



MICHIGAN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

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

MICHIGAN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES March 13, 2003

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Executive Board of the Michigan Environmental Health Association held their Annual Business Meeting on Thursday, March 13, 2003 at the Valley Plaza Resort, Midland, Michigan. President Lori Simon called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Roll Call by Secretary:

Members Present: Lori Simon, Bruce Du Hamel, Mike Juhasz, Alan Hauck, Pat Donovan, Diane Forys, Kimberly DeMars, Becky Ouellette, Jim LaFleur, and Terry Anderson.

Members Absent: Mike Patterson, excused

II. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

Motion by Mike Ells and seconded by Ron Holben to accept the agenda as submitted. Motion passed on a voice vote.

III. SECRETARY'S REPORT

A. The minutes of the March 21, 2002 Annual Business Meeting were distributed and reviewed.

Motion by Brian Cecil and seconded by Mike Morehouse to accept the minutes as submitted. Motion passed on a voice vote.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Copies of the Treasurer's Statement dated February 8, 2002 through February 8, 2003 were distributed and reviewed. Treasurer Becky Ouellette explained the format of the report and discussed the possibility of changing MEHA's fiscal year to cover the time period of July 1st through June 30th.

Motion by Bruce Du Hamel and seconded by Pat Donovan to accept the treasurers statement as submitted. Motion passed on a voice vote.

V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Lori Simon reported that during the past year the Executive Board held eight meetings around the state and she thanked each board member for their dedication to MEHA.
- B. Lori Simon stated that each committee worked diligently towards attaining the goals set at our planning session in June at Higgins Lake. She thanked all of the committee chairs and distributed a Certificate of Appreciation to each.
- C. Lori Simon reported that MEHA has continued to move forward with goals set by last year's President Mike Juhasz. To that end, letters were sent to each Michigan Legislator explaining not only who we are and what we do every day to protect our environment and the citizens of this state, but also why credentialing is so important to us. Lori stated that: "We want our Board of Sanitarians back."
- D. The Ready Reference is near completion. Lori Simon thanked Laura Riddell and the members who have donated their time and effort to get this project completed.
- E. Lori Simon thanked the Association for allowing her to serve as President. She stated that it has been a great experience and one she will always remember.
- F. Lori Simon asked the members of the AEC Conference Planning Committee to please stand. A tremendous amount of work and planning went into making this conference a success. She thanked everyone, and presented a plaque to Lisa Hainstock for being conference coordinator.
- G. Lori Simon recognized Keith Krinn (a past-president of the association) for his 28 years of dedication to Oakland County and to this organization. Keith recently announced his retirement from Oakland County and his acceptance of a position in Columbus, Ohio.
- H. Lori identified and thanked the conference exhibitors and sponsors.
- I. Lori thanked Ken Priest, John Texter, Tom Olsen and the Endowment Committee for the Silent Auction that benefits MEHA's Endowment Fund.
- J. Lori asked members to review the photo albums and identify any members that they know. Lori thanked Diane Forys for putting the photo albums together and for helping preserve MEHA's history.

VI. NEHA REPORT

- A. Lori invited Jim Dingman, President of NEHA to speak. Jim stated that with the election on MEHA member Ron Grimes as NEHA's second Vice-President, 4 of the last 5 past and future NEHA Presidents will be from this region of the country. Jim made a presentation on NEHA's counter terrorism response program. NEHA's bio-terrorism preparedness is a cooperative effort between NEHA and the CDC. An information clearinghouse is available on NEHA's website, www.neha.org. Jim also thanked MEHA for being the first affiliate in the country to donate to NEHA's Endowment Fund. (Note: The membership voted at the 2002 AEC business meeting to make a \$1000 donation.)
- B. Lori asked Mike Juhasz to give MEHA's delegate report on his attendance at the 2002 NEHA AEC. Mike re-iterated that he is very proud of MEHA's donation to NEHA's Endowment Fund. Mike thanked Diane Forsys for her work on MEHA's bio-terrorism Conference and the survey that she compiled. Mike stated that he presented the survey results at NEHA's AEC as part of his delegate report. Mike said it was well received. Mike also encouraged our members to become members of our national organization.

VII. IAFP REPORT

- A. Lori asked Bruce Du Hamel to give MEHA's delegate report for the IAFP Conference that he attended in 2002. Bruce encouraged all members to consider attending IAFP's Annual Conference. He stated that professionals from all over the world attend this conference. This year's conference will be held in New Orleans in early August. Bruce stated that he is very proud of this organization and it's membership because MEHA is well known as an organization throughout the country.

VIII. COMMITTEE/LIAISON/AFFILITATE REPORTS

Motion by Keith Krinn and seconded by Mike Ells (with concurrence by many members in attendance) to accept the committee, liaison and affiliate reports as submitted and printed in the annual business meeting packet. Motion passed on a voice vote.

IX. ELECTION RESULTS

Joe Crigier, Chairperson of the Nominations & Resolutions Committee announced the results of MEHA's annual election. Joe stated that 180 ballots (23 by absentee ballot) were cast in this year's election and he encouraged all members to step forward and run for office.

- UPEHA Representative – Ryan Whaley
- At- Large Representative – Derrick Simmons
- President-elect – John N. Gohlke

Lori Simon thanked all nominees for running for office.

X. PASSING OF THE PRESIDENTIAL GAVEL TO BRUCE Du HAMEL

Lori Simon officially passed the MEHA Presidential gavel to incoming President Bruce Du Hamel.

Bruce indicated that he has a passion for the endowment fund and will attempt to substantially increase this fund during the coming year. Bruce re-iterated the earlier comment by Joe Crigier in that he encouraged all members to step forward and run for office or to become involved with a committee. Bruce thanked NSF International and Meijer's for their donations of the door prizes that were given out at this meeting.

Bruce identified and thanked members of the Endowment Committee and he invited John Texter to step forward and hold the drawing of the Endowment Fund raffle. Before drawing the winning tickets John announced that a total of 426 tickets were sold. First prize went to Terri Geiger, second prize to Bill Hinz and third to Greg Pierce.

Bruce thanked all of the individuals and companies for their donations to the silent auction. Bruce individually thanked Dave Herweyer for his extensive donations of individual items for the silent auction.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Keith Krinn and seconded by many members in attendance to adjourn the Annual Business Meeting. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Hauck R.S.
Secretary MEHA
March 13, 2004