



Connecticut Environmental Health Association

Board of Directors meeting

September 14, 2021

Via Zoom Platform

Call to order: Kevin Elak, President at 11:03am

Additions to Agenda: Workforce Development moved up on the agenda right to be right after the Education

Attendees: Ryan McCammon, Tanielle Davis, Maryam Hosseini, Phyllis Amodio, Dianne Harding, Erica Mikulak, Katie Baldwin, Alyssa Brochu, Brianna Britos-Swain, Don Kendrick, Liz Kavanah, Kevin Elak, Mindy Chambrelli, Steve Yenco, Michelle Hansen, Scott Cook, Brian Falkner

Guests: Robert Powitz, Danielle Holmes LLHD, Tracey Weeks DPH/FPP

1. **President's Report:** *Kevin E*

- a) A projector has been purchased for the conference. Middletown HD will loan two but there is still a need for more as backup. Dianne has offered to provide two and Katie will check to see if she will be able to offer one as well
- b) *Dianne H* - Three microphones were also purchased but there might be a need for some backup as well, especially for future events.

2. **Secretary's Report:** *Tanielle D*

Minutes dated August 10, 2021 was presented to the board.

A motion was initiated by Maryam to accept the minutes and was seconded by Katie. None opposed, one abstention, motion carried.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** *Scott C.*

Full detail of account balances and transactions can be seen in Scott's report which was emailed on 9-13-21. Current balances of the accounts are the same with the exception of the checking account which is still receiving funds from Yankee Conference. Revenue also came in from membership dues and employment ads. Payments were also made on credit card fees, zoom account, liability of insurance and the new projector.

Scott motions to accept the treasurer's report and a second was made by Mindy, none opposed. Motion was carried.



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4. **Education Report:** *Dianne H.*

The number of attendees for the Yankee Conference is increasing daily.

The CEHA annual meeting is proposed for November 4th 2021. Mindy has already been in communication with the vendor and the space available should we choose to commit. Discussion ensued.

The Education Chair position will become available at the end of this year. Dianne will make mention of this at the annual meeting for potential candidates.

5. **Workforce Development:** *Brianna S. & Alyssa B.*

At the current moment, the committee is not looking to legislatively change the definition of Registered Sanitarian but to clearly define who we are in CEHA.

The team is brainstorming ways to get people to be a part of the world of environmental health. Whether it be through a mentoring program or outreach to different universities, not only SCSU. Once the audience is reached, the other undertaking is keeping folks engaged and wanting to stay in the field.

Robert Powitz (Guest)

Outreach should start from the high school level. Students in high school are not aware of who we are/ what we do similarly so for a most college students. Mr. Powitz spoke on the definition of environmental health professional/ Sanitarian and recognizing who we are and promoting our profession.

Legislation: *Liz K.*

Nothing to report at this time.

6. **Membership:** *Maryam H*

There was only one new member for last month. Approval was given by 15 votes.

7. **Nomination/ Election:** *Phyllis A*

There's nothing to report on nominations at this time.

A request for proclamation was sent to the governor's office for November 5th. It's recommended that Chris have someone carry this one for the future.

8. **Publicity:** *Lisa Y., Michelle H.*

A few job posting was made on the website and the email was sent out for the conference.

9. **Scholarships/Awards:** *Erica M.*

Nothing to report at this time. However, clarification was needed on whether the Perriello Award is to be given out at the conference or at the annual meeting. Discussion followed.



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Technical Committee:

10. **Lead:** *Kristin A.*

Not present.

Email followed with information on 9-15-21

The week of October 25th-31st is Lead Poisoning Prevention Week. There is a semi-annual virtual meeting on October 25th from 10-12pm. DPH will also be hosting a few webinars that week as well. DPH is currently working with their legal office to move forward with the dust wipe changes from the EPA...more to come on that. DPH is also hoping to hire 2 new staff in October.

11. **Food Safety:** Steve Y. & Katie B.

- a) Tracey Weeks: Code Advisory meeting is stalled. Awaiting the green light from the governor's office before an invitation can be sent out. Regulations have left the AG's office and will be on to a formal review.

Ryan – Will refreshers be offered to inspectors since it's been awhile since the last training?

Refreshers will be offered to Sanitarians

- b) Katie followed up on the questions in regards to the food code

Designated alternate will be an individual who is assigned to limited activity. This person will not be able to serve in the same capacity as defined in B42.

CFPM can be multiple persons. (I.e. If the current CFPM is sick another CFPM has to step in and not a designated alternate)

- c) Not having a CFPM will remain a *pf* item

12. **Subsurface Sewage:** Ryan M.

There are 41 applicants for the October 19th training course. There is a two-step process for when registering for the course. You sign up and receive a confirmation and then you're contacted via email for payment.

September 20th to the 24th is Septic Smart Week.

At the Code Advisory meeting, held on August 24th, there was discussion on some of the proposed changes. The updates are still on track but maybe pushed back from the proposed date.

Bill Scully will be retiring by the end of the month

Subsurface sewage will need to find a new a co-chair as Ryan will be stepping down.



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13. **Water/Wells:** *Don K.*

Unable to attend the work group meeting that was held due to work conflict. Don will connect with Tiziana Shea for an update.

14. **Body Arts/Personal Services:** *Brian F.*

Nothing new to report at this time. If your town does not have a local ordinance for inspecting tattoo establishment, use 20-266.

15. **Old Business:** Tabled

16. **New Business:** None

17. **Adjourn:** Alyssa motions to Adjourn 2nd by Ryan. Meeting adjourned at 12:09pm