

**Washington State Environmental Health Association  
General Membership Meeting Minutes**

**May 12, 2014**

**2014 WSEHA Annual Education Conference**

**Great Wolf Lodge**

**Salon A**

**Grand Mound, Washington**

**Present**

**(Board Members)** Lauren Brinker (*Education Committee Chair*), Jodie Holdcroft (*Olympic Region Vice-President*), Ross Lytle (*Secretary*), Kay Massong (*President*), Scott Paradis (*Eastern Region Vice-President*), James Rivard (*Central Region Vice-President*), Jesse Smith (*Treasurer*), Ned Therien (*Procedures Committee Chair*), Mark Toy (*AEC Committee Chair*), Mike Vinatieri (*Southwest Region Vice President*), Kerri Wagner (*Executive Secretary*).

**(Others)** Linda Atkins, Eric Meyer, Dick Pedlar, Chuck Treser

**Introductions**

The WSEHA Board members were introduced to the membership.

Kay reminded the attendees of the need for more volunteers within the organization.

**Treasurer's Report**

Jesse presented the WSEHA membership with a full report of the organization's finances.

*Mike made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. James seconded. Motion approved.*

**NEHA Report**

No report from Dave Riggs (NEHA Region 1 Vice-President).

**Regional Vice-President's Reports**

**Olympic Region** – *Jodie Holdcroft* – No report.

**Central Region** – *James Rivard* – No report.

**Northwest Region** - (*currently vacant*) – No report.

**Southwest Region** – *Mike Vinatieri* - No report.

**Eastern Region** – (*currently vacant*) - No report.

**Committee Reports**

**Education Committee** – *Lauren Brinker* – No report.

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**Committee Reports (cont.)**

**Nominations and Awards**

*Scholarships* – *Chuck Treser* – Chuck announced the WSEHA Scholarship winners for 2014:

*Ella Kuchmiy, Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences, University of Washington*

*Kyoyi Lee, Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences, University of Washington*

Each was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

**Current Vacancies** – The WSEHA membership was reminded of current vacancies that exist within the WSEHA Board (most notably for a Northwest Region and an Eastern Region Vice-President), and the ongoing need for members to serve on the various Committees, including serving as Chairpersons.

**New Business**

**Annual Education Conference schedule**

Chuck, Ned, and Lauren all expressed support for conducting an annual AEC, as opposed to a biennial AEC. There was also continued support for the idea of alternating the AEC between western Washington and eastern Washington. However, it was also noted that support from the Washington Department of Health (WDOH) may be difficult to secure if an AEC is conducted too far away from the Olympia area. Mark said that he would explore this with Maryanne Guichard at WDOH. Ned also said he would be willing to be the Facilities Coordinator for a future AEC if it is conducted at the Great Wolf Lodge. It was also suggested that we wait to see feedback from the AEC evaluation forms before making a decision on future AEC's. Kay suggested that the issue be tabled until the next Board meeting.

**WSPHA call for Speakers/Exhibitors list**

Kerri noted to the membership that the Washington State Public Health Association is currently calling for papers for the Joint Conference on Health in October. They have approached WSEHA about obtaining a list of our AEC speakers.

*Michael made the motion to forward WSPHA's request for a list of WSEHA AEC speakers to the individual speakers, and to also include a copy of this request to the AEC exhibitors. Jodie seconded. Motion approved.*

Along these same lines, Ned said that he had received a request from the AEC vendors for a list of

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**New Business**

**WSPHA call for Speakers/Exhibitors list (cont.)**

AEC attendees. He noted that the WSEHA By-Laws place restrictions on this. He said he will request that the vendors make this request to the Board in writing, and the Board will make a decision on it at the next Board meeting.

**Passing of the Gavel – Kay to Michael**

Michael Baker assumed the WSEHA President's duties from outgoing President Kay Massong.

**Adjourn**

*Ross made the motion to adjourn the General Membership meeting. Jodie Seconded. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.*