

**CONNECTICUT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Wednesday September 15, 2004**

A meeting of the Executive Board of the Connecticut Environmental Health Association was held on Wednesday September 15, 2004 at the Wallingford Town Hall. The following voting members were in attendance: Ed Briggs, Sands Cleary, George Calkins, David Rogers, David Boone, Maureen Whelan, Sal Nesci, Joe Hock, Don Mitchell, Steve Maskara (1:42 PM), Eloise Hudd (1:47 PM). Voting members absent: Rick Werner, Mike Pascucilla, Connie Dinerman and David Knauf. Non-voting member present: Cam Walden. Guest: Amy Schwarzkopf, DPH BRS.

1. **Call to Order**

- a. The meeting was called to order at 12:36 P.M. by President Ed Briggs.

2. **Secretary's Report**

Approval of minutes. **Motion** by Dave Boone, second by Joe Hock to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2004 meeting. Dave Rogers noted that he was not in attendance at the meeting as shown in the minutes. **Motion carried** with Dave Rogers and Sal Nesci abstaining.

3. **Treasurer's Report** – George Calkins distributed a report for the period from July 1 to September 15th. Total assets are \$68,344.97. Major income and expenses for the period were associated with the golf tournament and the Partnership training. Don Mitchell questioned what appears to be a loss of \$395 on the golf tournament. Losses should not exceed \$100 without Board approval. Sal indicated that there may still be some money owed to CEHA from other co-sponsors. A clarification on this issue is needed. **Motion** by Don Mitchell to approve the Treasurer's Report, second by Maureen Whalen. **Motion carried.**

Dave Boone asked if the expenses related to the Partnership training could be broken out separately so they can be tracked better. George said this would not be a problem and promised such a break out for the next meeting.

4. **Guest Speaker** – Amy Schwarzkopf of the Connecticut Department of Public Health, Bureau of Regulatory Services spoke to the Board about a women's self defense class known as rape aggression defense (RAD). This is a 12 hr/2 day class which has been given to DPH employees in the past. The training includes both classroom and participation and is given at no cost. They would like to make the training available state wide, if there is sufficient interest. It was thought that advertising the training in the CEHA newsletter and website as well as on the DPH website would be a good way to gauge interest. Cam Walden will act as the contact person for this.

5. **Standing Committee Reports**

Legislation – Sal Nesci spoke about a rule change from DPH that would remove the requirement that pedicures be performed by a licensed hairdresser/cosmetologist effective October 1, 2004. The change is a part of sSB 569.

Scholarship – Maureen Whelan reported that 8 applications have been received and that the full Board would be reviewing the applications and making the awards. After reviewing all of the applications, Sal Nesci made a **motion** to award the Yankee Conference scholarship in the amount of \$900 to Jeffrey Vecchitto and the ML Smith scholarship in the amount of \$1000 to Scott Sjoquist. Second by Don Mitchell. There was some discussion about increasing or changing the amount of the awards, but it was decided to leave the amounts as in the past. **Motion carried.**

Nominations/Elections – Joe Hock reported that 39 ballots had been returned to him so far. Ballots are due by October 1st.

Membership – Steve Maskara reported 301 total members in CEHA, including 4 new students and 1 new active member. He may not be able to generate mailing labels for a while until a new printer has been received and installed. Electronic lists can be provided, however from which the user can print his or her own labels. Dave Boone asked if it is possible to get the names of the oldest and newest CEHA members for the 50th Anniversary.

Education – No report

Publicity – No report

3. **Special Committee Reports**

Food – No report

Housing/Pb – No report

Newsletter – No report.

Water – Cam Walden distributed a draft of a flyer on water testing for private wells produced by DPH. He is looking for any comments before the flyer is finalized. Once the flyer is complete, it will be produced and distributed with assistance from EPA. He also discussed the regulations governing public water systems and the problems small systems are having complying with the DPUC regulations, which are quite burdensome. He is working on changing the regulations to make it easier for small systems to comply and place their oversight with DPH rather than DPUC. There was also a discussion on the installation of water treatment systems and the lack of control over the installation of systems for aesthetic parameters. Cam thought this issue might need to be taken up by the water sub-committee.

Yankee Conference - Joe Hock reported that this year's Yankee Conference was going to be incorporated into the Rhode Island food protection meeting. It will be held for one day on October 6, 2004 at the Warwick, RI Radisson Hotel. Announcements should be going out soon. The 2005 Yankee Conference will be held as a part of the NEHA AEC in Providence.

Subsurface Sewage - Don Mitchell reported that CADH has expressed an interest in “signing on” with CEHA on the FOG issue. CEHA has also declined to submit comments on the DEP General Permit proposal as this will primarily be a local WPCA issue.

At this point, Dick Edmonds of DPH joined the meeting as an observer and was given a few moments to address the Board. He indicated that he would like to be able to support CEHA and its activities and invited members to contact him if he can help.

3. **Other Business**

Partnership Training - Sands Cleary gave the Board an update on the status of the CEHA training program. 8 training sessions have been given so far (4 ICS/NIMS, 2 Risk Communication, 2 Epi) with 3 more scheduled. With these sessions, CEHA will have met the targets established in the contract. A few months will be taken off to evaluate and adjust the programs and restart again in January. The grant has been offered to CEHA again in the amount of \$14,000. So far, \$10,000 has been received with \$14,541.40 spent, leaving \$5,458.60 due to CEHA. Sands will be checking to see if all of the monies need to be spent now, or if some can be carried over to next year.

Adjournment – Due to scheduling conflicts, the next CEHA board meeting will be held on Tuesday October 19th at Wallingford. The Anniversary celebration committee will meet at 10:00 A.M. to finalize plans for the Annual Meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 3:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

David Rogers
Acting Secretary