

Indiana Environmental Health Association, Inc. **Executive Board Meeting Minutes of the May 13, 2022 meeting.**

NEXT MTG DATE: Friday, June 17, 2022 – 10:30 am

LOCATION: IDOH Building in Yoho and Via Microsoft Teams
AGENDA: Chapter and Committee Reports/Old and New Business

FROM: Lisa Chandler - Secretary
Tami Barrett – Board Secretary

TO: **OFFICERS**

Past President & Awards Committee Chair – JoAnn Xiong Mercado
President and NEHA Liaison – Holley Rose*
President-Elect – Jennifer Heller*
Vice President – Krista Click*
Treasurer – Gretchen Quirk (2021/2022)*
Secretary – Lisa Chandler*

CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES

Reba Taylor-Hill – Central Chapter *
Karl Glaze (Jennifer Heller, proxy) – Southern Chapter*
Beth Bowlen – Southeastern Chapter *
Sarah Dallas – West Central Chapter*
Ed Norris – Wabash Valley Chapter *
Nicole Corwin – Northeast Chapter*
Stephanie Cain – East Central Chapter *
Karen Flanigan – Northwest Chapter *

OTHERS

Matthew Herrick & Catherine Hess – Auditors
Tara Renner – Committee on Professional Education and Development (COPEd)
Lynette Schrowe – IDEM Liaison
Jason Ravenscroft – Membership Committee & Website Committee Chair
Ed Norris – Publications Committee Chair
Mike Sutton – Nominations Committee Chair
Amanda Deering – International Association for Food Protection (IAFP) Liaison
Alice Quinn – Co-Chair, Wastewater Management Committee
L.A. Brown - Indiana Onsite Wastewater Professionals Association (IOWPA) Liaison
Amanda Lahners - Co-Chair, Wastewater Management Committee
Sharon Pattee – Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) Liaison
Denise Derrer – Board of Animal Health (BOAH) Liaison
Doug Mathis – National Association for County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) Liaison
Kim Irwin - Indiana Public Health Association (IPHA) Liaison
Mariah Allen & JoAnn Xiong Mercado - Co-Chairs - Food Protection Committee
Kacie Schenck – General Environmental Health Services Committee Chair
Jennifer Heller - Terrorism and All-Hazards Preparedness Chair
Tami Barrett – Board Secretary
Vacant – Parliamentarian

Minutes of the May 13, 2022 Indiana Environmental Health Association, Inc. Executive Board Meeting.

The Executive Board meeting was called to order at 10:32 am by President Holley Rose.

Those attending all or part of the in-person and virtual meeting:

Holley Rose – President* and NEHA Liaison
Lisa Chandler – Secretary*
Gretchen Quirk – Treasurer (2021/2022)*
Catherine Hess – Auditor
Reba Taylor-Hill – Central Chapter Rep.*
Karl Glaze – Southern Chapter Rep*
Ed Norris – Wabash Valley Chapter Rep.* & Publications Committee Chair
Beth Bowlen – Southeastern Chapter Rep.*
Mariah Allen – Food Protection Committee Co-Chair
Jason Ravenscroft – Membership Committee & Website Committee Chair
Tara Renner – COPED Committee Chair
Lynette Schrowe – IDEM Liaison
Kim Irwin – IPHA Liaison
Sharon Pattee – IDOH Liaison
Doug Mathis – NACCHO Liaison
Tami Barrett – Board Secretary

Those not attending:

Jammie Bane – Past President and Awards Committee Chair
Jennifer Heller, President-Elect* and Chair, TAHP Committee
Krista Click, Vice President*
Matthew Herrick – Auditor
Mike Sutton – Nominations Committee Chair
Nicole Corwin – Northeast Chapter Rep.*
Karen Flanigan – Northwest Chapter Rep*
Lisa Harrison – West Central Chapter Rep.*
Stephanie Cain – East Central Chapter*
Amanda Deering – IAFP Liaison
Denise Derrer – BOAH Liaison
LA Brown - Indiana Onsite Wastewater Professionals Association (IOWPA) Liaison
Kacie Schenck – General Environmental Health Services Committee Chair
Amanda Lahners – Wastewater Management Committee Co-Chair
Alice Quinn – Wastewater Management Committee Co-Chair
JoAnn Xiong Mercado - Food Protection Committee Co-Chair

