



MICHIGAN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

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

MICHIGAN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES November 20, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Executive Board of the Michigan Environmental Health Association held a meeting on November 20, 2009 at the Ingham County Health Department Lansing, Michigan. President Gene Paez called the meeting to order at 9:40 am.

Members Present: Gene Paez, Chris Klawuhn, Dana DeBruyn (10:00am), John Texter, Adeline Hambley

Members Teleconferencing: Scott Barr, Nancy Atwood, Lynne Madison, Darren Bowling (left 11:30), Bob Paulus (10:02am)

Guests Present: none

Guests Teleconferencing: none

II. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

VI. New Business

d. Future conference meeting dates

e. Northern Representative position on board

Motion by Chris Klawuhn and seconded by John Texter to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

III. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Approval of October 16, 2009 minutes

Motion by Chris Klawuhn and seconded by Nancy Atwood to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

Approval of October 1, 2009 – October 31, 2009 Treasurer's Report

There was general discussion regarding the format of the registry report so that it is in a format that can be emailed and viewed by the board. John Texter spoke with a CPA

auditor and she recommended that the statements be monthly as opposed the previous format of a day or two prior to the board meeting date. This will allow for a clear statement that is easier to compare year to year. There was general discussion regarding the professional audit. John Texter to follow up and report back to the board regarding cost.

Motion by Darren Bowling and seconded by Scott Barr to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. SB 45

MALEHA voted down supporting the proposal; there has been no activity since. The DEQ is looking at a statewide code and possible statewide point of sale program.

B. Licensure Update

Moving forward. It has gone to many senators and representatives and is moving relatively quickly. There is hope that it may be approved before the end of the year. At this point the committee doesn't feel there will be a lot of language changing.

C. MALPH Board update

State is going to be using stimulus money again next year. There is a proposal for 2011 a 20% cut to balance the budget. There is still discussion regarding Medicaid reimbursement. If locals have to pay back the Medicaid monies it will have an effect on programs. The MALPH conference was recently held and was poorly attended.

There was also discussion on the tattoo ordinance. MALEHA approached MALPH to see if MDCH legislation is not a violation of Headley. The state attorney stated that it is not a violation of Headley. Many of the EH directors are going to implement program.

D. MALEHA update

There was discussion regarding the DEQ document on water well enforcement with no input from local health departments. Mike Gaber is being asked to attend the next meeting to explain the procedures and why local input wasn't sought.

E. NEHA update

None at this time.

F. Food Grant

Grant has been applied for and awarded.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Email Update

An official email/newsletter has been sent out, so there is not a current update. There was general discussion about setting up email accounts for MEHA membership. This would allow for receiving information, sharing calendars, etc. The committee will take a look at this and report back.

Gene Paez emailed the charges for the Technology Committee. These charges were reviewed by the board.

Motion by Dana DeBruyn and seconded by Bob Paulus to approve the charges as submitted. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

B. Update, Cvent, AEC

Previously discussed—tabled.

Motion by Nancy Atwood and seconded by Lynne Madison to approve the increased registration (\$150) as proposed by the planning committee.

Discussion:

Dana DeBruyn expressed concern with not having a banquet as it has been expressed to her from the membership she represents that there should be a banquet. Addie Hambley agreed with this statement. It is important to the profession to recognize the profession at a formal banquet.

Role Call:

Chris Klawuhn: Yes

Dana DeBruyn: No

John Texter: Yes

Addie Hambley: No

Nancy Atwood: Yes

Lynne Madison: Yes

Scott Barr: Yes

Darren Bowling: Yes

Bob Paulus: Yes

Motion carries.

C. Strategic Planning Update

Lynne Madison reported that the next planning session will be June 23 & 24, 2010 at the RAM Center.

D. Board Actions from Strategic Planning Meeting

No updates

E. P&P Manual

No updates

F. Report to Septage Comm for funding

President Paez appointed Larry Johnson to replace Tracy Nelson on MOWRA. He has been charged with getting in contact with Mark Scott. This will be followed up on at a later date.

G. Planning Seminar

See item C above.

H. Membership Directory

Darren Bowling spoke with Kevin Halfmann and Larry Johnson about an electronic version of the membership directory. Some ideas on the directory are to only give a hardcopy to those people that really want a hardcopy. They are currently working on other options to help save cost.

I. Newsletter

There was discussion about whether to continue the eNewsletter on top of the emails Darren sends. It was decided that this should be continued and Gene will appoint a new chair.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. SEMEHA

The winter SWMEHA conference is coming up December 11, 2009 at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth, MI.

B. RFP

There was general discussion about the proposal presented. It was suggested to add more information in the Introduction and Background section regarding membership numbers and future projections if licensure passes. The draft is going to be reviewed with revision suggestions to be in by December, so the RFP is complete by January.

C. MOWRA

Larry Johnson appointed recently, to report at later date.

D. Future conference meeting dates

Chris Klawuhn stated that if we have meetings at Ingham we need to notify Ingham as soon as possible. Lynne Madison stated that 2010 meetings will be held the 3rd Friday of every month at Ingham County at 9:30am.

E. Northern Rep

Daniel Welihan submitted a resume to Gene Paez for consideration for the Northern Rep opening. Becky Kryzanowski was also suggested. Gene to follow up on this and report back.

F. Voting by email

Addie Hambley reported that voting is not allowed via email, but you can vote on-line but it has to be conducted in real time so all discussion and voting is seen as it occurs.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Website Development

No report

B. AEC

See item V.b above

C. Awards

No report

- D. Continuing Ed
No report
- E. Endowment
Endowment committee to meet next month and begin preparing for AEC.
- F. Environmental Education
No report
- G. Environmental Health Curriculum
No report
- H. Food Protection Conference
No report
- I. Finance Committee
No report
- J. Grant and Training Funds
No report
- K. Groundwater Wastewater Conference
No report
- L. Membership
No report
- M. Nominations and Resolutions
An email was sent to membership regarding the open board positions to inform membership of the opportunities. Gene will follow up with Kim on progress.
- N. Professional Development
No report
- O. Ready Reference
No report
- P. Wastewater Conference
No report
- Q. Audit
No report
- R. By-Laws Ad-Hoc
No report
- S. Policy and Procedures
No report

T. Licensure Committee
No report

U. Technical Advisory Ad-Hoc
No report

IX. NEXT MEETING

The Executive Board will meet on December 18, 2009 at the Ingham County Health Department in Lansing, MI. The meeting will start at 9:30am on December 18, 2009.

Future board meetings for 2010 will be held the 3rd Friday of the month at 9:30am at the Ingham County Health Department in Lansing, MI.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Chris Klawuhn and seconded by Dana DeBruyn to adjourn the Executive Board Meeting at 12:07 pm. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Adeline Hambley, REHS
MEHA Secretary
November 20, 2009