

**American Academy of Sanitarians
Annual Meeting Minutes
San Antonio, Texas
June 27, 2006**

Welcome, Opening – Chairman Harry Grenawitzke

The meeting was called to order. New Members were welcomed and all in attendance were asked to introduce themselves by stating who they were and where they were from. The 2005 Minutes were approved by voice vote of the attendees.

Secretary/Treasurer Report – Gary Noonan

Copies of the Financial Statement were distributed and discussed. Points of discussion include:

- \$5,000 was provided to the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) to upgrade RS/REHS credential.
- A \$10,000 loan was also offered to NEHA but they stated that it was not needed at the time.
- The 2006 Wagner/ USPHS Award Reception cost the Academy roughly \$2,500 this year, next year it will be the PHS turn to pay for the Reception.
- The financial statement was approved by voice vote.

Wagner Award – Tom Crow (Wagner Award Committee Chair)

The 2006 Award Reception conflicted with the NEHA general assembly this year, efforts will be made to avoid a similar conflict in the future. This years Wagner Award was presented to Professor Joseph E. Beck of Eastern Kentucky University.

Crumbine Award – Dr. Welford Roberts (AAS representative on the Crumbine Award Jury)

Discussion of the award jury focused on application of the terms “comprehensive program” and “sustained excellence” in the selection process. The possibility was raised of offering a second award for a small health department or for a single event, but no decision was made.

Scholarships – Jim Balsamo (AAS Representative on the AAS / NEHA Award Committee)

- For 2006, NEHA/AAS provided three undergraduate scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 and one graduate scholarship for \$1,500.
- The number of scholarship applicants has declined over the years.
- NEHA/AAS was unable to get the scholarship notice in the latest newsletter but notice should be sent to all accredited environmental health programs early in the 2006/2007 school year.
- A motion carried to provide two \$2,500 graduate scholarships and two \$1,000 undergraduate scholarships next year.
- Subsequent discussion was held, and it was decided that the maximum contribution by the Academy would be limited to \$3,000.

Old Business

Guest – Nelson Fabian

Mr. Fabian, NEHA Executive Director, thanked the AAS for supporting scholarships and for assistance with upgrading of the RS/REHS credential.

Nominating Committee – Chairman Grenawitzke

Three AAS Board vacancies will need to be filled in 2007. Members were encouraged to discuss AAS membership with potential candidates.

Constitution – Chairman Grenawitzke

Copies of the AAS Constitution and Bylaws were provided. The following bullets describe activities:

- The word “mail” will be changed to “send”.
- Annual AAS dues lowered from \$50 to \$10 for retirees.
- Should AAS maintain incorporation in Indiana or move it to Georgia? No formal action.
- The motion was made and carried to accept the constitution with the above changes.
- A typo was noted on Article 9, Section 4 of the Bylaws.
- A motion was made and carried to approve the Bylaws, with minor editing and “spell checking”.
- An amendment was made and carried to Section G of the Bylaws to add wording requiring a “published or publishable paper” of AAS applicants.

New Business

Announcements and Committee Appointments

- Chair-elect Craig Shepherd thanks Gary Noonan for longtime service to AAS and makes a motion for AAS “to provide up to \$1,000 to Gary for replacing his personal computer that he uses for Academy business”, the motion was passed.
- Chairman Harry Grenawitzke thanks the group for the experience serving as the Chair of the Academy Board of Directors and thanks Gary Noonan for his support of the Academy, and then turns the Chair over to Craig Shepherd.
- Harry Grenawitzke is presented with a Chairman’s Plaque and Gavel for his service to the Academy.
- Craig Shepherd accepts the Chair and calls on Harry Grenawitzke and Gary Noonan to provide him support and guidance in the coming year.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn is made, voted on and the motion is carried.