

OFFICIAL MINUTES
NEVADA STATE BOARD FOR REGISTRATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH SANITARIANS

Meeting held on February 7, 1989
at Clark County District Health Department
meeting commenced at 10:00 a.m.

1) Meeting to Order/Roll Call:

Stan Aaronson-present; Jim Begbie-present; Bill Schneider-present; Clare Schmutz-present; Ernesto Reyna-not present

2) Approval of Minutes of September 20, 1988 R.S. Board Meeting:
Minutes approved.

3) FY 90-91 Budget:

Bill Schneider stated that the Budget Office moved the Board's Budget into the Executive Budget essentially the same as we presented it, with a minor change of \$25 in the balance forward category to allow for budgeting the carry-forward. (Copies of budget attached). Jim Begbie asked if a Board member should attend the Budget hearings. Mr. Schneider stated that he would attend and he will contact Mr. Aaronson or Mr. Begbie if he cannot attend. Mr. Begbie informed the Board that funds that we appropriate, but do not spend, will remain within our budget as carry-forward, to be used for future use. Mr. Aaronson asked Mr. Schneider for clarification of the difference between this FY90-91 budget as compared to FY89-90 in funds available and increase. Mr. Schneider stated that the difference is in the balance forward, which is the reserves. Any category that changes by less than \$2500 or less than 10%, whichever is higher, we can do a work program to make necessary adjustments without going through Interim Finance.

4) Duties of Board Secretary:

Mr. Begbie stated that upon review of the statutes, it was discovered that it was inappropriate for Mr. Schneider to remain as Board Secretary. Mr. Schneider presented a formal written resignation, due to the conflict of NRS 625A. Mr. Aaronson discussed the duties of the Board Secretary as one of recording and corresponding and also a separate duty or responsibility that has been maintained through the State Health Division at present in the area of travel arrangements and records for the Board. He asked for reassurance by the State Health Division will continue to support the Board in the area of travel arrangements and maintaining records. Bill Schneider committed the Health Division as long as he and Darrell Rasner are involved. Stan Aaronson asked if there was any way to formalize that situation. Bill Schneider stated that due to the separate budgets, a formalization would seem to be impossible, without statutory change. There are ongoing informal arrangements between State agencies and Boards that would serve as precedence to this arrangement. The Board extended their appreciation of the cooperation and support received by the State. Mr. Aaronson requested a letter acknowledging the efforts and cooperation of Mr. Schneider and his staff in serving as Secretary to the Board of Registered Sanitarians. Mr. Aaronson requested that Bill Schneider draft the letter. The Board approved compensation of \$100 per meeting to Diana Silsby for contract services for previous two meetings and a letter of thank you for services.

Re-election of Officers. Mr. Begbie resigned as Chairman of the Board. Stan Aaronson was nominated as the new Chairman of the Board and duly elected. Mr. Begbie was nominated as the new Secretary of the Board and duly elected.

5) Test Dates for Examination:

Ralph Capurro, NEHA President, requested that the exam be held in conjunction with the NEHA meeting April 26-27, 1989, in Hawthorne. Proctoring must be done by a Registered Sanitarian or Board member. The Board decided May 5, 1989, as the annual test date in Las Vegas and Reno. In addition, an exam will be proctored at the NEHA meeting on April 25, 1989. Study modules are available through the NEHA. Mr. Aaronson asked if it is possible for a person to request a test date. Bill Schneider stated that someone can apply individually for registration with the national association and receive reciprocity from the Board and the national test can be taken on an adhoc basis. The Board agreed that proctoring of qualified individuals may be performed at any time at the convenience of the Board member. The Board Secretary is authorized to review applications and approve those that come in after today's date as approved by the Chairman. In addition, an amendment was made to include eligibility for testing.

6) Certificate Format/Registration Numbers:

Registration Numbers will be started at number 100. Registration Numbers under 100 will be restricted for honorary purposes; over 100 for Registered Sanitarians. The numbers will be issued by random draw; to be handled by State Health Division.

7) Board Name Change:

Bill Schneider presented the Board with a possible solution that would not require legislative approval for a Board name change. The suggestion being to define, in regulation, a Sanitarian and include Environmental Health Specialist as part of the definition. A choice could then be made by each individual to be a Registered Sanitarian or A Registered Environmental Health Specialist. This would eliminate the legislative procedure required to change the name of the Board, but would change the name of the title the individuals would be recognized by. Regulations would have to be adopted after legislation has ended this year. The title of choice would be listed on the application, and each person could make their selection on the application of the preferred title he chooses.