*Indicates a voting member of the Board. There must be 8 voting members present (in person or virtual) for an official quorum. A quorum was **NOT** present for this meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Lisa Chandler/Tami Barrett

Holley Rose asked for comments or corrections to the March 31, 2022 (changed from March 18) minutes. Hearing none, she stated the minutes are accepted as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Gretchen Quirk

Current April Budget Report

The BMO Harris Checking Account balance is \$20,701.31

The BMO Harris Savings Account balance is \$4,930.02

The Fall Conference Account balance is \$19,716.31 (April Bank Statement)

The Capital Fund (30-month CD) balance is \$30,149.91 (as of January 2021 is now a 13-month CD)

The COPED Principal Account (60-month CD) balance is \$16,889.00.

The COPED Available balance is \$4,430.02 (which includes interest from \$10,000 former CD, \$1,000 donation, \$4,000 from 2003 Fall Conference surplus, \$571.25 from 2004 Fall Conference silent auction, and \$1,117.75 from the 2016 Fall Conference Silent Auction, interest from the 60-month CD & \$844 from 2018 Fall Conference Silent Auction)

Holley stated the April Treasurer's Report is filed subject to audit.

Gretchen reported she distributed the standing Committee funds at the Spring Conference in April.

AUDITORS – Catherine Hess & Matthew Herrick

Catherine reported there are still a couple of sets of books that need to be audited.

LIAISON REPORTS

BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH (BOAH) LIAISON – submitted by Denise Derrer

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Situation Update:

- Beginning in early February, the State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) has been responding to cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). A commercial turkey flock in Dubois County tested positive for the H5N1 virus. That finding sparked a cascade of response activities to protect Indiana's poultry industry and meet requirements by the US Department of Agriculture.
- Currently, Indiana has had 10 cases (9 commercial flocks and one backyard/hobby site) with cases of H5N1. Indiana counties include Dubois, Greene, Elkhart and Johnson.
- All control areas have been lifted, while some of the individual farms remain under quarantine until virus elimination activities on the sites can be completed. (This includes actions such as carcass compost material disposal, cleaning and disinfection of the facilities and environmental sampling.)
- Meanwhile, nationally, the HPAI virus continues to spread with (as of May 9) 291 farms affected in 34 states. That figure does not include wild species findings.
- A single farmer worker who was assisting with depopulation in a commercial flock in Colorado tested positive on a nasal swab for the H5N1. The worker reported fatigue for a few days as his only symptom and has reported recovered. This was identified in ongoing post-exposure monitoring of poultry workers/owners. Even with the case, the CDC continues to regard the risk to human health as low.
- BOAH is posting updates to the situation online at: www.in.gov/boah Anyone may sign up for text and/or email updates on the HPAI webpage.

Important Facts About HPAI:

- This virus does not present a food safety risk; eggs and poultry meat are safe to eat. As always, we advise consumers always to cook their egg and poultry products to a safe temperature of 165 degrees.
- BOAH is working with IDOH to ensure workers on affected poultry farms are educated about influenza-like illness. They are being contacted for tracking purposes post-exposure.
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BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH (BOAH) LIAISON – submitted by Denise Derrer (continued)

- Wild migratory waterfowl (geese, ducks, etc.) are a common source of HPAI viruses. Poultry owners are encouraged to limit contact between their poultry and wild birds. They should also practice good biosecurity to avoid introducing the disease into their flocks.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR FOOD PROTECTION (IAFP) LIAISON – Amanda Deering – **NO REPORT** (NOTE: Holley Rose 2022 IAFP dues are up to date via the complimentary membership certificate – no cost to IEHA (according to IAFP one of the requirements to maintain IEHA status as an IAFP Affiliate is that the President and Delegate must be active members of IAFP. Amanda Deering is the 2022 IEHA Delegate to IAFP)

NOTE: 2022 IAFP AEC will be held in-person in Pittsburgh, PA from July 31 to August 3.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY & CITY OFFICIALS (NACCHO) LIAISON – Doug Mathis

Doug reported the NACCHO AEC is July 19 to 21, 2022 in Atlanta, GA. The link for the AEC is www.naccho360.org/home. There are good resources on the website for Environmental Health and COVID-19 information.

