



## **LEHA Board Meeting Minutes**

July 18, 2007

The meeting was opened by President Steve Aguillard at 9:00am.

Jodi Miller, Secretary called the attendance.

### In attendance were:

Steve Aguillard, Robert Freeman, Henry Graham, Jeff Jackson, Chris Mayeux, Judy McCleary, James Miller, Jodi Miller, Melissa Murphy, Sharon Parker, Claudia Richard, Bill Schramm, and Susan Welch.

### Excused Board members were:

Terry Bonnette, Linda Brown, Holly Herrmann, John Koury, Jr., Carol Petranek, and. Pete Romanowsky.

### Absent Board members were:

Joan Adams, Forrest Davis, and Martin Guidry.

### Secretary's Report:

Sharon Parker motioned to dispense with the reading of the minutes because it had been some time since our last Board meeting. Claudia Richard seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

President Steve Aguillard assigned all of the same duties to past Committee Chairs with the exception of Publicity, vacated by Jeff Jackson for Professional Development; Nominations, vacated by Walter Pichon, Past President 2006 Past President; and Professional Development, vacated by James Miller, President-Elect.

The current Committee Chairs are as follows:

- A. Membership – Melissa Murphy
- B. Publicity – Judy McCleary
- C. Awards – Claudia Richard
- D. Education & Information (Newsletter) – John Koury and Monica Montero
- E. Constitution & Bylaws – Susan Welch & Jim Balsamo
- F. Nominations –Robert Freeman
- G. Resolution – Holly Herrmann
- H. Professional Development – Jeff Jackson
- I.

The current Adhoc Committee Chairs are as follows:

- A. Louisiana Environmental Leadership Program (LaELP) – Henry Graham/Pete Romanowsky
- B. Web Report – Jodi Miller
- C. NEHA Update “NEHA News at <http://www.neha.org/NEHA-News.html>” - James Miller
- D. Native American Environmental Outreach Committee – Terry Bonnette

The reports for Committees are as follows:

- A. Awards Chair, Claudia Richard stated that the Nomination letters would go out in the mail around September 1, 2007.

B. Web Chair, Jodi Miller indicated that she would review and update the web site as needed. James Miller indicated that he had given a CD to Jodi for her use with 2007 Conference pictures and presentations that she could use.

C. The LaELP Chair, Henry Graham indicated that they had taken a hiatus and that a new person had been hired at LDEQ to take over the Steering Committee. The last information he received was that the Steering Committee had received applications for Awards and that they planned to hold the Awards Ceremony in the Fall of 2007. Chris Mayeux stated that the person they hired is also working with Environmental Justice issues and the LaDHH.

D. Professional Development Chair Jeff Jackson stated that he would try to set the Conference dates for either January 16-17, 2008 or January 23-24, 2007. The board had a discussion of the Conference Theme, presentation topics, and workshop topics and the committee was selected.

2008 LEHA Conference Committee Members are:

Jeff Jackson, Chair, and committee members are: James Miller, Jodi Miller, Bill Schramm, Henry Graham, Terry Bonnette, Robert Freeman and Judy McCleary.

The workshop topics that were thrown out were:

Homeland security for chemical facilities (Susan), new Stormwater regs (James), CAIR (power plants in the state are probably very interested in this: EPA or DEQ Contacts-I can find these-jodi), Nutrients in the water, Mercury, Change of pollution due to Ethanol plants (Dept of Ag contact: Ty Bromell: 225-978-0375 work), expanded dead zone in the Gulf (Gene Turner & Nancy Rabalais)

Other ideas for Conference presentations were:

National Coalition for Safe Needles Disposal-(Judy has the contact-free speaker)  
See above workshop topics if not used for workshop

Conference topics thrown out were:

Alternative Fuels – Pros & Cons  
New Beginnings: New Problems  
Environmental Consequences  
Ozone...  
Rebuilding ...  
New Directions: New Challenges

Treasurer's Report (Chris Mayeux):

Chris explained the income, which included 2006 and 2007 dues and expenses, which included conference expenses (trophies, office supplies, and coffee supplies), website fees, Envirothon donation, President Steve Aguillard's NEHA membership dues, postage expenses, etc. since our last Board meeting. These are detailed in the Treasurer's Finance Report. The Conference sponsors were acknowledged: LDEQ for in-kind services for the Conference and Henry Graham and LCA were thanked for bringing the Conference Refreshments. The checking account balance is currently \$6,107.61 (minus \$460 owed to the scholarship fund) for a total of \$5,647.61.

The Frank L. Dautriel Memorial Scholarship Fund was explained by Chris. The total balance in the scholarship fund is \$35,000 stock value plus a cash balance of \$2,087.91 (which includes earning of \$479.45) for a total balance of \$37,087.91.

The next LEHA Board meeting was scheduled for September 12, 2007 at the LDEQ Conference area, Rooms 103/104 (**Manchac & Mobile rooms**)

The meeting adjourned at 10:35am.