Public Comment: Mr. Clem Sweetin spoke before the Board to keep the name Public Health Sanitarian, as well as Environmental Health Specialist. He would not like to see the title Public Health Sanitarian relinquished. Ralph Capurro suggested that this issue not go before legislature this year. Darrell Rasner spoke in favor of duplicate titles, Public Health Sanitarian/Environmental Health Specialist.

8) Educational Proposal:

Mr. Aaronson addressed the proposal to educate the public about what a Sanitarian does. A Sanitarian is not a recognizable, commonly used name to the public and is in a sense misleading because the public does not think of a Sanitarian as a person who works with public health.

Doug Pushard, retired Public Health Sanitarian, stated that the general public do not know what a Public Health Sanitarian does. Sanitarians should get this information out to the public by general publications, local newspapers and national newspapers, school career days.

8) Educational proposal (continued):

Subcommittee formed to investigate name change for regulation purposes. Bill Schneider will serve as Chairman to the Subcommittee.

Mr. Aaronson stated that targeted education is needed through the school districts on the part of the Sanitarians. Mr. Schneider spoke about Universities and schools with public health programs, in some states, take the responsibility for education in public health. In some states, local and state health departments take the lead to inform the public of health programs. Due to budget cut backs, the state level lost their health educators. Mr. Begbie stated that the Washoe County Health District had to cut their health educator position. Mr. Schmutz stated that there is a health education staff member at the Clark County District Health Department. Mr. Schneider proposed that teachers who teach health be contacted to let students know what Sanitarians do. Mr. Aaronson proposed that an Environmental Health Specialist volunteer approximately one hour per month to give lectures on what a Registered Sanitarian does. Mr. Capurro, NEHA, told the board of literature/audio visual materials available for use by the Board for educational purposes and volunteered to help in obtaining this material if needed. Mr. Capurro will proposition his successor on becoming actively involved with education of public.

Continuation of this agenda item to be addressed at next Board meeting. Stan Aaronson will research further for next meeting.

9) Request for Board Member to attend NEHA Meeting in April:

Ralph Capurro addressed Board in request for Board Member to attend NEHA meeting April 26 and 27, 1989, in Hawthorne to explain Board duties, etc. Stan Aaronson will represent the Board in April at NEHA meeting.

Ralph Capurro introduced Jeff Fontaine, Supervisor, Public Health Engineering, Nevada State Health Division, Consumer Health Protection Services as his successor as NEHA President effective April, 1989.

10) Special Business: Doc Mastrionni Posthumous Award:

Darrell Rasner, R.S., Nevada State Health Division, Consumer Health Protection Services, presented the Board with history of Mr. Silvio "DOC" Mastrionni's employment with the State of Nevada Health Division for forty years. Darrell requested that a Posthumous Award be awarded to DOC for his services as an outstanding public servant. The Board unanimously passed the request to issue Registration Number 1 to Silvio "DOC" Mastrionni. Mr. Rasner will present the certificate to the Mastrionni family. Mr. Aaronson asked Mr. Rasner to bring the certificate to the next meeting for an official awarding by the Board. Mr. Aaronson offered his assistance to Darrell Rasner to publicize the designation of DOC's registration throughout the State.

11) Information Item: CEU's.

Mr. Schneider addressed continuing education to be included in the regulations. He stated that a list should be developed of items that would be appropriate for automatic approval for continuing education. Mr. Schneider will work on a list for approved items for continuing education and the fees schedule, to be added to regulations. Mr. Aaronson requested that all regulations be prepared in one proposal so that the Board can vote on it at next meeting.

Ralph Capurro attended the National Conference in June, 1988 and shared with the Board standards for CEU's by the National Environmental Health, which is 10 contact (clock) hours for 1 CEU. Ralph offered the Proposed Principles for Good Practice that sponsors should have to put together a CEU Program. The five sub-categories are: 1) Perceive the learning needs to meet educational needs; 2) Learning Outcomes (skills, attitude); 3) Learning Experiences; 4) Assessment of Learning Outcomes; and 5) Administration Organization.

Additional Informational Items:

Ralph Capurro presented the Board with the Accountants Report and Budget from the prior Board.

Stan Aaronson restated his extreme concern that this Board is operating at 80% efficiency.

Jim Begbie stated that this is the third absence for Mr. Ernesto Reyna. Stan Aaronson will write a letter to Mr. Reyna demonstrating concern that we have been unable to communicate with him on his position and perspective regarding the Board.

Next meeting date: Tuesday, September 12, 1989 at Washoe County District Health Department at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes Prepared by:

Minutes Approved by:

Diana L. Silsby

James Begbie, Secretary, R.S. Board