

**Montana Environmental Health Association  
General Membership Meeting  
Mammoth Hot Springs, Yellowstone Park  
October 19, 2010**

MEHA Board Members Present

Crystal Nuno, President  
Christine Hughes, President-Elect  
Karen Solberg, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Kathy Moore, Treasurer  
Mary Schroeder, Secretary  
Frank Preskar, Director / Alternate Treasurer  
Theresa Blazicevich, Director  
Jeanna McPherson, Director  
Tom Moore, Director

MEHA Board Members Not Present

Terry Murphy, Past President

Call to Order

Crystal Nuno called the meeting to order at approximately 12:20 pm. The meeting was held at the conference center in Mammoth Hot Springs, Yellowstone Park

Minutes:

Mary Schroeder introduced the minutes from April 21, 2010. Thomas Danenhower motioned to approve the minutes. Dan Hooten seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report

Kathy Moore gave the Treasurer's Report. The balances are: MEHA association checking account, \$9,197.26, MEHA savings account, \$18,094.18. The MEHA Foundation account balances are: \$556.02 in checking, MEHA foundation savings account, \$1,023.40. The D.A. Davidson account has been closed and money deposited in the MEHA savings account. The grand total is \$28,870.86.

The Association financial account has been filed with the IRS. The Foundation annual report has been filed with the Secretary of State. There are 123 members as of October 15, 2010. The complete Treasurer's report is included as part of the official minutes.

Committee Reports

Nominations

Karen Solberg: Envelopes containing ballots with the names of the individuals nominated for various positions on the Board and Officer positions are on the tables. The nominees are:

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Ruth Piccone

Alternate Treasurer and Director: Frank Preskar and Toots Taszut

Secretary: Paul Reeves

One year Director: Greg McGann

Two Year Director: Steve Kilbreath and Patty Hamblock

Pat Carroll motioned to close the nominations. Thomas Danenhower seconded the motion.

Elected Officers and Board Members:

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Ruth Piccone  
Alternate Treasurer and Director: Frank Preskar  
Secretary: Paul Reeves  
One year Director: Greg McGann  
Two Year Director: Steve Kilbreath

Awards:

Karen Solberg: Awards will be given at Wednesday evening's banquet.

Legislation

Tom Moore:

Bills that are scheduled to be introduced in the coming legislative session:

#1 – Require keeping mixing zones within the subdivision boundary lines or obtaining an easement to locate the mixing zone outside the boundaries of the subdivision. This is part of the Water Policy Bill and would be in the Sanitation in Subdivision Act.

#2 – To clarify that counties may require public water and sewer systems in new subdivisions.

#3 – DNRC had a court ruling that basically said they must consider combined appropriations when considering 35 gpm exempt wells.

#4 – Safe Chemicals Act in the Federal Government arena. This was last updated in 1973. EPA would regulate the Safe Chemicals Act. MEHA has been asked to write a letter in support of this act.

#5 – Food Safety Modernization Act with or without Senator Tester's small producer's exemption. Bill is in the U.S. Senate and is not moving towards a vote. Adding the BPA rule in the bill has prevented the Food Safety Bill from being voted on.

MPHA and AMPHO:

Lora Weir, Teton County public health nurse, was contacted to support or deny legislation. MPHA wants to partner with MEHA regarding legislation. Lora Weir met with Senator Tester about the Food Safety Modernization Act and realized MEHA should have been at the meeting with Senator Tester to address his questions and comments.

To partner with MPHA at the legislature, MEHA would contribute \$2000 to hire a lobbyist.

Discussion followed:

Crystal Nuno stated MEHA needed to be involved with MPHA.

Ruth Piccone motioned to support of the Safe Chemicals Reform Bill. Clay Vincent seconded the motion. Discussion: Rod Daniel mentioned there was not enough information to approve or deny the motion. 30 members voted to approve the motion. 6 members voted to deny the motion. The motion was approved to support the Safe Chemicals Reform Bill. A suggestion was made to create a committee to research and decide what bills to support.

