

American Academy of Sanitarians

2012 Annual Meeting

June 29, 2012

1. Chairman Report (Alan Dellapenna chaired the meeting for Robert Powitz)
 - Welcome and Introductions of members present was made.
 - New Members were announced and acknowledged:
 - Gary D Pearlman
 - Patrick Peck
 - Dr. Herman Koren was recognized as a new Diplomate Laureate. :
 - Dr. Koren's book on "Best Practices" was discussed. NEHA decided to table the project at this time; they do not feel that there is a current market to support the costs.
 - 2011 Minutes were approved (George Nakamura/Sheila Pressley).
2. Secretary and Treasure's Report (Gary Noonan)
 - A Financial Statement was reviewed, discussed, and approved.
 - There was discussion regarding increasing the amount given to Food Protection to cover the cost of travel for award recipients – a vote was tabled until a request is made.
3. Wagner Award Committee Report (Gary Noonan for Thomas Crow)
 - There was a call for nomination published twice in the NEHA Journal, however no nominations were received. Therefore, there was no Wagner Award for 2012. Brian Collins reported that Vince Radke will work with Tom Crow to get nominations for next year.
4. Student Mentoring Activity Report (Brian Collins/Sheila Pressley)
 - Donations received included \$1,000 from AAS and \$5,000 from American Public University. (There was discussion of the legitimacy of APU – Sheila assured everyone it is an accredited university.)
 - There were 25 – 30 students at the first session on Thursday (6/28). Schools represented included ECU; Texas Southern; Dickenson State ND; Boise; Benedict College; IL State – Normal; Ferris State University
 - Sheila agreed to continue to work with the committee.
 - Alicia Enriquez will be the representative from NEHA.
5. Credentialing Committee Report (Gary Noonan for Michele Samyra-Tim/Robert Powitz)
 - Members were encouraged to join.
6. Nominating Committee Report (Vincent Radke)
 - Members were encouraged to join.

7. Crumbine Award (George Nakamura, AAS representative to the Crumbine Award Jury)
 - The application process is now all on line.
 - Six applicants were reviewed; it was a very competitive group of nominees.
 - Salt Lake Valley Health Department was selected.
 - George agreed to continue to be on the Jury.

8. Scholarships Awards (Jim Balasamo, AAS representative and Chair of the AAS/NEHA Award Committee)
 - A connection was reestablished with EHAC and NEHA – lots of applications were received.
 - Gary Noonan posed the question of whether the award amounts are worth the application process - should the amounts be raised? (Currently three undergraduates are awarded \$1,000 each and one graduate is awarded \$2,000.)
 - Discussion was held regarding NEHA's financial contribution - all agreed that AAS should not give more than NEHA.
 - Brian Collins made a motion to increase AAS contribution to \$3,500 (currently it is \$2,500) contingent on NEHA also increasing their amount by same; Keith Krinn seconded. Approved.
 - The increase will be discretionary – can be pulled back if financial situation changes.
 - The use of the funds is discretionary – there can be no award if there are no suitable applicants.
 - If an amount is not awarded one year, the next year less can be given by each AAS & NEHA.
 - Amounts given to undergraduate & graduate can be different; however equal amounts will be given to awardees at each level.

9. Old Business
 - Membership Directory (Revisited) – (Gary Noonan)
Gary asked for someone to update and get out to members – Bruce Etchison agreed to work with Gary on this.
There is an on-line directory with names, membership level and date of membership on the website.
 - Update on ongoing Archive Project – (Gary Noonan for Charles Otto)
All of Larry Gordon's writings are on the website.
Papers from diplomates are in the process of being put on the website.
 - Status of Incorporation in Georgia/Application of 501(c)(3) (Gary Noonan)
AAS is now incorporated in the state of Georgia and has 501(c)(3) status.
Vince Radke expressed his gratitude to Gary for all his work on this – everyone agreed.
 - Update on Website (Gary Noonan)
Gary hired Preston Burt to update the website (www.sanitarrians.org) – it looks very nice and is more user friendly.
Brian Collins made a motion to authorize Gary to continue to keep the website updated, using funds as needed. Jim Balsamo seconded. Approved.

10. New Business

- Per decision at 2011 meeting there was no lunch provided at this meeting – mention was made as to how the meeting seemed to lack something without the meal. It was acknowledged however, that \$45/person was a bit extravagant. No decision was made regarding the 2013 meeting – Gary will check on prices and let everyone know when it gets closer.
- Discussion was held regarding the fact that the AAS meeting was not mentioned in the NEHA materials. Brian Collins (incoming NEHA President) asked Gary to send him an email reminder and he will be sure the 2013 meeting is on the NEHA website.
- Discussion was held regarding a Stamp Initiative started by Vin Gill – this is a commemorative stamp for the Environmental Health profession.
Decade Software will have a website to promote the idea.
The idea is to either have a series of four stamps or one general stamp with a logo to represent the Environmental Health profession.
This is a grass roots initiative – all 50 states will be represented in the effort through their affiliates – need 50,000 requests to get a stamp considered.
Keith Krinn made a motion to put a resolution on letterhead regarding the US stamp initiative identical to NEHA’s wording; Brian Collin seconded. Approved.
- Vince Radke made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Alan Dellapenna seconded. Approved.