

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



Date: Tuesday, March 21, 2023
Time: 12:10 pm – 12:50 pm
Location: Microsoft Teams

PRESIDENT	Nancy Bernard	X	CENTRAL V-P	James Rivard	
PRESIDENT ELECT	Susan Shelton	X	OLYMPIC V-P	Jodie Holdcroft	X
IMM. PAST PRESIDENT	Tom Kunesh	X	SOUTHWEST V-P	Jeremy Simmons	Arrived at 12:17 pm
SECRETARY	Jen Garcelon	X	EASTERN V-P	Vikki Barthels	X
TREASURER	Jesse Smith		NORTHWEST V-P	Ethan Schmidt	X
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY*	Megan McNelly	X	NEHA REP*	Bill Emminger	X

*non-voting positions

12:13 pm **Call to Order, Roll Call** *N. Bernard* **Action**

Approval of Jan and Feb Minutes *N. Bernard* **Action**

Tom moves to approve the January 2023 minutes. Vikki seconds. All approved.

Jodie moves to approve the February 2023 minutes. Vikki seconds. Five approved, Ethan abstained.

2023 Award Nominations *M. McNelly* **Action**

Three nominations for two individuals for rookie of the year. There is a precedent for two awards for one category.

Tom moves dual Rookie of the Year Awards at this year's AEC. Jodie seconds. Then discussion. There are a lot of people who qualify. We base the decision on what co-workers submit. These have been screened by the nominations committee. We are looking for a chair.

Susan calls for the vote. All approved.

Board Nominations *T. Kunesh*

	<p>Tom talked to two people about Board position, but one is not interested in leadership position and the other has additional conflicts at this time. Any positions that require a vote will need to have be mailed out by Mar 30.</p>		
	<p>2023 AEC Update Tom is working on registrations. There is a deadline to increase hotel booking 10%. We have to book 90% to not get a penalty. Things coming together well. Finalizing meal plans, AV requirements, social event Mon night, cornhole tourney Tue. Registration numbers are a bit lower than normal. Some discussion on whether FPHS can be used for WSEHA AEC registration.</p>	<p><i>T. Kunesh/M. McNelly</i></p>	<p>Info</p>
	<p>2024 AEC Update Megan has only received information for Yakima. Lower interest likely due to government per diem restriction. Tom suggested having Conference Direct reach out to other areas to see the price point and review the difference to government per diem. Nancy stated there should be a restriction written in the contracts for AEC on adding scents to HVAC, as it's added at Hotel Murano. Katie Lott will be co-chair next year. Tom will not be able to be AEC Co-Chair. It works best if there's a co-chair from the AEC host jurisdiction.</p>	<p><i>T. Kunesh/M. McNelly</i></p>	<p>Info</p>
	<p>NEHA Update NEHA AEC Conference Jul 31-Aug 3 in New Orleans, LA. NEHA has made a presentation to federal legislators. Bill will forward a write up to Nancy on the visit. 4 main asks: Increase funding for CDC, increase funding for FDAs food safety, health resources and admin workforce to include environmental health in public health workforce for college loan forgiveness, and EH importance within environmental public health. NEHA working HRSA to include EH on workforce development. NEHA may ask state affiliates for support.</p>	<p><i>B. Emminger</i></p>	<p>Info</p>
<p>12:53 pm</p>	<p>Adjourn <i>Jodie motions to adjourn. Tom seconds. All approved.</i></p>	<p><i>N. Bernard</i></p>	<p>Action</p>