

**Montana Environmental Health Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Phone Conference 1:30 pm**  
**March 3, 2013 (Approved April 4, 2013)**

MEHA Board Officers Present

Ruth Piccone, President  
Laurel Riek, President-Elect  
Anna LaFountain, Secretary  
Mary Lou Gilman, Director  
Toots Taszut, Alternate Treasurer Director  
Erik Leigh, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Sandy Johnson, Director

Jerrod Mohr, Director

Board Officers Not Present

Josh Juarez, Treasurer

Foundation Directors Present

Karen Solberg, Past President

Foundation Directors Not Present

Christine Hughes

Call to Order

Ruth called the meeting to order at approximately 1:32 pm.

Minutes

Anna e-mailed copies of the February 7th board meeting to everyone. Edits and corrections were suggested and made. Laurel motioned to approve the minutes as corrected, Mary Lou 2<sup>nd</sup> motion, and it passed.

Treasurer's Report

Josh was not present for the meeting. No report.

Committee Reports

Articles of Incorporation and bylaws:

September 2012 version will be emailed out soon. Will not have official newsletter this year, but will have a link to pertinent information on the MEHA website. Ruth will get those out before spring meeting.

Awards

No report. Ruth will ask Corrine Rose to join committee. Laurel will get awards form forwarded to Eric.

Conference Planning

Committee has not met yet. Ruth has been trying to get link for conference on MEHA website. She will send out blast e-mail for presenters when it is up. Have chosen keynotes speaker, Alicia Enriquez, who is the NEHA president elect. AMPHO's current president will present with her. Richard Opper has been asked to do the speech at the Awards Banquet. Still are looking for more speakers and the deadline is May.

Nominations:

Eric will send out a letter to all supervisors of registered sanitarians and ask for them for nominations. A good list of supervisors can be found in the Public Health directory. Want to ensure that current list is accurate and up to date.

Resolutions and Legislative:

Legislature has been talking about doing a study bill for the cottage food act. Some think that a study bill would be too much work. Study bill would get everyone together who would be affected by the cottage food act and let them all discuss the ramifications of the act. Unsure of how the cottage food act would affect the task force who is working on adopting the FDA 2009 food code. Christine Hughes has been coordinating with AMPHO and Linda Stoll to have people testify on our behalf on various bills. Legislature is still not listening to scientific

evidence about various issues i.e. raw milk, food safety, subdivisions etc. Mary Lou will try to summarize all bills that will affect members and present them to the members at the spring meeting.

#### Communications

Have been writing letters to legislatures and communicating with lobbyist about issues. Not a lot of internal MEHA communication has occurred. Bill summary will be sent out and hopefully will cause members to get more involved with legislature. Discussion was had about doing away with the newsletter. Some think it is better to e-mail out information as it occurs. Sending news alerts emails may be the way to go. People do want the newsletter but do not want to contribute to it.

#### MEHA Foundation

No meeting. Discussion was had about different types of fundraisers. The big fundraiser for the year is the silent auction at the fall conference. Other ideas for fundraisers were discussed. Have \$500-1500 set aside for scholarship money. Discussed getting rid of scholarships in the past because it is so difficult to get money to student. Discussed giving money to members who have to pay membership and conference fees out of pocket. Will get information about internal MEHA scholarships. Will include information in fall conference information. Need to make sure when mailing information we use the members list, not all mailers list.

#### Membership

According to the website we have 130 members. Josh may have more accurate numbers. Have issues getting accurate membership information, this is an issue as we need people to have up to date information about membership.

#### Old Business

None.

#### New Business

Spring meeting was going to be done by a webX or ilink presentation due to positive feedback in the past when these methods were used. Could try to arrange to do it at same time as FDA training in April but may be difficult to schedule. Do not think that all material could be covered during a lunch meeting. This would also exclude members who do not attend FDA training in Helena. Could have people call in for meeting, give them all information before the meeting and tell members ahead of time that it will be a very short meeting. There was discussion about presenting information about what has been going on in the legislature this session. Perhaps doing a summary of all bills that would affect members.

We have had problems adding and removing members from the Credit Union account. Currently the members on the credit union account are Josh, Karen, Kathy, Frank. We need at least 2 current members on it. Will have Karen call and remove the non-members and then have her name added to the account in April when she comes to Helena for the training. Will also put Toots on it too.

#### Next meeting

Next meeting will be determined depending on when the spring meeting is.

Mary Lou motioned to end the meeting, Toots 2<sup>nd</sup>, and it passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:22p.m.