

**Montana Environmental Health Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Phone Conference 3 pm  
May 20, 2010**

MEHA Board Members Present

Crystal Nuno, President  
Christine Hughes, President-Elect  
Karen Solberg, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Mary Schroeder, Secretary  
Theresa Blazicevich, Director  
Jeanna McPherson, Director

MEHA Board Members Not Present

Kathy Moore, Treasurer  
Terry Murphy, Past President  
Frank Preskar, Director / Alternate Treasurer  
Tom Moore, Director

Call to Order

Crystal Nuno called the meeting to order at approximately 3:05 pm. The meeting was held by phone conference.

Minutes

Mary Schroeder introduced the minutes from April 15, 2010 conference call. Christine Hughes motioned to approve the April 15, 2010 minutes. Karen Solberg second the motion.

Crystal will post the draft, unapproved minutes from the general membership meeting held on April 21, 2010.

Treasurer's Report

Kathy Moore was not present. No Treasurers report was given.

Committee Reports

Nominations

Karen Solberg: A number of members have been nominated for the positions on the Board and Officers whose terms will end in October. We had a good response from the membership by placing nomination forms in the Spring Conference packets.

Awards

Karen Solberg: It will be determined how the awards will be handed out at the Fall Conference. It is still too early to have award nominations sent to the committee.

Legislation

Crystal Nuno: Crystal has talked with Terry Murphy. More people want to be involved and take action. On the chemical issue, no action was taken. Terry suggested MEHA needs to decide what legislation we want to be involved. Suggested a survey be sent to the members for possible issues to be involved with during the 2011 legislation. What issues should MEHA be involved and to what (extent). Whatever issues MEHA is involved; we should maintain creditability within the association.

Jeanna and Theresa agree that MEHA should be involved in legislation. The focus of the legislation could be general or focus on a program such as Food and Consumer Bureau. They suggest we ask the membership if MEHA should be involved in both Federal and State legislation. The association should list three top priorities and our action should represent the member's opinion.

Theresa discussed that with the budget shortfalls; some programs that do not have fees or have inadequate fees may be in trouble, like subdivisions, food programs, air quality, etc. Also, the legislature tends to not support environmental programs when money is tight. They often believe that rolling back environmental regulations will promote jobs but that has never been the case when we have recessions, it is more about the economy than the regulations.

Possible legislation could include inspection of establishments, licensing fees, and licensing tattoo artists.

#### Articles of Incorporation

Crystal Nuno: No report.

#### Communications

Christine Hughes: Alisha Johnson is working on the spring newsletter. Both Christine and Alisha must be paid for their work on the newsletter.

#### Archives

Crystal Nuno: Tim Read will review the archive materials in the boxes.

Educational material will be given to Frank Preskar. Doris Morgan presently has the educational material.

#### Membership

Mary Schroeder: Theresa made corrections to the minutes that she sent brochures and envelopes to sanitarians only. MEHA has 110 members. Crystal will send a list of consultants in the Billings area. The membership committee will send brochures and envelopes to the consultants in the Billings, Livingston and Bozeman area. The committee does not have many brochures or envelopes left. Mary will contact Christine and Theresa regarding a mailing in August/September.

#### Foundation

Theresa Blazicevich: Theresa will contact Terry Murphy regarding a foundation meeting. The Foundation will have another raffle similar to last year.

#### Professional Improvement

No report.

#### Conference Planning

Crystal Nuno: Still waiting for confirmation that registration and payment for the conference can be done on-line. Registration form is on the web-site????CHECK Anyone staying in Mammoth will receive the government rate. However, the charge will show the regular rate. The estimated rate is \$82.00.

The agenda is just about complete. The second tract will could have sessions about earthquakes, vector control, food, etc.

#### Old Business

Christine will survey the membership as to the city to hold the next Fall Conference; 2011

The Billings newspaper contacted Crystal regarding the Food Inspection Bill introduced by Senator Testor. Crystal asked if it was okay to write articles, letters, etc. to newspapers to address bills in Federal and State legislatures. Crystal will forward her letter to the editor and any other contacts that request a copy of her letter.

#### New Business

What should we place on the website? AMPHO Workshop and reception could be placed on the website. Following the workshop, there will be a reception with a legislative representative. Crystal will send an e-mail to the members about the AMPHO workshop to encourage members to attend. All Board members our welcomed. The workshop is September 13 from 1-4 pm.

Crystal and Christine will go to the NEHA conference.

Theresa stated state laws currently affect jobs. List programs air, food, septic

The next meeting is to be held July 22<sup>nd</sup> by phone conference at 3 p.m. Mary motioned to adjourn the meeting Crystal seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 4:35 p.m.