

Washington State Environmental Health Association  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
September 3, 2009 Conference Call

**Present:**

Bruce Scherling (President), Ned Therien (Past President), Steve Garrett (Treasurer), Michael Baker (Eastern Region Vice-President), Tom Kunesh (Northwest Region Vice-President), Tom Gonzales (Southwest Region Vice-President), Kerri Wagner (Executive Secretary), Joe Graham (Nominations & Awards Committee Chair), Geoffrey Crofoot (President Elect), Vikki Barthels (Secretary)

**Meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm**

**JCH.** The meeting began with a discussion of WSEHA having a presence at the Joint Conference on Health in Yakima on October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. The Board agreed this was important. Since Tom Kunesh has dedicated so much time and effort in the planning of the JCH, the Board felt he should be designated as the person to attend with the Exhibitor's package which includes full registration to the conference for one person.

***Ned made a motion to have a presence at the Joint Conference on Health as an Exhibitor (fee \$250.00). Steve seconded the motion. Motion approved. The Board agreed that Tom Kunesh should use the registration that comes with the exhibitor status.***

**Brochures.** Next we discussed the materials to have in our booth at the JCH. The WSEHA brochures all have the old office address and contact information on them. Kerri will see if she can cover the old office information up with address labels that have the current information on them. Another concern that was brought up was whether the brochure cover picture effectively communicated the typical role of environmental health professionals. The Board agreed that when the brochures run out that new ones will be made showing the current office information and some additional picture(s). Kerri offered to take pictures of Whatcom County Health Department staff.

**Nominations.**

There were no nominations for President Elect as of now. Geoffrey believes he may have found two people who would be interested in the position but both need more time to decide.

Joe shared that there were two nominations for two awards. The Board discussed the nominations.

- Tom Gonzales nominated Gary Bickett for the John P Nordin Outstanding Sanitarian of the Year Award. He works as the Consumer Protection Program Manager at Clark County Public Health. Tom G summarized Gary's contributions to Environmental Health. Bruce agreed that Gary was worthy of the nomination.

***Ned made a motion to award Gary Bickett the John P Nordin Outstanding Sanitarian of the Year Award. Geoffrey seconded. Motion approved.***

- Michael Baker nominated Cinnamon Brown for the Rookie of the Year Award. Cinnamon works with Michael at Whitman County Public Health. Michael summarized why Cinnamon is deserving of the award.

***Tom Gonzales made a motion to award Cinnamon Brown the Rookie of the Year Award. Geoffrey seconded. Motion approved.***

Joe will order the awards.

**Webinar Fee.** The Board had approved through an e-vote this past Tuesday (Sept 1<sup>st</sup>) to have a multi-tiered registration fee for the upcoming Drinking Water Treatment Units Webinar. The fee approved was \$25 for 4 viewers or less; \$30 for 5 – 8 viewers; and \$35 for 9 viewers or more. This fee structure is cumbersome for registrants and Kerri to process when multiplying it by the number of connections.

***Tom Gonzales made a motion to change the registration fee for the upcoming DWTU Webinar to \$30.00 per connection. Ned seconded. Motion approved.***

**Executive Secretary Contract.** Geoffrey, Bruce, and Ned are working on the Executive Secretary contract. Bruce stated he should be able to get the contract to Board members and Kerri by next Wednesday for review.

The conference call was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kerri Wagner