

MASSACHUSETTS ENVIRONMENTAL
HEALTH ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

DATE: November 10, 2010

ATTENDEES: Gerry Cody, President
Regina Hanson, Secretary
Michael Blanchard, Treasurer

Leon Bethune, Heather Gallant,, Patrick Maloney, Paul McNulty, Michael Moore, Dan Ottenheimer, Gary Perlman, Larry Ramdin, Deborah Rosati, Steve Ward, Jim White Sam Wong

I WELCOME

President Cody opened the meeting at 10:16 and welcomes all members in attendance.

II TREASURER'S REPORT

Balances for the bank accounts are as follows:
Checking: \$48,486.48
Money Market: 28,841.39

The fiscal year taxes have been filed. Treasurer Blanchard has expressed his interest in reaching out to the Financial Committee for guidance.

III COMMITTEE REPORTS

Work Force Development

Joel Tickner, Associate Professor, Department of Community Health and Sustainability at UMASS Lowell presented to the board about their 5 year BS/MS Environmental Sciences degree. The program currently has ten students but as the enrollment increases the hope to incorporate internships with local health department. On January 10, 2011 UMASS Lowell will host a breakfast for local health department to promote their program.

Hazardous Materials

The board discussed how to distribute the remaining DVDs. H. Porter has a list of who has already received a copy. By Mid-December the program will be converted to "flash" and be available on the website. The board also discussed posting segments on UTube

Education

D. Ottenheimer has spoken with the committee about organizing wastewater training in January. He has already secured a few speakers.

The website will be update to reflect upcoming meetings and seminars.

Coalition for Public Health

President Cody reported that the last meeting was cancelled and the next meeting will be 12/13/2010

Food Safety

H. Gallant updated the board on upcoming meeting with FIAC (12/1/10) and the Partnership (12/2/10)

The agreed to investigate the grant from the FDA (\$5,000) to act as the fiscal agent for DPH.

M. Moore reports that the "Food Plan Review Course" is being organized between the DPH and the FDA. Also, the FDA course "Special Processes in Food Procedures" was well attended and regarded.

Environmental Data Collecting and Reporting

L. Bethune is working on the interface problem and is hoping to have a "demo" ready for the December Meeting.

Website

G. Perlmann reports the website has had "zero" downtime and is backed-up twice a day making it easier to update. There was a review of activity on the site.

R.Hanson and S. Wong volunteered to act as a "Clearing Committee" to review submitted links/ posting for the website for their appropriateness of content.

L. Ramdin recommends the board reach out to local Personnel/ Human Resources Department to get more job posting on the site.

IV OLD BUSINESS

L. Ramdin gave a history of the conference and why the association should continue to participate. P. McNulty recommends that the Yankee Board of Directors should reconsider how often and where the conference is held. There was a discussion of how to improve attendance.

V NEW BUSINESS

The Food Inspector Training Video could fall into place with PHIT-Food in cooperation with Boston University and Work Force Development

L. Ramdin made a motion that MEHA accept the invitation from to participate in the Food Inspectors training course by coordinating and hosting the program. Seconded by R. Hanson. Passed unanimously.

J. White reports the Regionalization Group is conducting a survey of local health Departments.

S.Ward report the CHO board has reviewed and is updating the exam to include more administrative questions.

L. Ramdin is in discussion with the nation of Trinidad about an environmental health exchange program. The board is asked to consider inviting 2 health agents from Trinidad to the Yankee Conference 2011 to present. The association will cover their airfare and hotel.

G. Cody made a motion to adjourn at 11:41. Seconded by R. Hanson. Passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: December 8, 2010 at 10:00 AM (conference call)