

Indiana Environmental Health Association
Membership Committee
5/2/2023 Meeting Minutes

Members in attendance: Jason Ravenscroft (Chair), Ed Norris, Matt Baker, Nicole Corwin

Meeting Minutes:

Chair called the meeting to order at 10:02 am

The group discussed reviewing email notifications for new and renewal memberships. One thought is to update the emails for new members to better orient them with the association. We may, for example, want to put a link to the website and encourage new members to participate in their local chapter meetings or subject matter committee meetings.

We also discussed possibly having a membership booth at other conferences (e.g. IOWPA, IPHA) or even student career fairs. Ed Norris noted that Denise Wright had put together a display at one point so we can follow up with Tami Barrett about it's location at the next executive board meeting.

We had discussed using some type of forum to allow members to network, ask questions, and in general use IEHA members as resources for information. This might be particularly helpful for new EHS's as they look for guidance. There are forums set up for the committees and TAHP has been using theirs. Need to look at this platform in more detail and decide if it fits the vision of what we were talking about or if we need to look at something like Reddit.

Matt Baker mentioned that he was able to secure free lunch and a speaker for their most recent chapter meeting and it was very well attended. We discussed trying to form a template for a chapter meeting and also possibly getting a speaker bank of IEHA member willing to present on topics of expertise or interest at local chapter meetings.

We discussed reaching out to counties with no (or low) representation and encouraging involvement in IEHA, as it is the professional organization for environmental health in Indiana (as Ed Norris reminded us). We discussed the idea of offering a free membership per county, but decided it would decrease the value of IEHA membership and is likely not the barrier to participation as the membership rate is very reasonable. We decided to pull the membership list and get some stats on counties not represented and how many members are active in counties that are represented in IEHA. The idea is that with that information local chapters could reach out to representatives of the counties no represented in their chapters and see if they could find a way to engage with them, possibly holding a meeting in their county.

Next meeting: 6/6/23 at 10:00 via Zoom.

Join from computer or mobile:
<https://iu.zoom.us/j/6804331867>

Meeting ID: 680 433 1867

Submitted by Jason Ravenscroft

