

Indiana Environmental Health Association
Membership Committee
4/3/2023 Meeting Minutes

Members in attendance: Jason Ravenscroft (Chair), Reba Hill, Nicole Corwin, Matt Baker

Meeting Minutes:

Chair called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM.

There may have been some confusion about the meeting time. We had originally decided on Tuesday 4/4/23 at 10:00 in the last meeting, but I had sent out an invite for 4/3/23 at 3:30. I don't remember why exactly but I think because I had a conflict on Tuesday morning.

We discussed the need to vet certain membership categories such as associate membership and student membership to ensure people signing up for those categories meet the requirements.

Jason Ravenscroft started a dummy membership to review the process people go through to sign up to look for any areas of confusion or improvement. We also discussed one of the automatic emails giving information about the chapter of the new member so they may better connect with their local chapter after joining.

Reba Hill brought up the fact that some people just attend fall and/or spring conference but aren't really engaged in the Association in any other way. It's up to each member's agency to decide if they want to allow non-members to attend conferences as IEHA certainly doesn't want to discourage conference attendance, but would like to encourage more involvement in chapter and committee meetings. We discussed having membership brochures to hand out at spring and fall conference and possibly setting up a membership booth at other conferences.

Matthew Baker started a discussion about how we could better encourage members to attend chapter and committee meetings. We discussed the Association possibly encouraging and facilitating speakers and other educational activities for chapter meetings to encourage members to see these as a worthwhile expenditure of their time.

We also discussed trying to set up a forum, such as Reddit, for members to communicate and ask questions. We have a lot of technical expertise within the Association and it would be nice to find a way to connect members to make use of that experience better.

Next meeting: May 2, 2023 at 10:00 via Zoom.

Submitted by Jason Ravenscroft