

MEHA Board of Directors Highlights for 2006/2007

We held our first joint board meeting between MALEHA & MEHA in MARCH 2006. MALEHA agreed to hold their March meeting at our AEC each year. In addition it was decided that the MEHA presidents would attend MALEHA's monthly meetings. These meetings were set up to help ensure continued communication between the two groups. Several items were discussed at this first meeting and three main topics were agreed upon. A joint committee will be formed to help ensure the success of CMU's & LSSU's E-H programs, the "MEGA" Conference concept would be looked at, and the advocacy of items with common interests.

MALEHA & MEHA formed a joint committee to review and make recommendations on the revised well code.

The MEHA & MALEHA boards' submitted proposals and numerous letters of support in an attempt to have NEHA's 2009 Annual Educational Conference held in Michigan. Regretfully we were not successful in this attempt.

MEHA & MALEHA agreed to form a committee in the future to bid on NEHA's 2011 AEC.

MEHA's ad hoc committee continued to work with CMU on the development of their E-H program and they began to consult with Lake Superior State University on their new E-H program.

Representatives of CMU & LSSU will be presenting information on their respective programs at our 2007 AEC.

MEHA has representation on MDA's Food Law review group.

Two Board Members resigned due to personal reasons. Their replacements were appointed after consultation with their respective regional affiliates and in accordance with established MEHA by laws.

MEHA successfully held its first conference (Food Protection) on Mackinac Island.

Consideration and discussions were held to bring the AEC back to the Upper Peninsula. Even though a UP site was not selected for 2008 it will be given consideration again in the near future.

MEHA's updated and re-designed web site has been fully implemented (meha.net) and it is now maintained on a volunteer basis by a current MEHA member.

118 surveys were filled out and returned after the 2006 AEC. Responses of this number help ensure successful planning of future conferences

A membership list complete with individual membership #'s was posted on the website. 220 Health Professional Surveys (CMU Survey) were returned regarding statewide interest in CMU establishing an Environmental Health Program. An overwhelming

majority of the surveys were positive. CMU informed MEHA that they were delighted with the amount and type of responses.

The first annual “clay” shoot was held to benefit the Endowment Fund.

The State of Michigan RS Advisory Board was established they held their first meeting in 2006.

A new ad-hoc committee was formed and the chair named to begin the process of revising MEHA’s Policies & Procedures.

Bay City was selected for the site of MEHA’s 2008 AEC. This will be the first time MEHA has held a conference in Bay City.

The Board held an investment meeting with our financial advisor (AG Edwards) to obtain information and to “balance “MEHA’s investments.

The MEHA President attended MALEHA’s Annual Educational Conference at the Ram Center.

Regretfully MEHA’s membership has dropped to 586 which is a nationwide trend and probably a reflection of the economic times in Michigan.

For 2008 a joint Groundwater and Food Protection Conference will be held. It is scheduled for Delta Township (outside Lansing) in Eaton County.

The endowment fund is at \$85,871.36 as of 3/23/07. This is an increase of almost \$17,000 over the last calendar year. In addition, the fund had a balance of \$59,558.31 on June 30, 2005. At its current rate of growth we should be at the \$100,000 target amount within 2 to 3 years. When the fund was originally created it was anticipated that the fund would reach its goal in 2010.

Policies regarding distribution and the investment of monies for scholarships from MEHA’s Endowment Fund were created. These drafts will be reviewed and finalized in the coming year.

A draft policy for use of the organizations credit card was written and will be reviewed and finalized in the upcoming year.

The board drafted a resolution supporting MALEHA’s efforts to make food service establishments smoke free. This resolution will be reviewed in the upcoming year.

A MEHA member submitted a proposal to contract with MEHA to perform executive director services for MEHA. The Board will review this proposal along with a renewal contract proposal submitted by the Michigan Association of Local Public Health. MALPH currently provides MEHA with these services.

