

LEHA General Membership Meeting
January 27, 2000
LEHA Annual Conference
Hilton Hotel, Lafayette, LA

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30PM by President Sharon Parker.

2. Roll Call

Present - Joan Adams, Marian Aguiard, George Gullett, Jodi Miller, Sharon Parker, Michael Vince, Robert Freeman, James Balsamo, Brenda Coon, Claude Lewis, Walter Pichon, David Simmons, Linda Gipson, Susan Welch, and Joseph Pecot,

Excused - Ed Flynn, Bette Vidrine, Judy McCleary, James Antoon,

Absent - Rod Cavalier

3. Minutes of the November 17, 1999 Meeting

Motion was made by Shan Schatzle, seconded by David Simmons, and carried to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as distributed.

4. Treasurer's Report - George Gullett

The report was distributed. A copy is attached to these minutes. No conferences expenses had been paid yet. We had collected approximately \$7000 for the conference and \$180 for the workshop. The workshop was great. The expense for the website is an investment in the future. Motion made by Jodi Miller, 2nd by David Simmons, and carried to accept the Treasurer’s report.

5. Professional Development Committee Report – Joan Adams

The conference and workshop have been a success. We had 48 people registered at the workshop and 80 registered at the conference.

6. Nominations Committee Report - Claude Lewis

The nominations for officer were presented to the membership. The officers were elected by acclamation. The nominations for Board of Directors were presented to the membership. Nominations of six additional candidates were made from the floor. The results of the elections were:

OFFICERS

President MICHAEL VINCE
Vice President EDWARD J. FLYNN
Secretary MARIAN AGUILLARD

President-Elect JOAN ADAMS
Past President SHARON PARKER
Treasurer GEORGE GULLETT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ROBERT FREEMAN 2/2004
CLAUDE LEWIS 2/2004

BRENDA COON 2/2004
JODI MILLER 2/2004

HENRY GRAHAM 2/2003

TRUMAN MCDANIEL 2/2001

ALTERNATES

MARY MILLER

RICHARD "SHAN" SCHATZLE

A complete list of the officers and board of directors is attached with phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

7. Education Committee Report - Linda Gipson

The committee is working on the coloring/activity book.

8. Publicity Committee Report - Jay Pecot

We worked on the Household Hazardous Waste Day in Baton Rouge. We always looking for volunteers. We also worked on the Beach Sweep and there are many opportunities statewide. Please let Jay know of any other opportunities. We provide snacks/refreshments and the paint can opener.

9. Awards Committee Report – Robert Freeman

We had 5 undergraduate and 3 graduate applicants of the scholarships this year. The amount was increased to \$800 for each scholarship. Robert moved to increase it to \$1000 per student providing the funds can support the increase, motion was seconded by Claude Lewis and the motion carried. An appeal was made to the members to drum up support for the scholarships.

10. Membership Committee Report – George Gullett

We have 225 active members now. Nineteen were added this year: 13 from DEQ, 4 from industry, 1 from DHH and 1 from the private sector.

11. Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report – Jim Balsamo

Revisions to the Constitution and Bylaws were distributed. Each revision was presented to the membership and voting was done verbally. All revisions were passed.

12. Resolution Committee Report - Walter Pichon

The resolutions were distributed. A motion to dispense with the reading of the resolutions was made by Claude Lewis, seconded by Sharon Parker and passed. Resolutions 1, 2, and 3 were voted on verbally and passed. Jodi Miller moved and Don Brandon seconded that we bring the fluoridation issue to the floor for discussion, motion passed. The floor was opened for discussion. James Miller spoke for the fluoride resolution. Resolution 4 (on fluoridation) was voted on and passed. The proclamation naming the 4th Monday of April annually as National Sanitarian/Environmental Health Specialist Day was distributed to the members.

13. WEBSITE - Mike Vince

The website does count the number of visitors. Please send old photos, art, etc., to us to put on the site. The newsletter will be out there. The name of the site is leha.net. We are trying to get links and to get on a search engine. Please send any links to other sites which you think would interest the members to the webmaster.

14. Other Business

None.

15. Passing of the Gavel - Sharon Parker

The gavel was passed to Mike Vince. Mike wants to preselect the Board meeting dates as the third Thursday in the months of March, May, Sept, and November. Jay Pecot moved to select these meeting dates, Sharon Parker seconded and the motion carried. Mike wants to expand the membership to more non-government members. Mike welcomes new ideas and more member participation.

Next meeting will be Thursday, March 16th at the LDEQ Headquarters Building.

Motion was made, seconded and passed and the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian U. Aguiard
March 15, 2000