

**American Academy of Sanitarians
Annual Meeting Minutes
Atlantic City, New Jersey
June 20, 2007**

Welcome, Opening – Gary Noonan

The meeting was called to order by Gary Noonan. Gary filled in for Craig Shepherd who is serving as the lead PHS officer on the USS Comfort for a 4 month humanitarian mission. New Members were welcomed. The old Minutes, agenda, and treasurers' report were approved by voice vote.

Wagner Award

Congratulations to Harry Grenawitzke on receiving the award this year.

To assist in future award cycles model nominations are available on the web site. The web site will be used to accept and review future nominations.

Crumbine Award

No award was given this year. The committee decided none of nominee's satisfactorily met the criteria. There was a good discussion about the award process and a recommendation to revise the award criteria. The award committee will seek additional input on revising the criteria for next years nomination cycle.

Scholarship

One undergrad and no grad school scholarships were awarded this year. The number of applications has shrunk. Steps were taken this year to get the word out about the scholarship opportunity, but there still fewer applicants. The committee is considering streamlining the process and will consider contacting schools to get feedback and understanding why there are fewer applicants.

Issues discussed include: clarification that US citizenship is not a requirement in awarding scholarships; concerns that there is less incentive to apply for scholarship because awards count against individual financial need in the FAFSA; applicants in non-environmental health degrees were disqualified; is there a better time of year for the application deadline and selection, does the current application deadline conflict with the financial aid deadlines; ask state affiliates to promote the scholarship;

The recommendation was made to have a scholarship contact at each accredited program. Chuck Tresser offered to bring this issue to AEHAP.

A motion was made and approved by the membership: funds dedicated to the scholarship should go to the scholarship, 2007 funds un-expended for scholarship awards will be held for future awards.

Nelson Fabian

Nelson thanked the academy for their support of the scholarship and ongoing support of NEHA.

Young Professionals Forum

This session is supported by the Academy each year at NEHA. Attendance at the session has been small. The session has been scheduled on the NEHA agenda during the 3rd day of the conference. The suggestion was made to find a better time on the agenda, such as associated with the 1st time attendee's forum or after the student papers presentation.

Nominations Committee

Two new members of the board were elected. Nominations are open for next year.

Certification & Credentialing

Electronic applications are not available. Was 1 Emeritus and 1 honorary membership nominee. A proposal was made and approved to offer Nelson Fabian an Honorary membership in the academy. (Voted by membership and passed)

Examination

Ongoing work is going well.

Membership CD

Harry Grenawitzke has the master list. Notify him of any typos and corrections.

Incorporation

Paper work is in an attorneys hands and is being processed.

Gary Noonan

Appreciation was extended to Gary for all of his hard work this year to support the Academy.

Website

A space has been created on the web site for tools. Contributions to this section are welcome.

Long Range Planning

Welford Roberts provided an update. He has organized the input to the plan so far and it is posted on the website. Progress needs to be made on the plan. A recommendation was made that each Board member take on one of the goals and have a board meeting focused on taking charge of the plan.