

**MEHA STRATEGIC FUND
BALLOT QUESTION
March, 2010**

At the March 2007 AEC, the MEHA membership voted to sequester the balance of the Strategic Fund for a three year period. The vote also directed the Board to bring the issue back before the membership to determine what next to do with the fund. This ballot direction was identical to a vote which took place in 1998, 2001, 2004 and again in 2007.

HISTORY

The MEHA Strategic fund was initiated in 1996, after a vote during a 1995 AEC from a motion brought before the group during the AEC business meeting. The initial vote was for a \$5 per year per member surcharge on dues for a period of three years. The moneys generated by this surcharge were to be held by the MEHA Treasury for the specific purpose of funding an effort to mandate licensure of Sanitarians in Michigan.

The fund, since 1998, has continued to grow based only upon interest compounded from the original surcharged dollars of \$3800 (surcharging stopped in 1998), and the fund is now approximately \$10,390.80 (11-30-2008)

At the annual business meeting held in March, 2007, a majority of membership voted and directed the Executive Board to sequester the monies in the Strategic Fund for a period of three years, after which direction would once again be sought from the membership if the Fund had not been utilized. In those past three years, MEHA, MALEHA, MALPH, MHOA and MPHA have all endorsed the licensure of Sanitarians Legislation Package prepared by MEHA. The package is ready to be introduced into the legislature and a principal sponsor has been secured.

To comply with the direction of the membership in 2007, this issue is brought to a vote.

OPTIONS

Option 1. Place the funds in an accessible account for three years while the Executive Board uses the fund as needed to pursue the approved strategy for licensure. Return to the membership at the AEC Business Meeting in 2013 for further direction on the Fund.

Option 2. Dissolve the Strategic Fund in 2010. Abandon the funding effort for licensure, have the fund made accessible to the Executive Board to use at Board discretion.