



Texas Environmental Health Association

Draft Minutes of the Governing Council

Friday, October 16, 2009

Omni Southpark in Austin

1. Call to Order was given by President Jodie Heilman at 12:42 pm.
2. Invocation was given by Chaplain Jeff McWhorter.
3. Roll Call was made by Steve Berry.
Officers Present:, President -Jodie Heilman, President Elect-Betty Richardson, First Vice-President-Steve Killen , Second Vice-President Janet Tucker, Past President-Kelly Kirkpatrick-Stockburger
Governing Council Members Present: Dan Dennison, Julie Stallcup, Susan Yates, Tony Gray, Sandra Long Proxy for Bill Alsup, Mike Williamson Proxy for Ree Slovin
Chapter Presidents Present: Central Texas, Lori Calzoncit; East Texas, Tommy Wheeler for Kevin Hammett; Gulf Coast, Russell O'Brien Proxy for Betty Richardson; West Texas, Cheryn Hargrave; South Texas, Victor Baldovinos Proxy for James Soderholtz
Also Present: Steve Berry, Executive Secretary Treasurer; Kandy Berry
4. Approval of Minutes from August 7th meeting. On a motion by Steve Killen and seconded by Kelly Kirkpatrick-Stockburger, minutes from the August 7th Governing Council meeting were approved as read.
5. Report from the Executive Secretary-Treasurer was given by Steve Berry
 - a. Membership and Financial Report-Steve B. reported a total membership of 1221. Central Texas 307, East Texas 63, Gulf Coast 236, North Texas 389, Panhandle/West Texas 68, South Texas 142, At Large 16. Steve B. reminded council these numbers may be somewhat inflated and a more accurate report will be provided at the January GC meeting. Steve B. provided a copy of the financial report for January through October 11, 2009 to all council members. The association remains in strong financial position. A complete financial report of the AEC will be provided at the January meeting.
 - b. Status of Printing Issues- Steve B. reported that we are moving toward the goal of going green. We are hoping that the winter issue of the Beacon will be the last time we have to have it printed. Ballots will continue to be printed and mailed according to the bylaws, but we are moving toward emailing membership cards and let the members print them.
 - c. Website, Beacon and TEHA E-news update-Steve B. reported that some members have contacted him and requested their personal information be changed on the TEHA E-News service. Steve B. explained that TEHA E-News is a subscription service and has to be updated by the member. As we move toward going green with communication via email, we could eventually do away with TEHA E-News. We are constantly looking for ways to enhance the website. If you have any suggestions or if you see things that need to be updated, please contact Steve B. The next edition of the Beacon will be the winter edition in January/February, 2010.
 - d. Correspondence-Steve B received an email from a member who was very upset when he was not presented the I.E. Scott award. Steve B. reported that the committee reviewed and denied his application for the award.
 - e. Steve B. provided a copy of officer/councilor duties and responsibilities to benefit new members and asked each member to review the duties for the individual position they hold on council.
 - f. Steve B. also provided a list of all TEHA committees for 2009-2010. Several positions on the list are blank due to election results not being known when the document was compiled and copied for this meeting. Steve B. reminded appropriate council members to solicit members to serve on the various committees and try to have all committee assignments filled by the January, 2010 meeting.
6. Report from the President-Jodie Heilman-Jodie voiced how excited she is to be serving as the President of TEHA this year. Jodie presented Kelly Kirkpatrick-Stockburger with her Past-Presidents pin for 2009 and thanked her again for her service. Jodie hopes to attend at least one quarterly meeting for all 6 of the TEHA Chapters and would love to go to South Padre.
7. NEHA Regional Report-Sandra Long The budget for NEHA will be discussed soon to find out where they stand financially. NEHA is offering all unemployed members a one year free

membership, contact them if you need this service. NEHA is offering free CE'S online. The next NEHA AEC will be in June, 2010 in Albuquerque, NM. This is located in Region 5, please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Sandra reported that she would be taking over Welford Roberts position on the Workhorse Committee.

- 8. 2010 AEC Program Planning Report-Steve Killen** reported that he would be contacting people to help identify and solicit speakers for the 2010 AEC. Betty reported that she asked Ginger and Susan to moderate OSSF again next year and they agreed, thank you Betty. Jodie and Kelly volunteered to moderate the Food section and Jodie said she would help with the Opening & Closing Sessions. Steve B. reported that he was going to draft a form to be filled out on all of the speakers. This would help everyone that needs to contact them. Pamela Webb ask that Steve B. provide that form to each chapter.