Ruth Piccone made a motion to allow the MEHA Board to decide what bills to support. A committee would research and decide what bills to support. Denise Moldroski seconded the motion. 33 members voted to approve the motion. 4 members voted to deny the motion. The motion was approved to have the MEHA Board member's research and decide the bills to support.

#### Treasurer's Report: Conference Report and 2011 Budget:

Kathy Moore: The Association had additional expenses in 2010. The conference at Mammoth cost was \$16,000. Additional expenses were sending the President and President-Elect to the NEHA Conference, the cost of the new website of \$400 and a conference call line. Christine Hughes received a scholarship to attend the 2010 NEHA Conference. The Association has \$6,000 in reserve. Kathy will post the final 2010 budget after December 31, 2010 when all invoices are paid and monies received.

The Treasurer's printed report is part of the October 19, 2010 minutes and is included in the Secretaries notebook.

The MEHA Foundation now has its own budget. The Foundation did not have a budget in previous years. The budget is proposed for the 2011 year. The Foundation has income of \$2,600 and expenses of \$2,600. The monies received from the silent auction will be given to the Foundation.

The 2011 budget is part of the official minutes and is in the Secretary's notebook.

Christine Hughes moved to approve the budget.

Discussion: Pat Carroll asked why two people are sent to NEHA conference? Chad Lanes explained the president meets with other presidents plus attending some conference sessions. The Vice President is able to attend more session and establish a relationship with other state environmental associations.

Travis West stated if a lobbyist is hired, something has to be cut from the budget so we have a balanced budget.

Ruth Piccone asked what the room rental for the conference is based on. Kathy Moore answered it is the typical room rent with inflation added.

Pat Carroll asked how the Association would move forward without an approved budget.

Pat Carroll motioned to approve the budget. Thomas Danenhower seconded the motion.

It was suggested the budget should be tabled until it is balanced.

Kathy Moore suggested raising the dues by \$10.00. This would provide an addition \$1,000 income for the Association.

Ruth Piccone motioned to balance the budget by removing \$2000 from conference expenses. Greg McGann seconded the motion.

Nate Lengacher motioned to amend the motion and cut \$1000 from the lobbyist and \$1000 from the conference and raise the dues by \$10.00. Ruth Piccone seconded the motion. The membership voted 13 for the motion, 13 against the motion. Motion failed.

Travis West motioned to remove the \$2000 for the lobbyist from the budget. Mike Rinaldi seconded the motion. The membership voted 19 for the motion and 12 against the motion. The motion to remove \$2000 from the budget was approved.

Christine Hughes stated in the survey, the membership voted to hold the next conference in either Bozeman or Helena.

Discussion occurred on a joint conference with MPHA in 2011. MPHA conference is scheduled for September 13 & 14, 2011 in Billings. Chad Lanes asked if this would save money if a joint conference is held. Crystal Nuno did not have an answer if a joint conference would save money.

Motion to have a joint conference, if it is determined to be feasible regarding the budget. 29 for a joint conference. 9 against a joint conference. Motion was approved to have a joint conference with MPHA, pending it is monetarily feasible.

If it is not feasible, to hold the conference in either Bozeman or Helena. The Board will conduct a feasibility survey. The survey will be sent to membership.

#### New Business

Mary Schroeder motioned that Jarrod Mohr, Subdivision Section reviewer in the Kalispell Office, who is currently serving his country overseas be an Honorary Member in 2011. The motion was seconded. The membership unanimously voted to have Jarrod an Honorary member for 2011.

Christine presented Crystal Nuno with a gift in appreciation for everything Crystal had accomplished during the 2010 year.

Crystal Nuno motioned to adjourn the meeting. Travis West seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 1:40 p.m.

Membership committee note is not part of the official minutes; however, MEHA has 124 members.

Active members: 102  
Agency: 6  
Associate: 10  
Honorary: 2  
Retired: 4  
Total: 123