



MICHIGAN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

An organization of professionals dedicated to the improvement of health through management of the environment.

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Annual Business Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2002

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Executive Board of the Michigan Environmental Health Association held its' annual business meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2002 at the Park Place Hotel, Traverse City, Michigan. **President Mike Juhasz called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.**

II. ROLL CALL

The following Executive Board members were present: Mike Juhasz, Keith Krinn, Lori Simon, Alan Hauck, Bruce Du Hamel, Jim LaFleur, Mike Patterson, Diane Forys, Kevin Besey, Pam Malaska, and Diane Griswold.

III. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Motion by Mike Ells and seconded by Brian Cecil to accept the agenda as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Draft copies of the March 15, 2001 MEHA Annual Business Meeting minutes were reviewed. **Motion by Mike Ells and seconded by Brian Cecil to accept the secretary's report as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.**

V. TREASURER'S REPORT

Copies of the Treasurer's Statement dated February 15, 2001 through February 7, 2002 were distributed and reviewed. Bruce DuHamel discussed the statement. An inquiry from the floor asked if MEHA pays taxes on earned interest. Du Hamel reported that we did not. **Motion by Pat Donovan and seconded by Charles Hughes to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.**

VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Mike Juhasz reported that the Executive Board had a quorum of members at each scheduled board meeting and he thanked the board for their hard work and dedication to MEHA.

- B. Mike Juhasz stated that at 750 members we are one of the best-kept secrets in the State of Michigan. Mike stated that he wants to get this organization on the map and become known throughout the state. He pledged that the board would continue to work on this issue. Mike announced that toward this goal the board has started to write a CEU position paper and an informative letter about MEHA and will have it distributed to the Michigan Legislature when it is finalized.
- C. Mike Juhasz reported that the RS ad hoc Committee has made recommendations on the RS rule changes and they are moving forward with the issue. They are currently meeting with the Director of MDCIS (Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services). Mike stated that he had hoped he could come to this meeting with proposed changes. However, the dynamics of the issue prevented the issue from being finalized.
- D. Mike announced that the board has protected the organization through the purchase of liability insurance that will cover the board, its' volunteers and membership.
- E. Investing in the future of its' membership, with direction from the board, the Professional Development Committee has developed a professional development fund and scholarship proposals. Announcements and information about these awards will be placed on MEHA's website. Other new developments have been the creation of two new committees; the Site Selection Committee and the Grant & Training Fund Committee. The services of a professional web master has been retained to improve MEHA's website. The organization has received a \$15,000 grant from The Michigan Department of Agriculture to develop a food service handlers/managers training database. Mike thanked Eric Pessell, Becky Ouellette, Brian Cecil and other employees of Jackson County for taking on the daunting task of developing this database.
- F. Mike Juhasz reminded conference attendees to please fill out a conference evaluation form that was available at the door.
- G. Mike expressed his gratitude to MEHA for allowing him to serve as President and he indicated that he would always cherish this year.
- H. Mike praised and thanked the AEC committee for a great conference. Mike also expressed his appreciation and presented a plaque to Nancy Atwood for being conference coordinator.
- I. Mike thanked John Texter and Tom Olsen for 2002 MEHA Silent Auction that benefits MEHA's Endowment Fund.
- J. Mike identified and thanked the conference exhibitors and sponsors.
- K. Mike invited Stewart Petrie of Water For Kids to speak. Mr. Petrie thanked MEHA for their donations in 2001 and gave an update on how the money raised by MEHA has helped this organization with their work in Africa. Most of the money went to provide a safe water supply at the Yambo School in Tanzania.

Motion by Keith Krinn and seconded by Lisa Hainstock to have MEHA match the cash donation collected to benefit Water For Kids. Motion passed on a voice vote. (\$1081.47 was collected at the business meeting; a second collection will be taken up at the awards banquet.)

- L. Mike Juhasz invited Diane Gorsch to speak on the Great Lakes Conference on Food Protection. Diane indicated that the conference was in its' fourth year and encouraged all members to attend.
- M. Mike invited Ron Grimes to speak about NEHA. Ron stated that he had been recently informed by NEHA that he was elected as the organizations second Vice President. Ron pointed out that there is a steady decline of students going into this profession and encouraged all MEHA members to recruit young people into the field of Environmental Health. Ron also spoke about the importance of all Environmental Health Professionals joining a National Organization such as NEHA or IAFP etc. and he encouraged everybody to attend NEHA's Annual Educational Conference.

Mike Juhasz talked about his attendance at NEHA's AEC and about NEHA's Endowment Fund. Mike said that he would like to see MEHA become the first state affiliate to donate to NEHA's Endowment Fund by pledging \$1000. **Motion by Ron Grimes and seconded by Lori Simon to donate \$1000 to the National Environmental Health Associations Endowment Fund. Extensive discussion followed with many members speaking on the issue. Mike Juhasz clarified that the donation would come out of MEHA's general fund. Call to question by Keith Krinn and seconded by Mike Patterson. Call to question passed on a voice vote. Original motion passed on a voice vote.**

Motion by Pat Donovan and seconded by Ron Holben to place \$5000 from MEHA's general fund into MEHA's Endowment Fund and \$5000 into MEHA's Strategic Fund. Extensive discussion held with many members speaking on the issue. Call to Question by Mike Juhasz seconded by Alan Hauck. Call to Question passed on a voice vote. Original motion failed on a voice vote.

VII. PRESIDENT ELECT'S REPORT

Lori Simon gave her report on the IAFP (International Association of Food Protection) conference that she attended in 2001.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS / LIAISON / AFFILIATE REPORTS

Motion by Pat Donovan and seconded by Mike Ells to accept all committee reports, liaison, and affiliate reports as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. ELECTION RESULTS

Tracy McDade, Chairperson of the Nominations & Resolutions Committee announced the results of MEHA's annual election.

- Bylaws amendment – passed
- President-elect – Bruce Du Hamel
- Secretary – Alan Hauck
- Treasurer – Becky Ouellette
- Northern Representative – Pat Donovan
- Southeast Representative – Kim DeMars

Mike Juhasz thanked all the nominees for running for office.

X. PASSING OF THE PRESIDENTIAL GAVEL TO LORI SIMON

Mike Juhasz officially passed the MEHA Presidential gavel to incoming President Lori Simon.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bruce Du Hamel and seconded by Keith Krinn (with concurrence of many members in attendance) to adjourn the Annual Business Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Hauck R.S.
Secretary MEHA
March 13, 2003