NCPHA EH Section Executive Team Meeting

July 21, 2023

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4:00pm-5:15pm

1. Call to Order: 4:08 pm
2. Roll Call: Angela Sowers, Kathryn Hobby, Amanda Nester, Jennifer Hatley, Tonya Zimmerman, Larry Michael, Laura Lerch, Bryce Potter, Jordan Mazzara
3. Approval of Minutes: Amanda Nester 1st motion, Kathryn Hobby 2nd motion
4. Treasurer’s Report (Tonya Zimmerman): Total Checking: $14,611.26, Money Market total $29,031.74. Grand total: $43,643
5. State Update (Larry Michael): EH space has been very busy: 14 bills that can impact EH with 5 that have become law.
   * [Session Law 2023-65](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/Qfa6CxkrJyu1JNxrI8IUXz?domain=urldefense.com) (House Bill 190) includes a provision in Section 9.1 that modifies the educational requirements for Registered Environmental Health Specialists (REHS). The amendments ease the educational requirements, allowing for more eligible REHS candidates, and are more consistent with the National Environmental Health Association’s REHS credential requirements. Thanks to the NC Association of Local Health Directors, NC Environmental Health Supervisor’s Association, and the State Board of Environmental Health Specialist Examiners (REHS Board) for supporting this effort. Please note that this provision is effective on **October 1, 2023**.
   * [Session Law 2023-90](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/F33bCyPvKzCrNVL9HMydJB?domain=urldefense.com) (House Bill 628) provides that an individual with an associate degree and 15 hours of sciences is eligible to become a Registered Environmental Health Associate (REHA). A REHA must be registered by the REHS Board, successfully complete Centralized Intern Training, and be authorized by the Department to carry out limited environmental health duties (refer to the law for the list of duties). A REHA is also required to complete continuing education requirements, which will be determined in REHS Board rule amendments. The REHA section is effective **May 1, 2024**.
   * January 1st, 2024, new onsite wastewater rules will go into effect.
   * HB-600 Restaurant provision that a reinspection requested to raise a letter grade must be made within 5 business days. Changes risk category 4 by having 3 risk-based inspections a year and 1 educational visit per fiscal year.
6. Old Business (Angela): NCRLA Grant has closed it for industry and is only allowing students and teachers to take the course. Unsure what the issue is and whether they will open it back up later in the year.
7. New Business (Angela): Fall Conference is September 27th-29th, make sure you are registered for the conference and the hotel. The governing council meeting had discussed that an emergency preparedness section will be added under NCPHA.
8. Committee Reports
   1. Program (Kathryn): Full schedule with great speakers across a wide variety of environmental health topics. Pre-conference on Firearm Safety.
   2. Newsletter (Amanda): Spring newsletter went out in April. Next newsletter will hopefully go out in October after the conference.
   3. Scholarship (Angela): Shannon Maloney applied for the Tim Hilton Scholarship. No other applicants. Amanda made a motion to approve, Kathryn second the motion.
   4. Awards (Angela): Glen Pugh nominated for Rookie of the Year. Discussed that the nominee needs to be made aware that they need to be an active member. Angela made a motion to approve, Kathryn second the motion.
   5. Membership (Kathryn): No update. Angela received feedback from advocacy: encourage local health departments to do outreach at community colleges and high schools.
   6. Advocacy (Angela): No update, next meeting is 8/8/23. Asked to look at gun control laws, gun safety initiative, and LGBTQ+ oversight pieces.
   7. Public Awareness (Amanda): No update, next meeting is 7/27/23.
   8. Legislative (Tonya): No update
   9. Finance/Fundraising (Ashley): Kathryn has the trivia game all planned out.
   10. Public Relations (Angela): No update
   11. Constitution & Bylaws (Ashley, Amanda): No update, plan on voting on changes at the conference.
   12. Nominating (Angela): no update
   13. Resolutions (Angela): Tonya will take care of it and present it at the conference.
   14. Interstate EH Seminar (Angela): no update
9. District/Section Reports
   1. Eastern District NCPHA (Thomas Privott and Laura Lerch): No updates, planning for the Spring Conference will start soon.
   2. Mountain (Jonathan Quinn): No update
   3. West Piedmont (Jennifer Hatley): Next quarterly meeting August 18th in Rowan County with four great speakers. Dues will possibly be increased from $5 to $10 per person/ per year in December.
   4. North Central (Jordan Mazzara): No updates, planning second quarter meeting.
   5. Northeast (Debra Yarbrough): No update, had their district meeting today.
   6. Southeast (Bryce Potter): Registered as a nonprofit now.
10. Adjournment: 5:30 pm
11. Next meeting: