

**Minutes of the State of Nevada
Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists Meeting
(REHS)
August 6, 2009**

Location: Las Vegas Hilton
3000 Paradise Road
Las Vegas, Nevada 89109
Ballroom B

REHS Quorum Present: John Kukulica, FMP, Chair
Paul Klouse, REHS/CFSP, Secretary
Cindy Ulch, REHS, Member

REHS Absent: Karen Dorsey, FMP, Member

Other Attendees: Jim Pierce, Sierra Horizons
Tony Macaluso, Washoe County District Health Department

Glenn D. Savage, Southern Nevada Health District
Jessica Magro, Southern Nevada Health District
Mitchell Semer
Tim Hogenson, Nevada State Health Division

- 1.* Call to Order – John Kukulica, Chair.**
The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.
- 2.* Roll Call/Quorum – Paul Klouse, Secretary.**
Secretary Klouse called roll as indicated by the “REHS Quorum Present and REHS Absent” as listed above. A quorum was present and the meeting had been duly noticed.
- 3.* Approval of Minutes from the May 27, 2009 Board Meeting.**
Member Ulch motioned and Secretary Klouse seconded the motion to approve the May 27, 2009, meeting minutes as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.
- 4.* Secretary’s Report – Paul Klouse**
Secretary Klouse reported that the balance sheet, required schedules, and a copy of the June 30, 2009, bank statement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, has been submitted to the Department of Administration and to the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB). He further noted that through the efforts of Recording Secretary Bigley, the Quicken books and bank statement are balanced to the penny.

The ending balance as of June 30, 2009, was \$12,382.86 which is in comparable to the ending balance of June 30, 2008, which was \$12, 705.11.

Member Ulch commented that it appears that the efforts of the Board through the dues increase have been successful and the Board is staying solvent.

Secretary Klouse provided an update on the contract issue with NEHA regarding what would be required of the Board. The Board would have to write its own contract with NEHA providing information and then submit for State review. Secretary Klouse commented that he feels that writing this contract is out of his element due to legalities. Chairman Kukulica concurred that he, too, feels it is out of his element.

It was suggested that the Board ask the State, if the Board is willing to pay the AG's office to write the contract, if they would write it. Member Ulch commented that the Board should contact Henna Rasul for her recommendations and ask if they have had any experience with this with other Boards. Secretary Klouse questioned if the Board's decision to go laser grade for testing had any effect on the contract. Member Ulch commented that according to Heidi Shaw it does not.

It was suggested that the Board make contact with the AG's office to see if they would be willing to promulgate a contract for a reasonable fee. Action could not be taken on this item as it was not on the Agenda. This will be agendized for the next meeting.

5.* Review, Approval, or denial of recent applications for registration, testing, reciprocity of pending applications for registration, and/or extensions. Paul Klouse and/or Board Members. To be considered: Michael Webb and Jessica Magro

Secretary Klouse reviewed Mr. Webb's application for consideration of reciprocity with the REHS Board. Mr. Webb has been registered with NEHA since 1996 and took their exam. Member Ulch motioned and Chairman Kukulica seconded the motion to accept Mr. Webb's application for REHS status through reciprocity. The motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Klouse reviewed Ms. Magro's request for an extension to take the REHS exam due to extenuating circumstances. Ms. Magro took leave from the Southern Nevada Health District in May of 2007, to give birth. She was reinstated with Southern Nevada Health District in January of 2008, not realizing that did not readjust her time to take the REHS exam and that she needed to request an extension from the Board. Ms. Magro had previously taken the exam, and unfortunately did not receive a passing score.

Member Ulch commented that there is no issue with the Board to grant an extension to Ms. Magro of her R.E.H.S.T. status. Ms. Magro stated that she hopes to be able to take the exam by October, 2009, but is concerned about her registration status if she is unsuccessful in her attempt. Member Ulch commented that there is no shame in not passing the exam on a first, second, or subsequent attempts.

Member Ulch motioned to extend the deadline for Ms. Magro to take the exam until October 20, 2009. The motion died for lack of a second.

Secretary Klouse motioned to extend the deadline for Ms. Magro to take the exam until May 1, 2010, based on good cause.

At this time Southern Nevada Health District's Environmental Health Division's Director, Glenn D. Savage, REHS, asked if the Board notifies the Human Resources Department of its decision. He doesn't want there to be confusion as to Ms. Magro's employment status. Member Ulch commented that a written letter will be sent to Ms. Magro with the Board's decision, and a copy will be sent to Southern Nevada Health District, Human Resources Department.

At this point, Member Ulch seconded Secretary Klouse's motion. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Magro thanked the Board.

6.* Amend REHS Application to include date of hire

Secretary Klouse brought this issued forward due to the fact that at times it is difficult to ascertain an actual date an applicant starts training, which is the hire date. Member Ulch motioned and Secretary Klouse seconded the motion to add the date of hire to the application, requesting that Webmaster Pierce add it to the application on the Website. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Public Comment

Member Ulch shared with the Board an issue that was brought to her by an REHS. She was hoping that the REHS would attend this meeting and express his concerns, however, he did not. The REHS was concerned that a lot of people in the workforce are in the consulting and educational fields and using REHS behind their names. Although, they may be exempt from registration, they cannot use REHS behind their names if they are not registered. Secretary Klouse stated that this has happened in the past. If the Board has a name and address, a letter is sent informing them that they cannot use the REHS initials if they are not registered. They may apply for registration. If they are registered out of state, it is normally very simple to apply to the Board for reciprocity.

Member Ulch also commented that she has a different position within the State and will, sometime in the near future, be resigning from the Board. There will be a transition period. She doesn't know yet who her replacement will be. It may be the State Health Officer or a designee. Right now Ms. Ulch is just advising the Board.

8.* Set date and location for next meeting.

Member Ulch motioned and Secretary Klouse seconded the motion to hold the next meeting Wednesday, November 18, 2009, in Reno. The location and time will be determined at a later date. The motion carried unanimously.

9.* Adjourn

There being no further business, Member Ulch motioned and Member Klouse seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Bigley, Recording Secretary