

New Mexico Environmental Health Association
Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2013

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

Present: Jeff Dickson, Debra Grabowski, Michael Broussard, Lucas Tafoya

Absent: Bob Bates, Esme Donato, Joe Anguiano, Shannon BlueEyes

Jeff Dickson called the meeting to order at 10:22 AM

1. June Meeting Minutes

The June 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 - \$4984.24
Savings Account Balance - \$7667.43

The State will need to put everyone on one invoice in order to be easily payable in Wild Apricot.
Jeff will get an itemized invoice to bob for his trip to NEHA.

3. NEHA Conference

a. Jeff will summarize his notes.

- a. NMEHA is generally in line with what others are doing.
- b. Currently, 32 undergraduate and 8 graduate schools are accredited in environmental health, so how do we recruit younger people into environmental health
- c. NEHA says that 1500 environmental health students enrolled is not enough
- d. NEHA wants to remain relevant
- e. Many affiliates are having a hard time surviving
- f. There are 5000 NEHA members and 7000 individuals who are NEHA credentialed
- g. NEHA will look at the credentialing rate structure – some large agencies pay for credentialing but not membership
- h. NEHA does activities that affect us – presence on Boards, policy decisions, etc.
- i. The Regional vice-president has a budget to attend state conferences - \$900.00 – Sandra Long
- j. Four people are running for second vice-president this year
- k. Arizona and Ohio are considering using Wild Apricot
- l. Affiliates can use NEHA voting software
- m. NMEHA may also be able to use the NEHA membership database
- n. NMEHA needs to describe to the membership what we have been doing lately
- o. Michigan environmental health is updating their ready reference and will sell it on Amazon
- p. Washington State has a student who attend the board meetings

- q. What do we want from the national organization? NMEHA needs to fashion our own needs and present them to NMEHA
- r. Need to follow up with Brian – what makes a great organization?

4. Annual Conference

- a. Jim Dingman from UL is a possibility
- b. Last year's survey aligns with basically the direction we're going
- c. Steve Zappe will discuss Farmer's Markets from the State perspective
- d. In Bernalillo County, Farmer's markets are mainly small and more traditional
- e. Jeff will talk with COA and see who they want to have present
- f. Michael will contact the Santa Fe Farmer's Market and see if they want to present
- g. Good Agricultural Practices – met with John ? of the Cooperative Extension Service – he said that there is a lack of traceability, produce is being co-mingled to fill orders
- h. It would be good to have a presentation on GAPs, it will give us the information we need when we talk to establishments
- i. POWRA wants to give a presentation at our conference
- j. We should get the presentation slides 3-4 weeks in advance
- k. Grey water reuse is a good topic – Jim Benson
- l. The John Fleck referral has not been able to be reached yet
- m. Lucas suggested taking a tour of the Friedman Recycling Facility on Edith
- n. Lucas will contact Kitty Richards from the Bernco Healthy Communities Program

6. Other Business

- a. Lucas will ask Esme if the survey Monkey has closed
- b. Jeff wants to form a 3-4 member team, lead by Esme, to develop a new member orientation to NMEHA

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.