



*Louisiana Environmental Health Association  
General Business Meeting Minutes  
Best Western on the Lake, St. Francisville, LA  
January 26, 2005  
10:15 am*

**Call to Order**

President Walter Pichon called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

**Nominations and Voting**

Walter Pichon, Nominations Chair, presented the nominations to the General Membership, assisted by Marian Aguillard. Steve Aguillard was nominated for Vice-President, James Miller for President-Elect, Chris Mayeux for Treasurer, and Jodi Miller for Secretary. Nominations were requested from the floor three times. No other nominations were heard. The nominations were accepted as noted above, and approved by acclamation.

Walter then presented nominations for 4 vacated Board seats and 2 alternates and additional nominations were then requested from the floor. These were: Sharon Parker, Holly Herrmann, Judy McCleary, Melissa Murphy, Marian Aguillard (withdrew), Terry Bonnette, and Bill Schramm. Close of nominations for these positions were noticed three times by Walter. Marian Aguillard motioned to accept the nominations and it was seconded by James Miller. The motion carried.

After voting took place, and while the totals were being counted, Walter reconvened the business meeting.

**By-laws Changes**

The following By-laws changes were presented with discussion:

Amendment to Article XII of the Constitution involved the number of votes required to approve an amendment; this change was designed to correspond to procedures in Robert's Rules of Order.

The amendment to Article III of the Bylaws included switching Sections 1 and 2 so that the President was listed first. Other changes to these sections reflect current practices with regard to representation on the NEHA Council of Delegates.

Revisions to Article V, Section 1 of the Bylaws will allow more time for the Constitution and Bylaws committee to submit proposed amendments to the Secretary.

The by-laws changes were passed by the General membership.

**Election Results**

The results of the election are as follows:

Board members vacating their positions in 2009:

Terry Bonnette  
July McCleary  
Sharon Parker

Board members vacating their positions in 2008:

Holly Herrmann

Alternate Positions

Melissa Murphy

Bill Schramm

**NEHA Report**

Jim Balsamo was introduced as incoming NEHA President, and Bryan Collins, NEHA's Regional V-President from Texas was introduced.

They mentioned that the 2005 NEHA conference would be in Rhode Island, and that the conference was to be held in San Antonio in 2006. Jim stated that NEHA's budget was \$3,000,000, and they staffed 28-30 persons, and there are currently 5,000 members. NEHA is currently working with EPA, NCDC, getting immunology courses on food outbreaks ready. In the future, courses will be available on-line as continuing ed courses. The following credentials are sponsored by NEHA:

Registered Environmental Health Specialist/Registered Sanitarian (REHS/RS)

Certified Food Professional (CFSP)

National Radon Proficiency Credential Program

Registered Environmental technician (RET)

Certified Environmental Health Technician (CEHT)

Registered Hazardous Substances Professional (RHSP)

Registered Hazardous Substances Specialist (RHSS)

**Outgoing President Report**

Walter Pichon discussed how he enjoyed being our President for the past year.

**Incoming President Introduced**

Robert Freeman, our incoming 2005 President expressed that his appreciation for the opportunity to be our new President.

**Next Board Meeting**

To be announced via email sent to each board member. General membership is also invited.

**Adjournment**

President Robert Freeman adjourned the meeting at 12:36 pm.