

**Montana Environmental Health Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
November 3, 2011**

MEHA Board Members Present:

Karen Solberg, President  
Christine Hughes, Past President (joined mid-meeting)  
Ruth Piccone, President Elect  
Laurel Riek, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Erik Leigh, Director  
Mary Lou Gilman, Director  
Frank Preskar, Alternate Treasurer/Director

MEHA Board Members Absent:

Joshua Juarez, Treasurer  
Clark Snyder, Secretary  
Steve Kilbreath, Director

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**Call to Order:** Karen called the conference call to order at 1:03 pm.

**Meeting Minutes from October 4, 2011:** Karen called for comments on the Board meeting minutes as provided from October 4, 2011. Mary Lou motioned to adopt them as written. Ruth seconded, and the motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Joshua was not present. Frank reported that Kathy Moore was finalizing the fall conference numbers. The budget is looking good, with money left over. Karen mentioned coming out ahead on conferences will keep membership fees from rising. Lora Weir expects to have the MPHA final report at our next meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

**Nominations** – The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Laurel, is chair. Steve and Ruth volunteer as members. Mary Lou expressed that we need to get eastern Montana sanitarians involved.

**Awards** – The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Laurel, is chair. The President Elect, Ruth, is also a standing member. Karen asked Corrine Rose to be on the committee, as a past award recipient, and she agreed. Someone suggested past award winners could talk about what winning an award means to them at a conference, to inspire more award nominations.

**Articles/Bylaws** – Mary Lou asserted our Articles/ByLaws should reflect the goal of protecting the environment, just as NEHA does in their Articles of Incorporation preamble. Ruth stated resistance was voiced at the fall conference at the idea of making minor corrections. Erik, Mary Lou, and Josh are interested in working on this committee. Ruth volunteered to chair because there is renewed momentum for changes.

**Legislation/Resolutions** – Tom Moore was very active last year, but has not responded to the email asking if he wants to be on the committee this year. Christine, Mary Lou, Ruth (advisory), Steve (advisory), Kathy Moore and Jim Carlson responded to Karen's email. Laurel volunteered to join. Mary Lou will contact the previous group by email, to start organizing the committee. This committee still needs a chairperson, who will need to be able to make a significant time commitment.

**Conference Planning** – Karen indicated the conference planning is moving forward, with two possible venues -the Butte Copper King and Fairmont Hot Springs. The MEHA-MPHA

conference planning committee is expected to choose soon. Committee members are Ruth, Laurel, Karen, and Mary Lou. Subcommittees needing formation in the future are for welcoming, speakers, vendors and silent auction.

**Membership** – Frank reports more brochures were printed. Karen brought to our attention that the treasurer ends up with membership duties. When Karen mentioned “membership” is not listed as a committee in our Articles, Mary Lou stated this could be added. At last count, MEHA had 126 members. Possible recruitment ideas suggested are DEQ’s list of interested persons, the registered sanitarian list (available from the Board), and recent retirees.

**Communications** – Mary Lou offered to help Rod Daniel with the newsletter. Denise Moldroski continues to update our web page. Any board member who was not at the fall conference is asked to send a photo to Karen for the web site.

**Archives** – Tom Moore and Tim Read have committed to continue on this committee.

**Foundation** - The immediate past president, Christine, is the chair. Other standing members are the past-past president, Crystal Nuno, and treasurer, Joshua. Erik and Karen enrolled.

**Workforce & Professional Development Sub-Committee** – Members include Jennifer Reiser (co-chair), Susan Brueggeman (co-chair), Barbara Woodbury, Steve Kilbreath, Melissa Tuemmler, Paul Reeves, Treavor Johnson, Clay Vincent, and Alisha Johnson. The board is not aware of any recent activity.

**Old Business:** Karen reiterated the MPHA fall conference report will be delivered.

**New Business:**

**MEHA/MPHA Fall Conference** – Karen recapped the conference planning committee report.

**Public Health Taskforce Survey** – Karen forwarded our responses to this survey by email to the Taskforce and the MEHA board.

**Spring Conference** – The FCS spring conference will consist of a two and a half day course, offered twice. A one-hour lunch break is available between the courses, from noon to 1pm on Wednesday. The board concluded to hold an in-person membership meeting during this conference, instead of offering an iLinc conference call.

**Next Meeting:** December 1, 2011 at 1pm.

**Adjournment:** Karen entertained a motion to adjourn. Ruth motioned and Mary Lou seconded the motion. Karen adjourned the meeting at 1:46 pm.