

**Montana Environmental Health Association
Board of Directors Meeting
April 7, 2011**

MEHA Board Members Present:

Christine Hughes, President
Crystal Nuño, Past President
Karen Solberg, President-Elect
Ruth Piccone, 1st Vice President
Tom Moore, Director
Steve Kilbreath, Director

MEHA Board Members Absent:

Greg McGann, Director
Paul Reeves, Secretary
Kathy Moore, Treasurer
Frank Preskar, Alternate Treasurer/Director

Call to Order: Christine Hughes called the conference call to order at 2:06 pm.

Sole Purpose of Meeting: Discussion of Spring Conference Meeting Agenda.

April 14, 2011 Meeting Agenda for MEHA General Membership Meeting, Great Falls

1. Review/Approve General Membership minutes from October 19, 2010. Paul will bring a few copies. They will be emailed to members prior to the meeting.
 2. Treasurer's Report. Kathy will explain correction and go over updates.
 3. Committees/Committee Reports:
 - A. **Nominations:** Ruth has updated form will let the membership know what positions are open.
 - B. **Awards:** Ruth changed the deadline to July 31.
 - C. **Articles/Bylaws:** Ruth reviewed them, and has a couple of clarifying suggestions. Two additional members are currently needed. Steve volunteered Jon Dillard, who previously participated in drafting changes.
 - D. **Legislation/Resolutions:** Tom won't be there, but expects a lot of questions. Steve will talk about bills he has been involved with. Christine and Crystal can cover food bills.
 - E. **Conference Planning:** Karen will talk about the joint conference MEHA/MPHA planning updates.
 - F. **Membership:** Christine will coordinate with Kathy before the meeting.
 - G. **Communications:** Alisha Johnson will be there.
 - H. **Archives:** Tom will ask Tim Read to give a report.
- MEHA Foundation:** Crystal will report.

Workforce & Professional Development Committee: Paul and Steve will report.

Old Business None

New Business

1. Is the MEHA membership interested in exploring - a strategic plan for the organization, an executive conference planner, legislative assistance/lobbyist, and/or allocation of funds toward professional development/education? Presenting these ideas ahead of time will help the membership decide. With limited resources, the board will need to place funds where it is most needed and valued. Good detailed discussion occurred on these ideas, as well as Treasurer duties and a rotating conference venue between Billings, Great Falls and Missoula. Past Boards have come to the same realization that starting from scratch each year makes conference planning more difficult. This year extra time was devoted to the legislative session. NEHA's Strategic Direction is an example of a flexible plan. The budget could reflect the cost of a lobbyist should the membership decide to vote in favor of this idea. Voting is expected to occur in the fall.

Additional Conference Items: Pictures –a picture of current board member is needed. Shirts, hats and flyers need to be taken to Great Falls. Ruth will gather for Karen to transport.

Adjournment: Christine adjourned the meeting at 2:51 pm.