

## **LEHA BOARD MEETING**

**Thursday, May 18, 2000**

**LDEQ Headquarters Building, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room**

**1. Call to Order** – President Mike Vince

**2. Roll Call** – Marian Aguillard

Present - Michael Vince, Joan Adams, Ed Flynn, Marian Aguillard, George Gullett, Robert Freeman, Jodi Miller, Susan Welch, James Balsamo, Truman McDaniel, Shan Schatzle, Mary Miller and Bette Vidrine.

Absent – Brenda Coon, James Antoon, and Henry Graham

Excused – Jay Pecot, Sharon Parker, Linda Gipson, Judy McCleary, Walter Pichon, Claude Lewis

**3. Reading of the Minutes** – Marian Aguillard

Ed Flynn moved and Jodi Miller seconded to accept the minutes as distributed. The motion passed.

**4. Treasurer's Report** – George Gullett

Robert Freeman moved and Jodi Miller seconded to accept the treasurer's report as distributed. The motion passed.

**5. Committee Reports** –

Professional Development - Ed Flynn: A report of the committee's recent activities was distributed. The conference will be at the Double Tree which is conveniently located near both the casino and the French Quarter. The meeting facilities have been renovated since the last time we were there. They would like for us to have the last Board meeting of the year at the Doubletree. They are proposing to have one of the elevators reserved for the conference attendees to use for added convenience. Jodi will follow up on an Internet speaker. Mike will talk to Dale Givens about speaking at the conference. The committee was encouraged to give any panel discussions more time. The keynote speakers for the morning and lunch on the first day are confirmed. Also, the conference dates are confirmed. Marian will write an article for the newsletter. Susan reminded the committee to be careful to include discounts for membership and early registration when the fees are set. Ed will work with Claude, Bobby Savoie and OPH to develop health/sanitation issues to be discussed on the second day. Patsy is working on speakers covering Air Quality. Bette is also interested in working on Air Quality. Robert explained the new cane burning processes (3 kinds now). Charles Melancon of the Sugar Cane league was recommended as a speaker. Sponsors have donated \$3750.00 so far and another \$1000.00 is coming from Kean-Miller. Ed hopes to end up with \$10,000 to \$15,000 in sponsorships. Claudia is working on the conference logo.

Education & Information – Marian Aguillard: Things have been hectic with Linda retiring. Work is still progressing on the coloring book. The autographed baseball was obtained for the NEHA silent auction. We will publish a newsletter in June. Ed suggested that we get previous scholarship winners to write articles for the August newsletter.

Publicity - Jay Pecot: No report but it was mentioned that we did provide refreshments for the workers at the Household Hazardous Waste Day. There were fewer cars than last year.

Awards - Jodi Miller: The awards program is starting up now and they hope to be ready to hit the schools at the end of August in a big way.

Resolutions - Joan Adams: Joan redid the resolutions for the LPHA to consider. LPHS passed the water fluoridation, cigar warning, youth tobacco and Sanitarian's Day proclamation at their annual meeting. Joan will call the student at the governors' office to help on the proclamation. The list of people and organizations receiving copies of our resolutions is attached.

Constitution & By-laws – Susan Welch: Susan e-mailed the latest version to Mike for posting on the website.

Finance - George Gullett: Included in the treasurer's report.

Nominating - Sharon Parker: No Report.

Membership - Judy McCleary: George reported that we have 200 members now. Judy wants suggestions on ways to increase our membership. Jim Balsamo asked that we get the NEHA roster for Louisiana.

Web Update (Ad Hoc) – Mike Vince: They are trying to get the attendees' names and addresses from the 2000 conference entered into a database. Sharon has been working with Matt on the website. We are one of 14 state affiliates linked to NEHA now.

LaELP – Jodi Miller: Jodi sent an article to Marian for the Newsletter. The Awards will be made in June. A list of the winners was distributed.

## **6. Old Business - NONE**

**New Business** – Mike proposed that we move the November 16<sup>th</sup> board meeting to November 9<sup>th</sup> at the Doubletree. Susan Welch made the motion, Joan Adams seconded and the motion passed. Also, the meeting time was changed to 10:00 AM instead of 9:00 AM to accommodate those driving from Lafayette. This change will be published in the newsletter if Ed can get confirmation from the Hotel.

Mike advised anyone who wants to bid in the NEHA silent auction to write a check and give it to him. Robert Freeman moved that we purchase 200 pins and give Jim Balsamo 100 to hand out at the NEHA conference during his campaign. Marian seconded the motion and it was passed.

Ed Flynn needs to know what number the 2001 conference will be. Jodi will find out for him. Also, Ed was in New Orleans several weeks ago talking to John McCloughlin and his interest in being involved in the conference. Mr. McCloughlin has offered to entertain the Board and the speakers the night before the conference starts. The Board agreed this is something we would like to do.

**7. Adjournment** – Robert Freeman moved to adjourn, Jim Balsamo seconded the motion and the motion was passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup>.

Respectfully submitted by Marian Aguillard on June 13, 2000.