9. Standing Committee and Other Reports

- a. Professional Education-**Betty Richardson** – nothing at this time.
- b. Legislation and Guidance-**Janet Tucker** –reported that she needs 4 people for this committee. Julie Stallcup and Cheryn Hargrave agreed to become a part of this committee.
- c. Membership-**Janet Tucker** – Steve K. reported that we currently have 1221 members.
- d. Site Selection Committee-**Steve Berry** reported that Debra LeRoy with DCI had called and the responses from the RFP's she sent out are not very promising. Mary Meath with the Omni South Park asked Steve is we would sign a contract for 2011. Steve B. told her we were looking around and keeping our options open at this time.
- e. IE Scott Committee/Awards Committee-**Steve Berry** nothing at this time.
- f. Nomination Committee- **Kelly Kirkpatrick-Stockburger** nothing at this time.
- g. Visions in Environmental Health- **Dan Dennison** nothing at this time.
- h. TEHA Excellence in Environmental Health Award Committee-**Sandra Long** wants everyone to please contact her for applications for 2010.

- 10. Report from Sanitarian Advisory Committee Chair-Sandra Long** reported that there would be a meeting on Friday, March 26th 2010. Pamela Webb asked where the meeting would be held. It is in Austin at the Exchange Bldg. Julie Stallcup asked if there were still positions open. Sandra explained that yes, there are some open positions but the committee is wanting to change the qualifications.

11. Old Business

- a. TEHA Promotion in Honor of Willy Acuna-**Jodie Heilman** confirmed with Susan Yates that the North Texas Chapter is still working on doing something in honor of Willy.

12. New Business-Jodie Heilman

- a. Electronic Voting- **Dan Dennison**-would like to see us join the 21st century with this voting system. Roberts Rules of Order require that all council members be notified in advance for a vote to be taken. Steve B. reported he sent an email message to all council candidates well in advance of the AEC informing them this issue may be discussed and voted on at the Governing Council meeting at the conclusion of the AEC, therefore, meeting the requirements of Roberts Rule of Order. Dan Dennison indicated this would require an amendment to the constitution and bylaws and he had not prepared such an amendment but would present one at the next (January) meeting for council consideration and vote.
- b. Food Safety and Defense Task Force Mtg. -**Sandra Long-deferred to Kelly K-S** she reported that she was looking forward to the next meeting after she attended the forum in Austin.
- c. Donations-**Steve B.** reported that we had a bag full of donations that need to be given out to the chapters for them to give out at their meetings.
- d. Emergency Medical-**Tommy Wheeler** ask that we refer to Swine Flu as H1N1 and stated that some areas of the website needed this reference changed.
- e. Deadlines-**Steve B.** reported that he would email all 2010 deadlines ASAP.

13. Chapter Activity and Financial Reports

Central Texas-Lori Calzoncit reported their next meeting is Dec. 3rd with lunch included, CTEHA –free, TEHA member \$15.00, non-members \$30.00. Courier Day Pack was being discussed for all schools and age appropriate. They would also like to reach out to the elderly. Discussion also addressed possibly putting a coloring page on the web.

East Texas-Tommy Wheeler reported they are working with several people to plan some meetings.

Gulf Coast-Russell O'Brien reported that their next meeting would be held in Conroe at Lone Star with lunch provided on November 19th. You will be able to get 8 OSSF hours, 6 RS and Code hours.

North Texas-Pamela Webb reported that their next meeting would be on December 4th at Eddie Dean's. Richard Briley will be recognized with a Chapter Meritorious Award and the City of Richardson with an Award of Excellence.

South Texas-Victor Baldovinos reported they have a healthy budget. They are planning their next meeting for December 9th, 10th and 11th. This meeting offers Food/Code/Animal/Vector and RS. November 9th they will hold a Vector Exam and on November 16th they will hold a Structural Exam for Vector

West Texas/Panhandle-Cheryn Hargrave reported their TFER 101 meeting was well attended in Lubbock. Several participants stated they needed this class. In addition, I received several requests from members in other chapters, so I encourage other chapters to contact Ruth Hendy to do this class. We are looking into holding a meeting in December. We would like to add Steve B. to on-line banking.

14. Next Governing Council Meeting Date-Jodie Heilman

Friday January 8th, 2010, 8:30 am at the Omni Southpark in Austin

15. Adjournment-Jodie Heilman adjourned the meeting at 2:00 pm.