

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE BOARD

MONTANA ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Date | time 9/28/2016 1:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Alisha Johnson, President

In Attendance

See attached sign-in sheet.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes from 2015 business mtg. Alisha asked if anyone had edits/suggestions. Kathy Moore moved to approve 2015 minutes. Laura Brusky 2nd. Motion passed by acclamation.

Board

See attendance listing above.

Treasurer's report

Erik Leigh gave the treasurer's report balances as follows.

Association Account	Balance	Foundation Account	Balance
Checking	\$1,139.11	Checking	\$3,814.49
Savings	\$12,356.91	Savings	\$3,922.11

Committee Reports

Legislative Affairs Committee report given by Karen Solberg.

- Linda Stohl is no longer our lobbyist.
- Our new lobbyist is Jim Ayers (sp? – ask Karen for the correct spelling)
- MEHA's portion of Jim's required fees is \$4400, which is \$1100 more dollars than we had to pay Linda Stohl, but still the going rate for a lobbyist these days. We split the fees three ways with MPHA and AMPHO
- Karen and Christine Hughes will be having monthly conference calls with Ayers.
- Greg McGann asked if we had to have a motion in order to approve the fee increase. Alisha explained that it is included in the budget, and can be discussed/amended during the budget approval discussion.

Membership Report given by Alisha Johnson.

- There are current 66 paid MEHA members. She expressed serious concerns about membership issues, namely declining member numbers, unwillingness to pay dues, and the impact it's having on our revenue (projection is that we will be in the red in the next few years). Alisha shared the results from a survey that was sent out to the membership (and others?) regarding satisfaction with our organization, and what we might do to attract more members.
- Alisha said the Kathy Moore has volunteered to create and maintain an expert contact list, which will be available to members.
- Alisha solicited suggestions, and encouraged those present to pay dues, and to email her with ideas to bolster our membership and improve perceptions of MEHA in the eyes of current, former, and potential members.

Conference Planning Report given by Alisha Johnson.

- Discussed the many advantages to continuing to have a joint conference with MPHA. It keeps conference costs much lower, improves our ability to attract excellent speakers, and provides networking opportunities that we otherwise don't have. She entertained a motion to continue this partnership. Terry Murphy – so moved. Beth Norberg - 2nd. Motion passed by acclamation.
- Alisha indicated that next year's conference would likely be in Missoula. In general, the conference rotates from the east, central, and west sides of the state.

Awards: See Awards attachment.

Cooperation update given by Kathy Moore.

- Kathy Moore represents MEHA on the Public Health Systems Improvement Task Force. She gave an update on the current affair of the Task Force, and gave a handout describing the mission and work of the group. She said that they are looking into creation of a partial scholarship for individuals pursuing a Certificate on Public Health (CPH), and hoped to have that available by 2017. She encouraged MEHA members to contact her with issues, ideas, or concerns to take back to this group.

Nominations:

Three open positions: Vice President, Secretary, and one Director.

- VP – Leah Hickey nominated Jeanna Miller. Jeanna did everything she could, just short of declining the nomination, to encourage somebody else to take this office. She indicated that her time is limited, and that election to VP would mean that there would be three Missoula sanitarians in elected positions, and that can bring some judgement from other members. She accepted the nomination after nobody in the room volunteered or was nominated. Kathy Moore moved to elect Jeanna , Terry Murphy 2nd. Motion passed by acclamation.

- Secretary – Dustin Schreiner did not attend business mtg, but had verbally accepted nomination from Alisha earlier in the day. Terry moved, Kathy M. 2nd. Motion passed by acclamation.
- Director – Brittney Krahn. Terry moved, Beth 2nd. Motion passed by acclamation.
- The other officers are:
 - Alisha – President.
 - Leah Hickey – PresidentiElect
 - Erik Leigh - treasurer
 - Laura Brusky – Director/Alt Treasurer
 - Anna Schaffield and Jeff Havens – Directors

Announcements

No new announcements.

Next Meeting

Not discussed due to time constraints.

President's Report

Alisha Johnson presented this report.

Business

Proposed budget for next year—see attachment.

- The largest increase in expenditure is the extra \$1100 for the lobbyist.
- The other large expense is sending the Vice President to the NEHA conference each year. Alisha and Leah Hickey made a strong case for why it is important that we have a MEHA rep at the national conference. Mainly because it provides a great opportunity to recruit speakers.
- Alisha is going to eliminate the conference line fee by swapping it for a free service.
- Alisha requested a budget line item of up to \$600 for the Membership Committee. She would like to use this money to update our very old, dated logo.
- Chad Lanes moved to approved the budget with the amendment that an amount of \$600 be added to the Membership expense line. Sarah Robbin 2nd. Motion passed by acclamation.

Please Sign In & pass on

Fall Business meeting - MEHA - Billings, MT
9-28-16 12:15 - 1:15

1. Leah Hickey
2. Alisha Johnson
3. Jeanna Miller
4. Thom Danenhower
5. Beth Norberg
6. Joy Plant
7. Frank Preskor
8. Grey McGinn
9. Kathy Moore
10. NATHAN DAVE
11. Terry Murphy
12. Sarah Robbin
13. Millie Olsen
14. Renee Greener
15. Aunt Bausky
16. Chad Lanes
17. Cam Shipp
18. Anna Schaffeld
19. ~~TOOTS IASZUT~~
20. Julie Fether
21. Barb Kingry
22. Ed Evanson
23. Karen Solberg
24. Sue Cozzens
25. Clay Vincent
26. Scott Wardell
27. TRAVIS WEST
28. Rod Link
29. Bob A
30. Erik Leijk

3 cents of Rec. - Michael Dorshorst
Jenni Frase
Kerrey Bennett

Rookie of the year - Hannah Groves

Outstanding Sanitarian - ~~me~~ Leah Hickey

Excellence Award - Barb Kingery of DEQ

Outstanding achievement - Ed Evanson