

MINUTES

NEVADA STATE BOARD for REGISTRATION of PUBLIC HEALTH SANITARIANS

Meeting of December 9, 1992
Washoe County Health District
North Auditorium
Reno

Present on the Board were:

Clare Schmutz
Carl Cahill
Darrell Rasner
Peter Allen

Call to Order

Quorum - 2:05 p.m.

Introduction and welcome to Pete Allen as the new governor appointed Board member.

Approval of Minutes of February 11, 1992 Meeting

Minutes approved unanimously

Secretary's Report

Mr. Cahill stated that the current Board account balance is \$3,388.42.

Fiscal Year 1993-1994 Budget

Mr. Cahill stated that one of the concerns of the budget is that we are on a declining scale in that we are using more resources than we are acquiring through membership dues.

Discussion on ways to increase the membership included: A membership drive through the National Association to get more people registered; Amend statutory language to encompass Registered Environmental Health Specialists which would then promote registration with this Board; Lobby DEP environmental staff, DOT staff, REECO staff, to become involved and get a wider-based

General Discussion (cont.)

Mr. Rasner discussed the proposed split of the Health Division to DEP. If this does happen, and the Bureau is transferred to DEP, he will be vacating his position on the Board, as the representative by the State Health Officer.

Public Comment and Discussion


No public comment at this time.

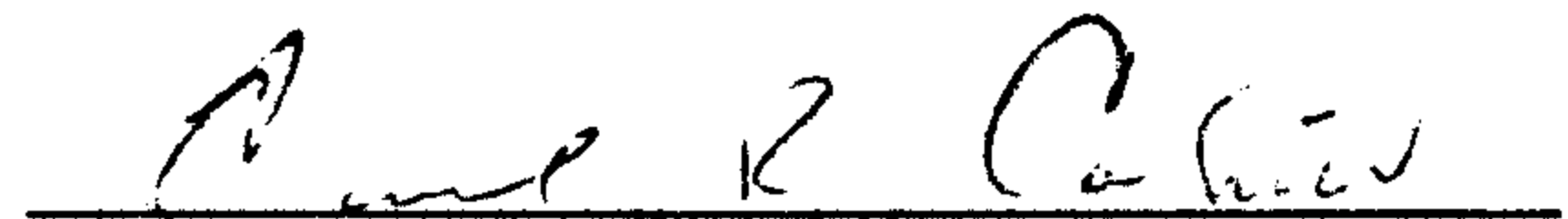
Next Meeting Date

Mr. Cahill asked if the Board could conduct a meeting by conference call, with a quorum, in a public area, in the case we could not get together for a meeting. Jeff Fontaine stated that this format was used by the Advisory Board for Certification of Public Water System Operators at the LCB, which would not be available at this time due to session.

The next meeting date was not scheduled at this time. Jim Pierce, Treasurer, NEHA, must petition the Board for approval of CEUs for the NEHA meeting in March. A meeting date will be discussed at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45pm.


Minutes prepared by Diana Silsby


Approved by Carl Cahill

Recognition of Jim Begbie, former Secretary

This item will be added to the next meeting agenda. Unanimous gratitude to Mr. Begbie for his services to the R.S. Board was expressed.

Continuing Education Discussion

Mr. Begbie asked the Board for consideration for approval of CEU's for the completion of the Journal of Environmental Health Quiz. The Board would determine how many CEUs would be credited per quiz, and how many CEUs in this manner will be allowed, such as five in a two-year period. Mr. Rasner stated that this could be a good way for some retired, or field registered sanitarians, who cannot attend training, to meet the CEU requirement. Mr. Begbie stated that you earn one CEU per quiz. Mr. Begbie said that he feels the Board should continue to encourage some type of formal training for CEUs.

The Board accepted the Journal of Environmental Health Quiz, as published in the Journal of Environmental Health, as one CEU per quiz.

Review of Application(s) for Registration by Reciprocity

Mr. Schmutz stated that this agenda item would need to be postponed for another meeting.

General Discussion

Mr. Rasner expressed his appreciation to the Board members for some of the issues that have been handled, and the aggressive behavior to accomplish goals.

Mr. Cahill stated that we should work with the NEHA to match our goals, and their goals.

Mr. Rasner explained the procedure the PE Board has in inviting one or two members to each meeting as a guest. This is helpful in getting members involved in what the Board's doing, and they will talk to others about the Board's activities.

There was discussion regarding the R.S. exam. Some people have taken the test numerous times, others have taken it once, and are apprehensive to take it again for fear of failing it.

Mr. Allen stated that when there is a meeting of the Board, it is a measure of health of the board, to see the number of people attending the meetings.

Mr. Rasner stated that there would have to be a meeting just prior to the NEHA meeting in March to approve the agenda for CEUs.

Budget Discussion (cont)

membership - Mr. Schmutz will discuss this issue with Lew Dodgion and Dick Reavis; Contact with NEHA for opportunities for continuing education. An increase in annual dues was discussed and can be changed by Board action.

Mr. Rasner stated that the National is defeating the purpose of this Board because the EHS can register through the National Environmental Health Association, and avoid paying the \$25 Board membership dues, and use the REHS behind their name. He stated that there are approximately 3-4 EHS that are registered through the National Environmental Health Association that are not registered by our Board. Mr. Cahill stated that there should be a discussion with Mr. Fabian to explain our problem with the registration.

Mr. Allen inquired about the State's program for employment of an Environmental Health Specialist to become registered after a year or two. Mr. Rasner informed the Board that it is not mandatory for an Environmental Health Specialist employed by the State to become a Registered Sanitarian, however, in order for the EHS to promote to an EHS III level, they must be registered by the Board.

Mr. Cahill stated that it is not mandatory for Washoe County Health District employees to be registered, however, through the evaluation process it is recommended to the EHS that in order for them to be recommended for promotion to the II status, they should be registered.

Mr. Schmutz stated that Clark County Health District does not have any requirement, or incentive, for registration. Carson City Health Department does not have any requirement for registration.

There was discussion on acquiring services from Jan Rogers in Gardnerville for producing Board certificates. Jim Pierce, Bureau of Health Protection Services, has recently developed a certificate program on Desktop Publishing for our use.

Mr. Schmutz stated that he will call Mr. Fabian concerning the registration by Environmental Health Specialists through National exam process to become Registered Environmental Health Specialists through National, to avoid the registration dues by the R.S. Board for Registration of Public Health Sanitarians. It was further stated that the Board must have flexibility to approve continuing education.

Mr. Rasner informed the Board that Nevada Environmental Health Association (NEHA) Treasurer, Jim Pierce, sends out a newsletter to NEHA members informing them of our Board activities.

The budget, as received by the Budget Division was reviewed and accepted by the Board unanimously.