

**Washington State Environmental Health Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**



Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023
Time: 12:10 pm – 12:50 pm
Location: Microsoft Teams

PRESIDENT	Nancy Bernard	X	CENTRAL V-P	James Rivard	X
PRESIDENT ELECT	Susan Shelton	X	OLYMPIC V-P	Jodie Holdcroft	Ex
IMM. PAST PRESIDENT	Tom Kunesh	Ex	SOUTHWEST V-P	Jeremy Simmons	X
SECRETARY	Jen Garcelon	X	EASTERN V-P	Vikki Barthels	X
TREASURER	Jesse Smith	X	NORTHWEST V-P	Ethan Schmidt	X
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY*	Megan McNelly	X	NEHA REP*	Bill Emminger	X

*non-voting positions

12:12 pm	<p>Call to Order, Roll Call</p> <p>Sammy Berg has agreed to be a write in candidate as President Elect. Susan said three people were needed to be able to get him on the ballot but need to check by-laws. Ethan and James needed to leave the call/meeting by 12:20 pm. Add Treasurer’s Report to agenda.</p>	<i>N. Bernard</i>	Action
	<p>Approval of Mar 2023 Minutes</p> <p><i>Susan motioned to approve March 2023 minutes, Vikki seconds. No comments. All approved.</i></p>	<i>N. Bernard</i>	Action
	<p>Membership Report</p> <p>303 total members right now, which is consistent with past years. NW and SW have largest membership, Central is smallest.</p>	<i>M. McNelly</i>	Info
	<p>Award Committee</p> <p>Reminder looking for a Chair for the Awards Committee. Larry French resigned as Chair a few months ago. Emily Hovis may be interested.</p>	<i>M. McNelly</i>	Info
	<p>Scholarship Nominations</p> <p>Emily Hovis participated in the discussion. The Scholarship committee met this morning and 5 applications were submitted. The committee chose to split the funds to multiple students. Larry and</p>	<i>M. McNelly</i>	Action

Chuck mentioned they should check last years' scholarship because there should be some money left over (only \$1,000 given out in 2022 versus \$5,000). If there's money from last year, offer to McKenna to drive over to Tacoma for AEC because she's from Spokane. Discussion on stipend for students who receive scholarship.

Susan motions to approve three students Matthew Deinitchenko (\$3,000), McKenna Ives (\$1,000), and Austin Picnich (\$1,000) for scholarships. Jesse seconds. All approved..

Need to add into policy that student scholarship award winners get AEC registration cost covered since they are asked to attend to receive the award.

Susan moves to approve paying for registration for AEC scholarship award winners. Jesse seconds. All approved.

Discussion on travel stipend for students travelling >100 miles or other metric.

Susan moves for \$500 travel stipend for Spokane student to attend the AEC, Jesse seconds. All in favor.

The Board will consider changes into WSEHA Policy & Procedures to allow for travel stipends for scholarship award winners.

Treasurer's Report

J. Smith

Info

\$170K less in investment account because of deposit into checking account to cover Murano costs for AEC, now \$48K in checking.

2023 AEC Registration & Budget Update

M. McNelly

Info/Action

- 352 Registrations, increased budget and space, increased meal count \$400 pp, 10% profit.
- PayPal now offers Venmo options, this will help IHC auction. Cost is 2.3% to use which is the same. Everything run through PayPal. Cash and check are always accepted
- *Susan moves to approve to allow Venmo, Vikki seconds. All in favor.*

2024 AEC Update

M. McNelly

Info

Megan will look at per diem rates for Yakima.

NEHA Update

B. Emminger

Info

Reminder Jul 31-Aug 3, Registration closes April 23. NEHA is asking affiliates to sign off on workforce bill to include environmental health in the public health workforce.

Organizations can lobby as long as it's not a substantial part of our organization. Bill asked their government affairs person, Doug Faqua (?) and there's a minimal amount of lobbying an organization can do. Jesse said there's a tax document regarding lobbying and there is some amount that is allowed.

NEHA is kicking off food safety heroes program, look at the

www.retailfoodsafetycollaborative.org/food-safety-heroes/

NEHA is looking to improve the Certified Food Safety credential.

12:57 pm

Adjourn

Jesse moves to adjourn, Vikki seconds. All approved.

N. Bernard

Action
