

MASSACHUSETTS ENVIRONMENTAL
HEALTH ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

DATE: September 12, 2012

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

Leon Bethune, Gerry Cody, Kathleen MacVarish, Pat Maloney, Gary Perlman, Larry Ramdin, Jim White

I WELCOME

President Porter opened the meeting and welcomed all Board members. The meeting was delayed due to the HHAN alert and mosquito control conference call.

II MINUTES

R. Hanson stated there are no minutes ready for this meeting.

III FINANCIAL REPORT

IV COMMITTEE REPORTS

Website

The website averages 600 visits with an average duration of 10 minutes per month. "Food Allergy Awareness" is the most popular area of the sight.

G. Perlman proposed to the Board purchasing software for additional security. The cost would be \$269.10 annually.

G. Perlman also requested some Board members undergo training to be "back-up" webmasters. R. Hanson and L. Bethune volunteered.

Education

A. Perry informed the Board of a change to the up-coming Association training. "Mosquito Control" will be the topic for the November training. The original topic, "Death Certificates", will be postponed. Also, D. Ottenheimer is coordinating the January training regarding wastewater. The training will be held in Taunton.

Workforce Development

K. MacVarish reports on the status of the Mass PHIT- Wastewater program. Attendees would have to meet the pre-requisite of holding Massachusetts Registered Sanitarian, Soil Evaluator or System Inspector license. The program consists of seven presentations, 2-3 classroom time. She is looking for health agents willing to help with the training.

Mass PHIT- Food will be offered in December.

The on-line management course will be coming early in the new year.

Foundation course is getting organized for a 3-day IPM program in April.

Environmental Data Collection and Reporting

L. Bethune reports that restaurant inspection forms have been uploaded to the pilot testing handheld. The Town of Watertown will begin piloting the device in December.

V YANKEE CONFERENCE

The advanced attendance for the event is low. The Board discussed granting scholarships to encourage our membership to attend.

The National President and Executive Director of NEHA will be attending

L. Ramdin made a motion to allocate two thousand dollars for individual allocations at the president's discretion. Applications must be forwarded to the president by noon on Friday. The motion was seconded by J. White. The motion passed unanimously.

IV NEW BUSINESS

G. Cody reports that he has a Boston University student developing a pamphlet on "Sharps and Infectious/ Medical Waste" for the Boards review.

P. Maloney has the "Sanitarian of the Year" plaque to present at the Yankee Conference. He also informed Board members that New York and New Jersey have been added to Region 9 for representation.

L. Ramdin made a motion to adjourn at 12:03. Seconded by J White. Passed unanimously

NEXT MEETING: 11/07/12 @ 10:00AM