

American Academy of Sanitarians
2013 Annual Meeting, Alexandria, VA
July 10, 2013

The annual meeting was attended by twenty members and guests. All present gave self introductions.

Gary Noonan called the meeting to order at 12:40 PM and led the following discussions:

- New Diplomates Timothy Murphy, Justin Gerding, Pashal Nwako and Felix Zemel were introduced and welcomed.
- Joe Beck was voted Emeritus Diplomate.
- The Minutes of the 2011 meeting were approved and posted on the AAS Web site.
- The Academy financial report was reviewed.
 - The membership discussed potential income and interest rates on savings certificates. Options will be explored.
 - The following donations were recognized with gratitude and thanks: \$2,000 from NSF International, \$1,000 from UL and \$1,423 from the proceeds of Joe Beck's textbook.
 - Disbursements were detailed and discussed, including contributions to NEHA for scholarship awards.
 - A motion was made to expend \$2,000 for next year's scholarship fund. Rick Collins indicated that the NEHA Past Presidents Affiliate will pledge an additional \$2,000 for scholarship with accountability of fund disbursements.
 - The Treasury balance was presented: Income \$7,827.52, Expenses \$7,386.29, and, Assets \$95,882.41. The financial report was accepted by voice vote.

The Mentoring program at the AEC was discussed. It was understood that meeting logistics may have precluded initiation of this proposed program. Several ideas were proffered by the members including having mentorees attend the AAS booth for a short time period during the exhibition in order to introduce them to Diplomates and potential employers; to match student interests to professionals in that area of expertise, and, explore possible approaches to initiating the mentoring program in Las Vegas that ensures Academy recognition. Sheila Pressley volunteered to coordinate these efforts.

Finally, as part of the business meeting, the possibility of having food available for the mentoring program and at the Academy annual meeting was also discussed. There was no resolution pending a review of the cost of catering.

Doug Farquhar representing the National Conference of State Legislators gave an informal presentation in which he voiced his concern over the lack of a nationwide environmental health governmental relations network. He issued a plea for member involvement. A discussion ensued regarding potential roadblocks to such a program for professionals working in the public sector. A suggestion regarding possible Academy involvement was made.

As a result of the foregoing discussion, the Academy Board of Directors will evaluate any letters sent to the academy concerning sponsorship or involvement in governmental-, organizational- and/or industry-borne programs. A motion was made and passed concerning this action. There were two opposing votes. The motion was approved.

Vince Radke was elected to the Board of Directors; there were no other Board vacancies. With this election, the number of Board members reflects the 2006 bylaw changes.

A discussion was held regarding any possible revisions to the 2006 Bylaws. Any changes will be drafted and presented to the membership for consideration.

Tom Crow presented the Wagner Award report. He suggested that the process for nomination could be expedited if it were conducted electronically. The membership agreed. He made a plea for members to nominate award candidates and asked that the nomination process be modeled similar to the NSF/NEHA Snyder Award. A discussion followed on these possible format changes. Tom also asked to expand membership on the Awards Committee to review and implement the suggested changes.

Michele Samarya-Timm presented the Credentialing Committee report and gave a copy of the report to the Secretary for inclusion to these minutes. Several issues concerning membership criteria were discussed including academic changes to degree requirements including the definition of basic versus applied sciences. It was agreed that both would be considered as qualifying criterion. Other discussions included potential involvement by applicants in the Academy and outreach through press releases following their election; the involvement by Diplomates in presenting environmental health issues in their locale, and, the Academy publishing a speaker bureau list.

The following were named to the Nominating Committee: Vince Radke, Chuck Tresser and Tom Crow.

George Nakamura will continue to represent the Academy for the Crumbine Award; the Academy is an active cosponsor.

Jim Balsamo gave an account of the NEHA Scholarship Committee and asked for greater input from the schools that have an accredited Environmental Health program, as well as the need for earlier notification of the scholarship availability. There was discussion concerning Board involvement and the amount of money the Academy donates as a cosponsor.

Gary Noonan presented an update on the 501 C3 non-profit corporate application process. He indicated that final approval from the IRS and the State should occur within 60 days of this meeting.

The possibility of the Academy sponsoring a Master Class for students and professionals new to the field of environmental health was discussed. Michele Samarya-Timm volunteered to lead this effort for the 2014 AEC. A motion was made and passed to ask EH colleges and universities, and, NEHA affiliates to assist in its development and participation.

Gary Noonan and John Stewart addressed the group regarding their bid for NEHA 2nd Vice President.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bob Powitz".

Robert W. Powitz, Recording Secretary, *pro tem*