

Wyoming Environmental Health Association
General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, September 23, 2009
Holiday Inn
Sheridan, Wyoming

I. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm by President Joe Martinez.

II. Secretary's Report

- a. Neil Bloomenrader made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes.
- b. Doug Evans seconded the motion.
- c. Motion passed.

III. Treasurer's Report

- a. Terri Leichtweis submitted a report stating that the Association had \$25,249.06 in all accounts. We have 5 new members, 2 sustaining members, and 45 active members
Neil Bloomenrader made a motion to accept the report.
- b. Bryan Grapes seconded the motion.
- c. Motion passed.

IV. Committee Reports

- a. AEC—Joe thanked Sue Mickelson and Dewayne Hinz for all their help. There were 75 total registrants and 30 were from WEHA. This is what we expected considering all the budget cuts.
- b. Awards—Linda Stratton reported that we have 2 awards to give out, there was no Arthur Williamson award but we have one for the Outstanding EH professional and the Donkey Tail award. Joe stated that we are trying to send more info out via email rather than by mail
- c. Education
 - i. Food Safety—No major issues at this time.
 - ii. Swimming Pools/Spa—Chelle said that the CDC model pool code will be out in Oct of 2009 for public comment and to go to the website for more info. The variance committee is going to look over that code and then see how we want to update the pool rule. Everyone should go look at this information. Some interest in saline systems going in around the state.
 - iii. Child Care—Dean said that Stephanie Styvar did the voice over for the daycare CD and it is available on the DFS website. Sherry asked if we can get a copy for the providers. Dean said they can go to the website and do the training on their own now. We no longer have to do the training.
 - iv. Small Wastewater/Water—Roy stated that Ron wasn't planning any training. Doug stated that Ron Ewald sent speakers to this conference to cover that training. Roy said that if there was anything any one wanted to hear about to let him know.
- d. By-Laws/Resolutions—Gary said nothing new to report but he was ready when we

had something.

- e. Public Relations—No Report
- f. Legislative—Dean stated that there was a public hearing to change the food safety rule.
- g. Newsletter Editor—Ben stated that the summer version has gone out. Joe said that we need to try harder to get some articles submitted by NEHA, IAFP, and other companies. We will still actively submit articles. Roy suggested that we eliminate the paper version of the newsletter to save money. Joe stated that we sent the last one out electronically.
- h. Library—Jamie and Linda need to get together to get rid of outdated materials.
- i. Archives/Scrapbook—Lea was not present but Joe stated that she has put a lot of work into the books. Joe asked members to give her any pictures we had
- j. Membership—Joe stated that it is up a little. We need to work on sustaining members.

IV. Old Business

a. 2010 AEC—. George has done some checking on room rates. Joe stated that we are looking at October 6-8 2010 in Yellowstone in Mammoth springs. George Larson has been talking with MEHA and he needs a commitment and number of attendees so he can get with the hotels. MEHA would add a lot to the conference. WEHA membership was in favor of doing a joint AEC with MEHA. Joe introduced Crystal and Wolfgang from Montana. MEHA membership would like to do a joint AEC with us. Suzi stated that Oct 4-7 was the statewide extension meeting. Joe stated that he would be looking for volunteers for committee.

V. New Business

Joe had everyone introduce themselves.

a. Roy Kroeger-NEHA update. NEHA will pay membership renewals for anyone that has been laid off. Have put together support letters for employees. Trying to get more involvement with other programs, like sustainability and healthy homes. E-learning stated 1 year ago. Free online classes to help get CEU's. Get more involved with social media websites like Facebook, Updating the Journal. Had successful Conference in Atlanta and the next AEC is in Albuquerque, NM in July. Elections are coming up for the position of 2nd Vice President. Both candidates are women which is a first for NEHA. Candidates are very different people. Roy presented Beccee with the Certificate of Merit from NEHA. Joe thanked Beccee for all her hard work.

b. 2010 NEHA AEC proxy-Joe Martinez brought up that he went to NEHA in Atlanta GA over the summer and learned a lot. He stated that it's important that we send the President or the President-Elect each year to represent WEHA. Laramie County cannot always send someone to represent us at the AEC. Joe stated that he was able to go with a homeland security grant. Joe stated that we need a proxy to go every year. We only have a \$250.00 scholarship and that is not enough, we need around \$2000.00 to send someone. This AEC is very beneficial for the President and the organization. Joe proposed that we change scholarship to allow President or President-Elect to go. We may not always be able to find outside sources of income to send someone. Joe proposed increase of dues and designated who can go to the conference. WFSC has

funds to help support this. Roy stated that he supports sending someone. He also stated that we need to determine who is eligible to go and the limitations, how much we are going to spend, and that who ever goes come back and do a presentation of what they learned at the NEHA AEC at our AEC. Doug Evans said we need to set a limit and look at other avenues to generate funds for this. Wolfgang stated that Ohio has a scholarship fund and 50/50 raffle to raise funds to send members. Bryan suggested raising dues from \$10-\$20. Joe stated that other states are charging \$50.00 for membership renewals. Crystal stated that MEHA's dues are \$50.00 and they have a foundation for the silent auction funds and raffle and this money goes to help send members to the AEC. Bryan suggested that the person that goes should be the President, President-Elect or their designee. Joe stated that there may be years that it won't cost WEHA anything to send someone. Linda stated that WFSC used to help pay for things like this. Joe stated that NEHA also has a scholarship for the registration fee. Joe stated that 2010 Conference will be less expensive because it is within driving distance. Roy stated that the location of conference will change the amount needing to be spent.

c. Increase of Dues-Dawn made a motion to change the dues to \$20.00. Shane 2nd the motion. Roy made a motion to amend the motion that \$10.00 of increased dues goes to sending someone to NEHA. This amendment was approved. Vote on original motion was approved.

d. Reorganization of Education Committees-Joe stated that it was brought to the board to have only 1 chair for the education committee. Terri and Doug looked up if we had to change policy and procedures to change this.

e. Educational Materials-Joe stated that he found some good training materials for members to check out if they need it. Materials include training in other languages. We have an issue with food safety training in other languages. Paul has been a great resource but he can't always make it everywhere. We need to fill the ethnic gap with training. Joe opened this up to comments. Wolfgang stated that the King County Health Has materials in translation, as well as the National Restaurant Assoc. Suzi commented that WFSC has also looked into this area of training. Joe asked for a motion to purchase materials. None was made. Joe stated that we can bring it up in another meeting. Doug stated that Policy & Procedures need to be changed by the Executive Board.

f. Newsletter-Covered earlier.

g. Membership update-Covered earlier

h. Class in Anniston-Terri stated that there is a Class in Anniston that is free for state, local, and tribal employees. EHTER is a class geared for our field. Covers areas we would be involved in during a disaster. They have several classes, all classes are free. Terri and Roy are trying to get the link on the website. Class is offered once a month. The class is only taught in Anniston for the time. CLCHD is the only ones in Wyoming to send anyone to the class. They are working on an Advanced and Train the Trainer class. Terri gave the website for the CDP. Roy stated that approval needs to come from Wyoming Home Land Security. Terri also brought up the AGERT class and that this class is more specific for the Ag people.

II. Other Business

a. None

V. Next Meeting

- a. Joe said he would get with the other board members about the next meeting.

VI. Adjourn

- a. Shawn made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- b. Terri seconded the motion.
- c. Motion passed, and meeting adjourned 1:44