

Montana Environmental Health Association
Board of Directors Meeting
August 29, 2011

MEHA Board Members Present

Christine Hughes, President
Crystal Nuno, Past President
Karen Solberg, President-Elect
Ruth Piccone, 1st Vice President
Gregg McGann, Director
Frank Preskar, Director/Alt. Treasurer

MEHA Board Members Absent

Tom Moore, Director
Steve Kilbreath, Director
Kathy Moore, Treasurer
Patty Hamblock, Interim Secretary

Call to Order: Christine Hughes called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm.

Meeting Agenda:

1. Review/Approval of the minutes from the July 21, 2011 meeting. Karen made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Crystal.
2. Treasurers Report: In the absence of the Treasurer, there was no report.
3. Committees/Committee Reports:
 - A. Nominations:** Ruth-chair, Karen, Christine
Ruth reported that we have volunteers for most of the positions. Two positions are still open and will take nominations from the floor. They are Treasurer, and 1st Vice President. Ballots will be made and nominations taken from the floor for all positions at the fall business meeting.
 - B. Awards:** Ruth-Chair, Karen, Steve
Ruth reported that winners have been chosen, except a couple that we are sorting out which category to put them in. They will be presented at the fall banquet.
 - C. Articles/Bylaws –** Ruth, Gino Pizzini
Ruth reports that she is thinking of working on combining the articles and bylaws into one document, which is the current trend. **The** board agreed that this makes sense.
 - D. Legislation/Resolutions-** Women's Voices for the Earth is asking for support signing a petition on the Safe Chemicals Act. We will discuss at the Fall Business meeting how the membership would like to determine which groups to work with. Karen suggested that we might want to have a written policy developed. She has found some information from NEHA on who they collaborate with and will forward it to the Board.

- E. Conference Planning-** Karen reported that she met with Shawn Hintz from MPHA and Julie Heinrich, the events coordinator for the Holiday Inn in Billings on August 19th. We viewed all of the rooms available for the conference including speaker rooms and banquet and mixer areas.
The set-up looks good and conference planning is wrapping up! Christine discussed about the need to replace one speaker (Jill Krueger) who is unable to attend due to being in a car accident and not having Dr's approval to travel. There was much discussion on possible speakers. Christine will continue to work on the possibilities.
- F. Membership-** Christine reported that membership is up to 129. She is working on sending out some MEHA Brochures to area consultants.
- G. Communications: No report**
- H. Archives: No report**
- I. MEHA Foundation:** Crystal reports that they decided to try a 50-50 raffle this year, so as not to incur any additional expenses. They will also be selling the T-Shirts and caps that were made up last year. The Silent Auction will be going on as usual.
There was discussion on how to run the 50-50. It was decided that tickets will be sold, 1 for \$1.00 or 10 for \$5.00. People will need to sign their name on the back in order so that they do not need to be present to win. 50-50 winner will be announced after the MPHA and MEHA banquets.
Karen volunteered to sell at the registration table on Monday 4-6 pm.
An email blast will be sent out to remind everyone about getting their Silent Auction forms into Ruth.
- J. Workforce /Professional Development Committee (sub-committee of Foundation)**
The committee will meet to prepare for a presentation at the fall conference

Old Business:

Christine reports that The Northwest Sanitarians were notified that they can post items on the MEHA website as was approved by the board.

New Business:

Karen stated that we may want to discuss doing a written policy for use of the MEHA website.

We review the Agenda for the upcoming General membership meeting taking place during the MEHA/MPHA Fall Conference. The meeting will be from 12:00pm-2:00pm on Tuesday, September 13, 2011. Some of the issues to be discussed:

The Board discussed asking for an increase in membership dues from \$50.00 to \$60.00. Ruth brought up the question of justification for the increase. Crystal asked how our organization ranks as far as membership fees compared to other State EH organizations. Discussion continued and it was decided not to ask the membership for an increase at this time.

There was discussion about the location of the bank for the MEHA account. Should the bank be in the Treasurer's hometown, or should it stay in one location. It has been in Helena for the past several years since both the current and former treasurer were located there. No decision was made. We will wait to see who is going to be in the Treasurer position and determine what will work for them.

The Board agreed to invite AMPHO to do a presentation at the meeting to give us some prospective on what a lobbyist could do for MEHA.

There will be a discussion on making a written policy to deal with solicitations for MEHA support on issues.

There will be a discussion on the type of conference the membership prefers and the location of the 2012 conference. It is suggested that the board will look at feasible sites in the Western part of the state for the conference and will choose the one that is most feasible.

The Board will try to meet on Monday, September 12 at 4:00 pm at the Conference to discuss any changes or updates to the meeting Agenda.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ruth and seconded by Crystal. Meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Notes by Karen Solberg in the absence of our interim secretary, Patty Hamblock.