

**Montana Environmental Health Association
General Membership Meeting
Cogswell Building, Helena, MT
April 21, 2010**

MEHA Board Members Present

Crystal Nuno, President
Christine Hughes, President-Elect
Kathy Moore, Treasurer
Mary Schroeder, Secretary
Frank Preskar, Director / Alternate Treasurer
Theresa Blazicevich, Director
Jeanna McPherson, Director

MEHA Board Members Not Present

Karen Solberg, 1st Vice President
Terry Murphy, Past President
Tom Moore, Director

Call to Order

Crystal Nuno called the meeting to order at approximately 12:00 pm. The meeting was held at the Cogswell Building, Helena, Montana

Minutes

Christine Hughes introduced the minutes from October 9, 2009. Deen Pomroy motioned to approve the minutes from October 9, 2009 **with the correction of dates regarding payment of dues**. Thomas Danenhower seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report

Kathy Moore gave the Treasurer's Report. The balances are: MEHA association checking account, \$3,036.36, MEHA savings account, \$7,317.47. The MEHA foundation account balances are: \$65.01 in checking, MEHA foundation savings account, \$3,021.40. The D.A. Davidson account balance is \$10,770.37. The grand total is \$24,210.61.

The Association financial account has been filed with the IRS. The Foundation annual report has been filed with the Secretary of State. There are 109 members as of April 20, 2010. See Treasurers report in the Secretary's notebook. Karen Salo motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Corrine Rose seconded the motion.

Committee Reports

Nominations

Crystal Nuno: Conference folders have nomination ballots. Everyone should consider serving. Return ballots to Crystal or Karen Solberg.

Awards

Crystal Nuno: Award nomination ballots are in the conference folder. Consider people to nominate for each award. This includes the Montana Public Health Association **Award**.

Comment [c1]: Montana Public Health Association.

Legislation

Crystal Nuno: Save the Date has been sent for the Fall conference. The AMPHO policy workshop is scheduled for September 9-13 in Helena. Anyone may attend the workshop.

Howard Reid is against the Food Modernization Act. It is Bill S510 introduced by Senator Testor. Howard stated the Association should be public regarding the position against this bill. Montana State University did a study: irrigation, soils, livestock, wildlife and is substantially against the bill. Howard Reid stated other health organizations are against the Food Safety Modernization Act.

Howard Reid moved to write a letter to Sen. Testor outlining MEHA opposition to FDA Food Modernization Act (S510). The letter will be signed by the President of MEHA. Laura Hendley **second** the motion. The membership voted to accept the motion. Crystal will write the letter. The hearing for the bill is scheduled for April 26, 2010.

Comment [c2]: Hendley??

Greg McGann encouraged people to talk with their legislators now.

Articles of Incorporation

Crystal Nuno: The new By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation are on the website.

Communications

Christine Hughes: Alisha Johnson is working on the newsletter.

Archives

Crystal Nuno: Crystal has archive materials and will give them to Tim Read. Tim Read and Tom Moore will go through the materials and decided what is important.

Membership

Mary Schroeder: We now have 109 members which is up from approximately 70 last year. Theresa sent out brochures and envelopes to consultants. Mary e-mailed everyone whose dues are due at the Spring Conference. We did not have an e-mail address for one or two people. Christine contacted consultants in the Flathead, Lincoln, Sanders area about joining the Association.

Foundation

Theresa Blazicevich: The foundation has been reactivated. There will be another raffle at the Fall Conference. Within a month, send Theresa raffle ideas. Theresa would like to have volunteers to help with the raffle

There is money to pay for speakers for professional development. Education and need for training are the top priorities.

Professional Improvement

Crystal Nuno: Professional Improvement is a subcommittee under the Foundation. Susan Brueggeman has volunteered to be chair of the subcommittee. She is asking for volunteers to serve on subcommittee.

Conference Planning

Crystal Nuno: Save the Date notice has been sent to members. The survey regarding the Fall Conference being held in Mammoth indicated the membership has approved of the location. The overwhelming vote was to have the planning committee move forward with the conference. Many comments addressed the present economy and scholarships for individuals to attend the conference. Survey results will be sent to the membership.

The registration fee is \$150.00 for members. The fee cannot be doubled for nonmembers.

One tract will be devoted to EPA speakers. The two speakers are from the University of Minnesota who contract with EPA to do training. All expenses for the EPA speakers will be paid by EPA.

A second tract has not been completely set. The committee is considering a Park tour, vector control, food, and other options to satisfy the needs of the Wyoming Association.

Hotel reservations have more paper work if staying in Mammoth. Check the website for reservation information which includes a tax exempt form. The price of the rooms is \$82.00 at Mammoth. There are 60 rooms with a bath and 30 rooms without a bath. There will be rooms available in Gardiner. The people who register by September 15 will have the Park fee waived.

Old Business

None

New Business

Frank Preskar at Lewis and Clark County will keep the SIT materials. Contact Frank to request the material and set up a return date. The materials were stored at the Park County Environmental Health Office with Doris Morgan handling the requests.

The website has been set up under Wild Apricot. Many thanks to Denise Moldroski for all the work to set up the new website along with Kathy Moore. The web address is the same. The new website will allow members to access the entire membership list, e-mail address, and phone numbers. The website will enable the members to register for the conferences and renew membership on-line. Members can ask Kathy Moore for help to login. Kathy suggests members login into the website to see what the new website has to offer.

Rod Fink stated the Board of Sanitarians is considering changing the law requiring micro biology course before a person has been a SIT for a full year.

Crystal Nuno stated the NEHA credential test will be available at the fall conference.

The next meeting is to be held October 19, 2010 at Mammoth Hot Springs.

Karen Salo motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ralph Hamler seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 1:00 p.m.