INDIANA PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION (IPHA) LIAISON – Kim Irwin

Kim provided an update on the 2022 Health Equity Summit: Health Equity in Action. This is a virtual event on June 23 and 24 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION (NEHA) LIAISON – Holley Rose (NOTE: Holley Rose NEHA dues have been paid (according to NEHA Affiliate Presidents and at least one other member of an Affiliate's Board (preferably the successor to the president) shall be either Active or Life Members of NEHA. Holley Rose is the 2022 IEHA Liaison to NEHA.)

Holley reported the 2022 NEHA AEC will be held virtually and in-person in Spokane, Washington from June 28 through July 1, 2022. Gretchen Quirk will be the proxy for Holley at the Affiliate meetings.

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (IDEM) LIAISON – Lynette Schrowe

IDEM worked in cooperation with the Wabash County Health Department to collect access agreement from Wabash/LaFontaine residents. The purpose of the IDEM sampling event was to determine if there was impact to private drinking water wells from PFAS in Treaty Creek.

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (IDOH) LIAISON – Sharon Pattee

The IDOH Food Protection Division has two supervisor positions posted.

INDIANA ONSITE WASTEWATER PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION (IOWPA) LIAISON – Lewis A. (LA) Brown – **NO REPORT**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AWARDS COMMITTEE – Jammie Bane – **NO REPORT**

NOTE: Deadline for Fall Conference Award nominations is July 15, 2022. Holley Rose encouraged all IEHA members to nominate their peers so they can be recognized for their work.

COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION and DEVELOPMENT (COPEd) – Tara Renner – **NO REPORT**

NOTE: There is currently \$4,430.02 available for scholarships. Two applications were submitted for the Spring Conference registration – 1 was approved and 1 was denied (due to current membership status).

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE – Jason Ravenscroft

Jason reported there are currently 330 active members. Jason is planning to send an e-mail to lapsed members to encourage more membership.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE – Mike Sutton

Mike reported that Andrew Pappas (IDEM) and Abby Messenger (Boone County) will be on the ballot for Vice President in 2023. All other officers will stay the same, i.e. Lisa Chandler, Secretary; Gretchen Quirk, Treasurer. The Auditors will be Matthew Herrick and Doug Mathis.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE – Ed Norris

Ed reported the Spring Journal has been posted to the website. The deadline for the summer Journal is the end of June.

FOOD PROTECTION COMMITTEE – JoAnn Xiong Mercado & Mariah Allen – Co-Chairs

Mariah reported the next meeting is scheduled for June 16 at the Shadeland office. JoAnn will be presenting on an ethnic food safety toolkit she established. The Committee has four speakers confirmed for the Fall Conference. Future meeting dates are September 19 to 21 (Fall Conference) and November 17.

WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – Karl Glaze for Alice Quinn & Amanda Lahners - Co-Chairs

Karl reported the Committee met last week and continues work on guidance documents for the website, along with a tri-fold brochure on on-site septic systems basics. The Committee is working on Fall Conference speakers.

GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE (includes Legislation and Environmental Health Outreach Subcommittee (formerly Safe Water Committee) – Kacie Schenck – **NO REPORT**

TERRORISM AND ALL-HAZARDS PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE – submitted by Jennifer Heller

The TAHP concurrent sessions will include poisonous mushrooms, Stop-the-Bleed training, possible large animal rescue and Jason LeMaster, Hamilton County Health Department speaking on All-Hazards Preparedness and Continuity of Operations.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE (formerly the INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) COMMITTEE) – Jason Ravenscroft

Jason reported he posted the Fall Conference Save the Date and 2022 Committees list to the website.

SPRING CONFERENCE (2022) – submitted by Krista Click

Krista thanked everyone's support to make this year's Spring Conference a success. She has the evaluation scores and is happy to share them as requested. There are still some outstanding checks to collect and reminders have been sent to all. She is still collecting presentations to post to the website, along with the digital version of the HBV document that was shared by the IDOH Food Protection Division. She mentioned that the location she was working no for the 2023 Fall Conference may not pan out so she is still searching for a suitable event space.

