motion carried.

President Pascucilla suggested the 2005 CEHA Annual Meeting be held in the new conference center at Adrien's Landing in Hartford and that we should explore the possibility now to take advantage of early booking incentives. Sands Cleary offered to check the site out and report back to the Board.

President Pascucilla requested that all committee chairpersons provide written reports to make the taking of minutes easier and so news can be brought to the Board if the committee chair cannot attend the meeting.

One of the initiatives for this year is the matter of CEUs for RS renewal. Ellen Blaschinski noted that DPH's position is that they would support this if there is no fiscal impact and the responsibility can be put back on the holder of the credential or other body. Other State certifications run on the "honor" system that does not require proof of attendance at training unless there is a complaint. A lengthy discussion ensued after which it was decided that a committee would be required to study the issue further. Mike will ask some members to sit on the committee by the next meeting.

The charity golf tournament held for the first time in 2004 will likely be tried again. Connie Dinerman will work on this.

#### 4. Secretary's Report

Approval of minutes. Motion by Connie Dinerman, second by George Calkins to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2004 meeting. Motion carried.

5. Treasurer's Report – Reports for November and December were distributed. Mike will double check with Sal Nesci on the final numbers for the golf tournament as the CEHA portion (\$295) seems to be too high. George indicated that the event should be revenue neutral or limited to the contribution the Board agrees to make. Motion by Connie Dinerman to approve the November and December 2004 Treasurer's reports, second by Ed Briggs. Motion carried.

#### 6. Standing Committee Reports

Legislation – According to Ellen, the issue of food service in funeral parlors is a regulatory change not a statutory one and is still alive, although its status is unknown.

Scholarship – President Pascucilla noted that this committee is making an effort to give scholarships and other awards to CEHA members who are active in the Association rather than those who apply as a part of their scholarship application.

Nominations/Elections – Joe Hock expressed a need to improve participation by the members in the nomination and election process. A discussion on the use of email for this purpose followed although the accuracy of email addresses is always a problem. The committee should start soliciting names for office at each year's Annual Meeting and throughout the year rather than beginning in the summer.

Membership – Brad Parandes will take over for Steve Maskara who is resigning his position. Steve will send a copy of the most recent membership list to Connie for the newsletter. Francesca Provenzano invited Brad to speak about CEHA at the upcoming EH Training course at SCSU. President Pascucilla brought up the idea of surveying the membership anonymously on issues like education, job titles and salary ranges. Other board members were unsure what was to be done with the information and its value if anonymous. It was decided that it is too late to do a survey for renewals this year. The discussion will be continued at a later time.

Education – Phyllis Amodio will be co-chair of this committee with Eloise Hudd. Feedback forms from the Annual Meeting will be used to develop training for the upcoming year.

Publicity – Dave Knauf was asked if CEHA could post a monthly training calendar on the web site similar to what CADH has. Dave said this could be done but expressed how difficult it is to keep information on the site up to date and edited. There was a discussion finding a member who could take responsibility for maintaining the site, but turnover in the position was cited as a problem. CEHA could get better site maintenance if it is willing to change companies and pay more. It was agreed to put an article on the website about the work and recommendations of the Food Code Committee, which was recently disbanded.

## 7. Special Committee Reports

Bylaws – President Pascucilla mentioned the need for the development of policies and procedures as the next task for the Bylaws Committee. Motion by Sands Cleary to re-authorize the bylaws committee, second by George Calkins. Motion carried. The following members will be a part of the committee: Ed Briggs (Chair), Dave Rogers, Dave Knauf, Dave Boone, George Calkins, Connie Dinerman.

Food – No report as the Food Code Committee has ended.

Housing/Pb – A new committee chair is needed as Brad Parandes will become Membership Chair.

Newsletter – The next edition should be going to the printer about December 21<sup>st</sup>. President Pascucilla asked each committee to submit at least one article per year for the newsletter.

Summer Meeting- It was noted that a Summer Meeting was not held last year because so much effort went into the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and the Partnership Training. The consensus was to have the meeting this year at Hammonasset beach in late July or early August. The meeting should have a heavy educational component to boost attendance. Subject such as West Nile virus, beach water sampling and shellfish sanitation were mentioned.

Water – Vicki Carrier is the new Chair of the Water Committee. The feedback forms from the Annual Meeting showed an interest in more training in wells, especially well inspection and water sampling. Due to recent problems on some lots in the state, the matter of requiring wells to be installed before building permits are issued came up. After discussion, this matter was added to the list of training subjects.

Yankee Conference – Joe Hock reported that it is unlikely there will be a Yankee Conference component to the NEHA AEC in Providence. The future of the YC is unclear.

Subsurface Sewage - President Pascucilla reported that the FOG General Permit is moving forward. Public hearings were recently held and there was much public input. DEP is to get back to the various parties with any amendments to the permit language.

## 8. Other Business

Partnership Training - Sands Cleary reported CEHA will be getting \$14,000 this year, which is the same as last year minus equipment costs. Program evaluations have been completed and the same programs will be offered as last year during the period from January to June 2005.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:22 P.M. by Sands Cleary, second by Dave Knauf. Motion carried. The next CEHA Executive Board meeting will be January 12, 2005 in the West Hartford Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

David Rogers  
Secretary

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