

QUESTIONNAIRE

The results of the questionnaire which was sent out with the dues notices have been tabulated. A total of 26 were returned out of the many that were sent. 56.5% of the membership responded. It could have been better. You will notice that not everyone who responded answered each of the questions.

1. Should the total fees for an applicant taking the registration exam be set at \$50.00 rather than the currently required \$70.00? YES 18 NO 8
2. Should the Registration Act be changed to allow for the acceptance of certified APHA exam results where taken in another state in lieu of re-taking the exam in Nevada when all other qualifications as now required are met by the applicant? YES 17 NO 6 If so, should a time period be set as to when that test was taken? YES 10 NO 9
3. Should the education requirement be revised to allow for a substitution of a specified amount of experience in lieu of the education? YES 15 NO 11
4. Should the experience requirement be revised to allow for a substitution of a specified amount of advanced education in lieu of the experience? YES 11 NO 12
5. Should formal reciprocity arrangements with other states be actively sought now? YES 20 NO 3 If so, which states? Western States
6. Should all individuals employed in Nevada whose field of endeavor meets the definition of "Public Health Sanitarian" in the Registration Act be required to become registered in Nevada? YES 20 NO 2
7. Should all individuals employed in Nevada whose field of endeavor meets the definition of "Public Health Sanitarian" in the Registration Act be able to meet the existing qualifications of the Registration Act? YES 13 NO 6
8. Should other job classifications such as "Technician" be established in the Act for those individuals who cannot meet the existing qualifications of the Registration Act? YES 18 NO 7
9. Should Northern and Southern Chapters of the Nevada Environmental Health Association be established? YES 10 NO 14

It appears that there remains an interest in seeing the application fees for registration reduced. This reduction can be made only by the Board which has been reluctant to do so.

The acceptance of APHA exam results taken elsewhere as fulfillment of the registration requirements seems to be acceptable to the respondents but there is no general trend as to a time limit on this question.

The idea of substituting a set amount of experience for the education
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requirement met with a roughly 50-50 response. This is an important question and not enough response from the membership leaves it still a clouded question. The same holds true for the question of substituting advanced education for the required one year of public health experience.

There is no question about the desire to have formal reciprocity with other states. The Board states that it has made attempts but there is no reciprocal interest from other state Boards, or is there?

Question #6 asks if registration should be legally required, ie mandatory. Apparently this is favorable to the respondents. This is still an important issue which must be resolved.

Question #7 seems to have confused people. It merely states that individuals who are working as public health environmentalists should be able to qualify for registration. They should have the required education, training, etc. In other words, prevent the hiring of individuals who couldn't eventually get registered. There was a 2 to 1 response in favor of this.

There seems to be an interest in the development of a Technician status. Some of the comments on this were to require Technicians to register also. Others were that this status should be decided by the employing agency only and not by a state law.

On the matter of forming Northern and Southern Chapters, it appears that this may not be acceptable. Many comments were opposed to this idea.

It is uncertain whether or not this questionnaire has actually provided information. It was intended to be so but with only a slight majority responding, it is still difficult to know how the total membership feels about these items. Remember, this was not a vote. Many of the members feel these are important questions that need to be resolved; others don't seem to care about them at all. What does the Association do?

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SELF INSPECTION SEMINAR

On May 3, 1974, Mr. Stephen Miller, Director of Educational Seminars for the National Restaurant Association will present a seminar on the self inspection process in food establishments. The seminar will be at John Ascuaga's Convention Center in Sparks. From 10:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M., Mr. Miller will present the self inspection program. There will be a no host lunch followed from 1:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. by Al Edmundson of the State Health Dept. who will discuss the Nevada Statutes on food service inspections. There is no cost for the seminar other than \$1.50 for instructional materials. The Seminar is open to all food service operators and enforcement personnel. Contact Fred Picard at the Carson City Health Dept. for further information and reservations. Many of the food service operators we deal with should certainly be interested in this.
