



**MINUTES OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF REGISTERED
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS
Wednesday, April 17, 2002
Carson Valley Inn, Minden Nevada**

Board members in attendance were Carl Cahill, Secretary; Pete Allen and Kinley Goodman. With a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Mr. Cahill at 10:30 A.M.

The first order of business was the election of officers for the coming year. New officers elected were Pete Allen, Chairman and Daniel Maxson, Secretary. Mr. Cahill announced that his term of office on the Board was expiring effective the following day (April 18, 2002), and that a replacement member from Washoe County Health District would be forthcoming.

The next order of business was the approval of minutes of the April 26, 2001 meeting in Winnemucca, NV. The minutes were approved as written.

The next item of business was the annual financial report. The total bank balance as of March 31, 2002 was \$9,178.08. The financial report was accepted as presented.

The next discussion was regarding the requirement for, and acceptance of Contact Hours for re-registration. It was agreed upon that the biannual requirement for 24 Contact Hours would coincide with the identical requirement for National Environmental Health Association registration, i.e., the registrant would have two (2) years from his/her anniversary date (the biennial anniversary date of initial registration) to satisfy the Contact Hour requirement. Mr. Cahill noted that he had been accepting either the Nevada form for Continuing Education Units, or documents from the National Environmental Health Association. The Board agreed that it would continue to accept documentation of CEU's via a copy of the National EHA's "Continuing Education Activity Detail Report" as proof that Nevada members have met the Nevada requirements. Mr. Allen stated that perhaps the Board should make renewal biannual (it is currently annual) to coincide with biannual Contact Hour requirements, as well as National Environmental Health Association standards. This item was left for future discussion, pending conversation with Daniel Maxson regarding tracking of Contact Hours and renewals.

The next item was regarding the Biennial Report to the Governor, required by NRS 625.070. Mr. Allen stated that he would work with Joyce Danna, Secretary to the Board, on preparing this report, and that he would contact Kafoury-Armstrong, Certified Public Accountants, to prepare the required audit to accompany the report.

The next agenda item was a discussion of Board policy with respect to Reinstatement, and two requests for reinstatement by Larry Rountree and David Lee. Mr. Cahill stated that he had agreed to the two reinstatements pending the submission of all Contact Hours and registration fees in arrears, as well as current dues and Contact Hours required. Mr. Cahill noted the need for formulation of a Reinstatement policy. Mr. Allen agreed to formulate this policy, as well as a proposed addition to NAC 625. There was discussion regarding the imposition of a penalty fee for reinstatements, as well as a possible retest requirement after a designated lapse in registration.

Open discussion from the Board and public was initiated. There was discussion of what the Board might do to encourage an increase in membership. There was some feeling expressed that, in the absence of mandatory registration, such increase would probably not occur. It was noted that, in fact, NRS 625A.200 already requires valid Nevada Registration in order to use the REHS or EHS title. Mr. Allen stated that an AG's interpretation of that section might be required, but that, in the interim, the Board should be doing something to attract new members. Mr. Cahill stated that, in his opinion, NRS 625A.040 limited the Board in its activities, and that an AG's opinion should be sought in order to clarify the intent of that section. Mr. Allen stated that he would contact the AG's office regarding such an opinion. An opinion from the public stated that it was felt that that section set a **minimum** of activities, and did not preclude the Board from engaging in activities beneficial to the membership, and public health in general.

An annual meeting date for the Board was proposed to coincide with the Nevada Environmental Health Association meeting in June 2003 (specific date to be announced). In the absence of further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Note: In the absence of submitted minutes from the outgoing Secretary, these minutes were compiled from notes taken by Mr. Allen during the above meeting.

Pete Allen, RS/REHS
Chairman