

**MASSACHUSETTS ENVIRONMENTAL**  
**HEALTH ASSOCIATION**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

DATE: July 19, 2012

ATTENDEES: Heidi Porter, President  
Alan Perry, Vice President  
Regina Hanson, Secretary  
Michael Blanchard, Treasurer

Leon Bethune, Gerry Cody, Heather Gallant, Patrick Maloney, Kathleen MacVarish, Michael Moore, Dan Ottenheimer, Susan Sawyer, Jim White, Robin Williams

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**I WELCOME**

President Porter opened the meeting at 12:36 and welcomes all members in attendance. The board thanked K. MacVarish for the venue and the trainer, Amanda Hennessey, for her presentation on public speaking.

The board welcomes its new members: Susan Sawyer and Robin Williams.

**II MINUTES**

A. Perry a motion to accept the minutes of 04/11/12. Motion seconded by R. Hanson. Motion passed unanimously.

**III TREASURER'S REPORT**

Balances for the bank accounts total \$71,606.11

The budget has been submitted to the state for the Emergency Preparedness grant.

**IV COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**LSAC**

G. Cody will continue to represent MEHA. He reports MEMA's Deputy Director of Regional Planning will be attending meeting regarding regional shelters. The state is looking for the local health departments to provide staff to the shelters.

**Coalition for Public Health**

G. Cody reports the MRC Liability bill is not getting support in the State House of Representatives. The overriding opinion is that the proposal will cost the state too much and the actions are already covered by the "Good Samaritan" law.

**Regionalization**

J. White advises the board of the state's intention to fund 5 groups for shared services with DIGS grants.

**Mass Partnership for Food Protection** no report

## **Yankee Conference**

This year's conference in Mystic, CT will be the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The National Certificate of Merit will be presented to Leon Bethune at the conference.

## **Website**

G. Perlmann submitted the statistics for the website. From May to July the website had 4,000 unique visitors.

## **Education**

K. MacVarish reports the Mass PHIT-Food course has six field trainers and will start the next class in December

The board discussed training topic for the year ahead. Topics include:

November: burial permits/ death certificates and in-home wakes.

December: Mass PHIT-Food

January: septic training in Taunton

February: housing

March: nuisance as well as two 3 day courses offered by the FDA on "Food plan review" and "HACCP".

Workforce Development is offering a modular management course (fourteen 2 hour sessions). The program will be piloted in mid to late December.

The Registered Sanitarian course is being offered at the Yankee Conference.

## **Environmental Data Collecting and Reporting**

L. Bethune reports that the food database is ready for testing. He is investigating a CDC grant to fund development of hand-held devices for data collection by inspectors in the field.

## **V NEW BUSINESS**

P. Maloney informed the board that the proposed revised Housing Code is forthcoming.

D. Ottenhiemer volunteered to review the association's by-law.

H. Porter made a motion to adjourn at 2:50. Seconded by J White. Passed unanimously.