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Washington State Board of Registered Sanitarian Annual (WSBRS) Meeting; Wenatchee, WA

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 a.m. at the Wenatchee Convention Center, Red Delicious Room-West.

Introduction of Board Members & Upcoming Election/Potential Board Candidates

All three Board Members were present, Miranda Heimbuch, Jerry Caird, and Jen Garcelon. There was discussion regarding Miranda leaving the Board effective July 1. Bruce Straughn is on the ballot for the upcoming election.

Chairman Comments

There was discussion on the current WSBRS website. Miranda suggested the Board should review new software to make it more interactive with members. Danya Katula, Washington State Environmental Health Association (WSEHA) Executive Secretary and WSBRS member, said WSEHA uses Wix for approximately \$160 per year. Added modules like registration costs about \$40. Miranda said Tacoma uses Civic-Plus. The Board should look at website platforms other state registered sanitarians organizations use.

There was discussion on the differences between the WSBRS test and the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) test and how they compare to each other. With the NEHA test, it is computer based and it provides immediate feedback. There was discussion on what kind of computer labs can be contracted to proctor exams. Washington State Department of Health uses the National Testing Service for Waterworks operator certification exams.

Minutes of May 26, 2016 Annual Membership Meeting

The minutes were discussed.

Miranda motioned to approve the minutes. Jen seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

We all reviewed the WSBRS Annual Budget Report 16-17, as of 4/15/17. Revenues have gone down approximately \$1,000 a year the last few years. The expenses were also down from the projections by \$4,000. The Board should look at improving the website and add a line in the expenses.

Miranda motioned to approve the Budget. Jen seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

New Business/Other Business

There was discussion on the college credits required to site for the WSBRS exam because some of the newer hires into Environmental Health have a broad academic backgrounds. The Executive Secretary, Toni Plemel, can do a preliminary credentialing review for \$40. We can check on her availability to do an quick check.

There was discussion on finding out what managers and directors are looking for when hiring new Environmental Health Specialists. Is there a preference of using WSBRS or NEHA standard? Jen can bring it up with the Environmental Health Directors.

Member, Ned Therian, discussed a federal bill about national Environmental Health credentialing. It was brought up by a Michigan lawmaker. It is H.R. 5543.

Footnote...Miranda did review the bill and it was to prioritize educating and training environmental health professionals. It was introduced on June 21, 2016 and died in Congress.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 am.