

Michigan Environmental Health Association 2007-8 Board Highlights (Refer to attached Committee/Liaison Reports for complete list of accomplishments)

Affiliations

Regional Affiliations

- NMEHA – Meeting in October 2007
- SEMEHA – Meetings in May and December 2007
- SSS – Meetings in April and October 2007
- UPEHA – Meetings held in April annually

MWEA – Michigan Water Environment Association was added as an affiliate. 6/07

MUCC – Michigan United Conservation Council was dropped as an affiliate due to a lack of reciprocal membership agreement. 2/08

Executive Board Actions/Significant MEHA Activity

Board meetings held at a central location in the Lower Peninsula (Ingham County Health Department) for the 2007-8 year. 3/07

Teleconferencing made available through the ICHD for up to 4 Board members or members at no charge to MEHA. (3/07-)

Board and Committee Chairs met at Ralph A. Mac Mullen Conference Center for annual planning meeting and to begin work on Policy and Procedures Manual. 6/07

Reserved dates as June 5-6, 2008 for next planning meeting at the RAM Center. 9/07

Letters of appreciation sent to EH Directors **Jim Wilson** (Ingham County Health Department) and **Jim Rutherford** (Kalamazoo County Health Department) for allowing EH staff to Chair the 2007 Annual Educational Conference. 3/07

The Environmental Health Program at **Lake Superior State University** (LSSU) became fully accredited with the National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council (EHAC) under the leadership of **Dr. Barbara Keller**. The LSSU program is one of 31 programs in the country with this designation and the only program in Michigan currently accredited with EHAC.

The Environmental Health Program at **Central Michigan University** (CMU) under the direction of **Tom Rohrer** is accepting students in the Environmental Health Program beginning this fall (2008).

The By-Laws Committee was approved as a standing committee (previous designation as Ad-Hoc). The Board determined the Policy and Procedures Manual needs to be updated annually. 2/08

Executive Board Actions/Significant MEHA Activity (continued)

Policy and Procedures Manual revisions made. It was determined that several versions of the manual are in circulation, thus the need for one document and continued work.

Board supported a request from the Technical Advisory Council (TAC) regarding concrete septic tanks. 6/07

Conferences

Combined the Food Protection and Groundwater Conferences at one location, central to the Lower Peninsula (Lansing). 10/07

Attendance was 163 participants at the Food Protection/Groundwater Conference. 10/07

Low survey response for the FPC/GWC (29 of 163 participants responded). 10/07

Decisions made by board to have the Groundwater Conference combine with Wastewater information for fall 2008. 12/07

Dates and locations for upcoming conferences determined: 2/08

Groundwater/Wastewater Conference – October 1-3, 2008 **Chair: Holly Gohlke**
Kettunen Center, Tustin

Food Protection Conference – October 29-30, 2008 **Chair: Janet Phelps**
Holiday Inn-Gateway Centre, Flint

2009 and 2011 Annual Educational Conferences
Park Place Hotel, Traverse City

Financial Issues

Budget reviewed and approved. 4/07 & 6/07

Annual meeting set with management contract services (MALPH at present). 4/07

MALPH contract reviewed and signed with various revisions. 6/07

MALPH Contract issues permanently placed on agenda item as a forum to discuss any member issues or concerns that arise. 7/07

Gift cards for conference door prizes purchased with Capitol One VISA rewards points (previously used for travel of delegates to national conferences). 8/07

Inventory for Silent Auction (Endowment Committee) conducted and inventory centrally located at MEHA Office. 11/07

Financial Issues (continued)

Budget set for Endowment Committee at \$2500 for purchase of items for Silent Auction.
The Board directed the committee to maintain accurate records of purchase price and selling price to determine membership purchasing trends. 1/08

AG Edwards representative **Paul Parson** met with Board to discuss long range financial planning. No changes were made in MEHA's portfolio for this year. 9/07

IAFP – International Association on Food Protection

President **Janet Phelps** was the official Michigan delegate to the AEC. 7/07

President **Janet Phelps** successfully bid on the 2008 IAFP-AEC registration at the silent auction. The cost to MEHA was \$375 (estimate value is \$405).

MEHA donated a Michigan Cherry gift basket to the IAFP silent auction. 6/07

IAFP provided a free membership to the MEHA Food Protection Conference for a door prize. **Anthony Matlock** (Wayne CHD) was the lucky winner. 10/07

Membership

Board approved waiving the late fee for membership renewal. This decision was made to encourage attendance at the FPC/GWC without penalizing members. 9/07

Board approved the purchase of four (4) NEHA REHS/RS Study guides by the Professional Development Committee for member use. 11/07

MEHA membership dropped from 586 in 2007 to 521 in 2008. (as of February 2008)

Steve Aguinaga (formerly Macomb CHD, new EH Director at Sanilac CHD) and **Mark Pratt** (retired, Genesee CHD) returned from military service in Iraq. 9/07

Membership Development Fund recipient was **Richard Peresky** (Oakland CHD) 11/07

Educational Scholarship Fund recipient was **Beth Osterink** (U of M grad. student) 1/08

Milestones

Kimberly Beanum-Coleman – passed away on July 31, 2007
Wayne County Health Department, Former SEMEHA President

Edward O'Rourke – passed away on July 12, 2007
Oakland County Health Division- retired, Emeritus Member

NEHA- National Environmental Health Association

Harry Grenawitzke served as the official Michigan delegate as he was in attendance at the AEC with NSF. Due to a conflict, **Bob Paulus** could not attend, and **John Texter's** travel arrangements prevented him to be the voting as the delegate. 6/07

John Texter successfully bid on the 2008 AEC registration package at the silent auction. The cost to MEHA was \$1000 for a package including registration and 4 nights (estimated value \$2100).

A letter of interest was sent to **Nelson Fabian**, NEHA Executive Director as the official request for Detroit to be considered for the 2011 NEHA AEC. 8/07

Website/Journal Issues

Due to a change in employment, **Ryan Whaley** resigned as Webmaster. New Committee members include: **Kristen Schweighofer, Erin Miller & Sean Dunleavy**. 11/07

The Board began discussion on moving toward the MEHA Journal in an electronic format as a cost savings measure and to serve the membership more efficiently. The change to an electronic copy is planned for summer or fall 2008.