



# American Academy of Sanitarians

## Board of Directors Meeting

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Thursday, 21 MAY 2015 @ 2:00 p.m. EDT  
Conference Call

**Board Members Attending:**

- Vince Radke (Chair)
- Bob Powitz
- Bruce Etchison
- Chuck Treser

1. **Call To Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chair Vince Radke

2. **Approval of the Minutes:**

The minutes from the conference call meeting of 21 April 2015 were approved by voice vote with one correction, item 5 bullet 4.

3. **Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer's report was forgone due the absence of the Executive Secretary, Gary Noonan. The balances from the previous month were unchanged.

Checking account balance: \$26,839.72

Saving accounts balance: ~ \$64,000 in various CDs

4. **AAS Web Site:**

Vince mentioned that the site is up and running yet there are a few bugs to address. Bruce entered the website without a password and had access to all portions of the site. He will contact Gary and Justin to see if this was intended.

5. **AAS Annual Meeting:**

- July 14 is the date for the annual business meeting and will be conducted from 11:00am to 12:30pm with a luncheon to be served at a cost of \$25 per person.
- Vince will put a draft agenda together for us to review on the next conference call.

6. **Educational Session**

An educational session to be conducted by the Academy has been developed by Bob Powitz and Michele S-T. The topic is titled: 21 days of fear and loathing: The Art of Science and Quarantine. There will be a show and tell portion of the session. One item will be a Blue Henry vial used for TB patients. Bob gave a brief description of what this was used for in earlier times.

7. **Wagner Award**

- The Wagner Award was discussed and Vince is working with Tom Crow on an award for Jeff Smith who is working with the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium in Anchorage, AK. The award ceremony will occur Monday the 14th from 6:30 to 7:30 and will be in conjunction with the PHS EHOPAC Awards.

- Future Wagner nominations- Tom Crow has expressed a desire to step down as Chair of this committee after ten years of service. Vince encouraged the Board to begin considering who may be a potential awardee in 2016.
8. **AAS Booth:**
- Vince expressed the desire to have members sign up to man the AAS booth during the exhibit.
9. **New Business:**
- Bob suggested meeting with the new NEHA Executive Director to discuss strategy for conducting outreach to other organizations to attract new members to the association. He also mentioned the need to revisit the Strategic Plan and possible update of the KSA's and Desk Reference for practicing Sanitarians/Env. Health Officers. Combining forces with other associations and groups for the purpose of sharing work practice tools and references was also suggested. Bruce mentioned that the USEHA would be a good group to start with for the purpose of reaching environmental health practitioners in all the U. S. Uniformed Services. Vince mentioned that these are items for inclusion in the Annual Meeting Agenda.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned by Vince at 2:36 EDT.

Next Meeting will be during the week of June 22-26 and Chuck will send out a poll for preferences of meeting dates and times.