

all. The majority of the work must be initiated and done here, by us! The Santa Clara County Environmental Health Association recently negotiated a four day work week. San Mateo County environmentalists have received a substantial pay increase and a paid dental plan. These are strong organizations. Many chapters and local groups hold bi-monthly dinner meetings with speakers and have the opportunity to hold discussions outside the confines of the office. The national association does not act or will not succeed alone, but only with viable, active local chapters. There are currently attempts by elected officials, Regional and National Vice Presidents and others, to try to give more control of the national association to the "grass roots" or affiliate associations; to bridge the gap between the national and local associations; to improve the Annual Conference; increase the frequency of meetings and change the nature of the Board of Directors for more continual and responsive association direction. These efforts have been largely initiated at the local level and not entirely at the national. We can be involved. We can make changes. The Nevada Environmental Health Association has a great potential. Shall we let it go to waste?

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The retirement of C.B. Kinnison has resulted in a vacancy on the State Board of Registration. The Governor will appoint someone to fill this vacancy in the near future. The Nevada Environmental Health Association has officially recommended Dr. William Higgs to the Governor as the individual it wishes to have appointed to the Board.

Dr. Higgs was born in February, 1939, in Philadelphia, Penn. He attended the Univ. of Minnesota from 1960 to 1963 in Pre-Med. He received a B.S. in Medical Sciences from the Univ. of South Dakota which he attended from 1963 to 1965. His M.D. degree was earned at the Medical College of Virginia from 1965 to 1967. He interned in the U.S. Navy at Jacksonville, Florida. He has remained active in the Naval Reserve having 16 years service and the rank of Lt. Commander. Dr. Higgs has been in Family Practice in Reno since 1968. He is a member of the American Academy of Family Practice, The Washoe County Medical Society and the Nevada State Medical Society. He is an Associate of the Clinical Staff of the University of Nevada, Reno, School of Medical Sciences. He is the consulting physician for the Special Children's Clinic of the Nevada State Welfare Department.

We understand that there have been other recommendations to the Governor made by individuals on behalf of other individuals. We have no details as to these recommendations.

Since the Board of Registration exists to control and administer the legal professional status of all Registered Sanitarians in this state, it seems only logical that the Nevada Environmental Health Association, whose membership is comprised of those Registered Sanitarians, should have the only input into recommendations for appointees to that Board! Perhaps some type of formal resolution should be developed on this issue.
