

New Mexico Environmental Health Association  
Meeting Minutes  
June 18, 2013

Location: Indian Health Service  
801 Vassar Drive N.E., Building 22  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106

Present: Jeff Dickson, Bob Bates, Debra Grabowski, Esme Donato, Shannon BlueEyes, Joe Anguiano, Michael Broussard

Absent: Lucas Tafoya

Jeff Dickson called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM

1. April Meeting Minutes

The May meeting minutes were reviewed by the Board at the beginning of the meeting. There were no additional changes offered at this meeting.

2. Financial Report

Checking Account Balance - \$4328.34  
Savings Account Balance - \$7669.19

Bob is still getting payments for both the Vector Control and Special Processes courses. He has two checks from NMED that need to be deposited. Bob talked to Suzanne at the State about having one person register and the other attendees can be listed as guests. This way a single invoice can be generated for everyone.

3. Vector Control Conference

- a. Esme developed a Survey Monkey questionnaire concerning the Vector Control Conference. It is still open so no results have been tabulated yet. The poll needs to be closed.
- b. Esme sent out a pesticide brochure to the Vector Control conference attendees.

4. NEHA Conference

- a. Jeff was approved for attendance at the NEHA conference by a vote of the Board. He stated that the Survey Monkey poll was a good way to get quick responses. He mentioned that he had not included the registration fee of \$300.00. There was a seconded motion that NMEHA would cover all of Jeff's expenses up to a total of \$2400.00. The motion passed. Jeff will submit actual receipts for reimbursement upon his return.

5. Annual Conference

- a. COA is being asked how they came up with the scoring system and point values. They would like for a speaker to address how relative risk factors correspond to the point values on the inspection form. They would also like to know what prompts a risk assessment to be done in the first place.
- b. Member Participation – members could help with registration as well as handing out materials, Michael suggested dividing up tasks and assigning them to individuals, Debbie

- suggested that they could help with the awards, Bob said the membership should be asked about ideas for the conference
- c. Lucas talked to John Fleck and he will not be able to be a speaker, but John gave him some additional people to contact
  - d. Michael said that Steve Zappe will be happy to sit on a panel to discuss Farmer's Markets
  - e. Joe said that the Sprout Grower's Association might be able to make a presentation
  - f. Jeff will check his notes and make assignments for the Farmer's Market presentation
  - g. Michael suggested presentations on Farm to Table, buy Local Initiatives and Good Agricultural Practices for producers and processors
  - h. Jeff said that air quality Monitoring from COA or the New Mexico Asthma Alliance could be possible presenters
  - i. Kitty Richards from Bernco Healthy Communities could speak on indoor environmental improvements
  - j. Bob suggested the speaker from the new New Mexico Environmental Health Tracking database
  - k. Jeff will organize all of the topics into a spreadsheet
  - l. Joe asked if there were any farm applicators at the vector conference, Good Agricultural Practices cover pesticide application on micro farms, small operators do not have a good knowledge of pesticide application
  - m. Michael will talk to potential speakers on onsite wastewater and grey water recycling

#### 6. Changes to the Structure of NMEHA

- a. changes may require a constitutional change
- b. Bob said that elected officers should be separate from an agency's representation, each agency should put forth candidates for office but the elected and appointed seats should be separate, academia has dropped off from participating, The NMDA and private companies have also not been participating
- c. Esme – seats could be allocated by the size of the organization, how do we get private representation, perhaps we could approach private organizations directly
- d. We need a more diverse Board to meet the needs of all members
- e. Jeff – we don't want the same people in year after year, how do we ensure managers appoint different people
- f. The organization is dedicated to improving the professional competencies of New Mexico employees
- g. Bob – we need to show the value of the organization
- h. Joe – we could increase the number of open spots and put it out to other divisions such as Air, etc.
- i. Jeff will get the ideas fleshed out by the end of June and hopefully be able to get approval of a format by the end of July
- j. People who would appoint – City would be Mary Lou Leonard or Mark DiMenna, NMED would be Tom Blair of the Environmental Health Division, Bernco would be George Schroeder, IHS would be Debra Grabowski
- k. Perhaps a team manager approach could be used
- l. Esme suggested that the appointees could be aligned to specific offices such as secretary, treasurer, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.