

Nevada Environmental Health Association  
Annual Business Meeting  
April 23, 1992

Present on The Executive Board were:

Larry Rountree (President)  
Dan Maxson (President-elect)  
Jim Pierce (Treasurer)  
Patty Lechler (Secretary)  
Cindy Ulch (Past-president)  
Richard Pantages (Regional Vice President - National)

Cindy Ulch, President, brought the 1992 NEHA Business meeting to order at 12:30 p.m..

**OLD BUSINESS**

Patty Lechler read the minutes to the last meeting. They were approved as read.

Jim Pierce addressed the members regarding the following:

The Treasurer's report which showed healthy balances. Copies of the report were distributed to the Executive Board.

Pre-registration for the Conference was encouraged and was very helpful.

Membership is at 63 plus 4 retirees members, down from 86 last year.

There will be an FDA educational conference in Las Vegas on August 31st., September 1st and 2nd.

CEU certificates: NEHA's annual educational conference was approved by the R.S. Board for 12 contact hours. Application for National CEUs must be made individually.

Election Results

President:	Larry Rountree, R.S.
President Elect:	Dan Maxson, R.S.
Vice-President:	Ellen Spears
Treasurer:	Jim Pierce, R.S.
Secretary:	Patty Lechler, R.S.
Immediate Past President:	Cindy Ulch, R.S.

Starting this year, officers serve two years.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Appreciation Plaque

Larry Rountree, after taking office as President, presented a plaque to Cindy Ulch. It was a small token for her work as President during the past year.

### National Annual Conference

Cindy Ulch made a motion to send Larry Rountree, President, to the National Conference to be held in Winnipeg. She stated that it is important to have a representative present at the Board of Directors meeting. The motion was approved.

Ed Bohdan will donate a bird carving for the "Silent Auction" to be held at the National Conference. The money made at the auction goes to the NEHA scholarship fund. This was a generous gift and appreciated by all of the members.

### NEHA Annual Educational Conference

Larry Rountree made a motion to hold next year's annual educational conference in Las Vegas. The motion carried. No date was set for the conference, but Larry said that most of the hotels were booked for April so that the conference may need to be held in March.

Dan Maxson and Ellen Spears will check on room availability and rates and report back in time to publish conference location and date in the next newsletter to be published in mid June.

### Membership

Larry Rountree expressed the need to increase membership.

Cindy Ulch suggested that Larry match our membership list with National's list. She had some success finding Nevada National members who were not members of the Nevada affiliate.

Ralph Capurro suggested sending notices to past members asking them to renew their membership.

Larry Rountree said that it is important to continue to include NEHA and R.S. Board information in the newsletter.

## Newsletter

Jim Pierce proposed to call the newsletter the "Environmentalist" since it was more descriptive of what we are. He stated that the newsletter is a vehicle to get our message out and advertise ourselves. The members agreed to the proposed title.

Dan Maxson suggested putting an abstract of all the presentations given at the NEHA annual educational conference in the newsletter.

## Legislative Review of State Boards

Jim reminded everyone that all Boards will come under review this legislative session, including the R.S. Board. The newsletter will be sent to Legislators this year to understand what we are all about.

## NEHA Pin

Cindy Ulch reminded the members of the need to make a decision on the NEHA pin. The committee developed several designs and Cindy passed them around. There were no committee members present but they included Kathleen McClaren, Julian Davis and Philippa Pointon. There was a motion to use or letterhead logo which was carried. Ellen Spears will head the committee to purchase the pin. The committee members are: Kinley Goodman, Ellen Spears and Doug Pushard.

## Lobbyist

Jim Pierce reminded the members that we now have our exempt status and we need to be careful. He said we could appoint a Lobbyist to represent our organization at the next legislative session but no donations or other political activity was allowed. Larry Rountree made a motion to ask Pete Allen to be our Lobbyist. The motion carried. Dave Minedew agreed to contact Pete.

## The State " R.S. Board "

Clare Schmutz, who is the current Chairman of the R.S. Board reported on news about Board. His points were:

The Board has been struggling since its inception to keep

Chairman and there is currently a vacancy.

There is a vacancy on the Board for a "Citizen at Large".  
The Governor hasn't appointed anyone as yet.

The next Board meeting will be held in Reno, in July and every NEHA member is invited to attend.

He asked that Environmentalists who are not registered apply for registration.

The Board cannot change R.S. to E.H.S. without legislation.

He made the point that the Board does not get any public funds, but is completely supported by membership dues.

Jim Pierce said that the R.S. Board is very supportive of NEHA because they have mutual interests in keeping the Board viable.

Jim also said that currently, there is no "retired status" designation with the R.S. Board for retired members and that \$25.00 for annual dues is not worth the effort to try to get an exemption section added to the statute.

#### Continuing Education

Ralph Capurro recommended study material for CEUs. The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry publishes *Case Studies in Environmental Medicine* - U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service. He said that if anyone was interested, to contact him.

#### Final Comment

Dan Maxson suggested a tour of the Yucca Mountain site during next years educational conference. He will look into the details.

Larry Rountree, President, adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m..

#### NOTE:

The 1992 Outstanding Nevada Environmental Health Association Award was awarded to Darrell Rasner, P.E., R.S. the day before because he had to return to Carson City before the Business meeting.