FALL CONFERENCE (2022) – Jennifer Heller

Jennifer announced the Fall Conference dates are September 19, 20 & 21 at the Abe Martin Lodge in Nashville. Room costs are: \$79 for a cabin room; \$189 for a cabin suite; \$96 for deluxe room; \$189 for family cabin; \$79 for pet friendly room and \$96 for patio rooms. The Distillery tour is now set up for Tuesday night, with 2 buses taking participants to the Hard Truth Distillery and the Bear Wallow Distillery. Cost will be \$30 (on your own) and includes the bus ride, tastings at Bear Wallow and a shooter at Hard Truth. You can make your room reservations by calling 877-563-4371 and using the code of 0918EH for the lodge. The first night will be charged at the time of registration and can be refunded if necessary. Sponsors are being recruited. Reminder to all Chapter Reps to bring at least one door prize per Chapter and items for the Silent Auction which will be held on Monday, September 19. Jennifer is proposing the registration rates to be: \$250 Member, \$350 Non-member with free IEHA membership, \$150 daily for Monday and Tuesday and \$60 for Friday. Companions at \$150. Retired at \$150. Student \$150. The food costs are up of course so this essentially makes food half the cost of attendance for the members and non-members and evens out on the retired and students. For Park entry all with rooms will pay a one-time \$7 access fee then get in for free for the remainder of the time. People coming in just for the day will get a special pass. Room rental requires a one-day deposit on time of booking that can be refunded if the person does not attend. Sylvia Garrison and Jo Anne Shimek are working on a super golf outing/tournament at the local Salt Creek course on the Sunday.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATES – Jason Ravenscroft

Jason reported that he is meeting with students at the School of Public Health at IUPUI to talk about and gauge interest in an IEHA Student Chapter.

NOTE: The Strategic Plan has been posted to the website under "About IEHA". The Strategic Plan Goals for 2022 are:

- 1) Increase the number of counties represented in IEHA by 10% (Membership Committee) (Jason is working on updating counties in the Membership database so we can contact those with no participating members)
- 2) Increase membership with younger professionals, with less than 5 years of experience, and students by 20% (Membership Committee)
- 3) Increase members with nationally recognized certifications by 10% (COPED) (Jason and Ellie are working on a survey monkey survey to send to all members)

Jason is working on increasing membership.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Tami shared an e-mail with Board members about a IDOH CLE program.

CHAPTER REPORTS (All Chapter Reports should be submitted to the Secretary in writing)

NORTHWEST CHAPTER – Karen Flanigan – **NO REPORT**

NORTHEAST CHAPTER – Nicole Corwin – **NO REPORT**

WABASH VALLEY CHAPTER – Ed Norris

Ed reported the next meeting is scheduled for June 2 in Pulaski County. The Chapter is still working on a “Foods 102” type virtual training for June 14. An official announcement will be distributed.

EAST CENTRAL CHAPTER – Stephanie Cain – **NO REPORT**

WEST CENTRAL CHAPTER – Lisa Chandler for Sarah Dallas

Lisa reported they have not met since the February meeting. They are working on a June meeting.

SOUTHERN CHAPTER – Karl Glaze

Karl reported the next meeting is scheduled for May 25 in Oden at the Casa Sevilla Restaurant. Doug Ginder, IDOH, will talk about insects and there will be a representative from Infiltrator to talk about repairing septic tanks.

SOUTHEASTERN CHAPTER – Beth Bowlen

Beth reported they are working on a June meeting.

CENTRAL CHAPTER – Reba Taylor-Hill

Reba reported the next meeting is scheduled for May 26. Kim Irwin, IPHA will talk about the Governor’s Public Health Commission. The business meeting will begin at 1:00 pm.

Hearing no other business to come before the Board, Holley Rose entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Reba Taylor-Hill moved that the meeting be adjourned; it was seconded by Karl Glaze and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:04 am.

Submitted by:

Lisa Chandler, Secretary
Tami Barrett, Board Secretary