

# National Capital Area Environmental Health Association

Meeting Agenda

*June 30, 2009*

*7:00 PM*

Annual Awards Dinner at JR's Stockyards Inn

Board members in attendance: Chris Gordon, Kristin Garcia, Vicki Griffith, Val Jefferson, Shannon McKeon, Jessica Tapp and Sarah Chi

NCAEHA members and guests in attendance: Bob & Roz Custard, Bob Rothenhoefer +1, Cecil & Mr. Escobar, Chris Gordon +1, Dwane Johnson, Jennifer Lehman, Jessica Tapp, Julia Balsley, Kristin & Daniel Garcia, Lisa & Paul Kaplowitz, Marion Allen, Patrick Jones, Paul Bilowus, Rick Snaman, Sarah Chi, Shannon McKeon +1, Val Jefferson, Vicki Griffith +1

Board members not present: Cassandra Mitchell, Kris Wallace and Bruce Flippens

Agenda Items:

1. Call to Order—Chris Gordon, 8:05 p.m.
2. Installation of New Board Officers by Region 8 VP- Bob Custard
  - a. Marion Allen- MD Delegate
  - b. Sarah Chi- Treasurer
  - c. Shannon McKeon- Secretary
  - d. Jennifer Lehman- Industry Liaison
3. 2009 Wordsworth Scholarship Winner
  - a. The candidate awarded with the 2009 James M. Wordsworth Scholarship is Zaida Figueroa. She attends GWU where she is a DrPH Candidate (2013). Zaida currently works for the EPA as a NEW Researcher & Industrial Hygienist. This candidate has a strong background in environmental health and came strongly recommended. It is the pleasure of the NCAEHA to award Zaida Figueroa with the 2009 James M. Wordsworth Scholarship.
4. Honorary Lifetime Membership Recognition
  - a. James M. Wordsworth was recognized for his contributions to NCAEHA and the field of Environmental Health with the award of an Honorary Lifetime Membership with the NCAEHA.
5. 2008 Jerrold M Michael Award

- a. Cecil Escobar, the recipient of the 2008 Jerrold M Michael Award, was recognized and presented with her plaque, as she was unable to attend last year's Annual Awards Dinner
6. 2009 Jerrold M Michael Award
- a. Kristin Garcia, the recipient of the 2009 Jerrold M Michael Award, was highly recommended by several individuals this year. She has greatly contributed to Environmental Health both in Fairfax County and Alexandria City. It is the pleasure of the NCAEHA to award Kristin Garcia with the 2009 Jerrold M. Michael Award.
7. Officer Recognition:
- a. The NCAEHA President presented members of the Board with a Service Award for their contributions to NCAEHA this year.
  - b. Cassandra Mitchell was specially recognized and awarded a plaque for her many years of service to the NCAEHA Board, in nearly all its capacities. Sarah Chi accepted the award on her behalf.
8. NCAEHA Annual Update:
- a. President's Report:
    - i. Significant changes occurred over this past year including a new look to our website [www.ncaeha.com](http://www.ncaeha.com) spearheaded by Jessica Tapp. Highlights of our efforts this year includes expanding the Board membership to include a new representative, Jennifer Lehman, to help our partnership with the food safety industry.
  - b. Treasurer's Report—Cassandra Mitchell
    - i. Beginning Balance: **\$13147.09**
    - ii. Expenditures: Includes cost for new website, conference call fee, postage and stamps, plaques, food/misc. for educational conferences and NEHA AEC attendance by President. Also includes expenditures from scholarship fund:
      - 1. 2008 James M. Wordsworth Scholarship of \$1000.00 to Lisa Ross
      - 2. 6 Scholarships for CP-FS Exam or REHS exam fee @ \$130.00 each for a total of \$780.00
      - 3. Sponsorship of Certified Pool Operator Course for 33 participants for a total of \$1200.00
      - 4. 2009 James M. Wordsworth Scholarship of \$1000.00 to Zaida Figuero
    - iii. Income: \$6630.00  
Includes member dues, conference fees and donations from Mr. Wordsworth
    - iv. Ending Balance: **\$10080.49**

NOTE:

\*SCHOLARSHIP FUND = \$4496.00

*\*figure included in the ending balance*

- c. Secretary's Report:
  - i. The NCAEHA has seen an increase in membership this year, from 62 members in FY08 to 76 members in FY09.
  - ii. Both conferences held in FY08 have been well attended, with 34 NCAEHA attendees at the Fall Conference and 53 at the Spring Conference.
  - iii. The NCAEHA Board has held 15 Board meetings in FY09 to discuss matters important to the Association.
  
- d. Vice President of Professional Advancement's Report
  - i. At the Fall Educational Conference the Public Health Policy Committee surveyed members to gauge their support for a statewide smoking ban in restaurants. In February 2009, the committee wrote a letter to Governor Kaine supporting his initial proposals and recommending that he not accept the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives. Governor Kaine signed the Virginia Indoor Clean Air Act that, effective December 1, 2009, will ban smoking in restaurants throughout the state.
  - ii. The Professional Development Committee was busy throughout FY09. As the Fall Educational Conference the committee proctored the NEHA REHS and CP-FS exams for 10 members and 1 non-member. As a special conference held in May 2009, the committee hosted a pool operator certification course that enabled 27 members and 5 non-members to earn their professional certification. The efforts of the Professional Development Committee encourage environmental health professionals to meet industry standards.

9. NEHA Update:

- a. The 2010 NEHA AEC will be June 5-9 in Albuquerque, NM. The 2011 AEC will be in Columbus, Ohio. The location for the 2012 AEC is still up in the air, however some candidate cities are San Diego, Denver, Vegas and Austin. There is a possibility that the 2013 AEC will be held in Washington, DC.
- b. There were meetings with Federal partners away from the sessions at the AEC, consisting of the FDA, USDA, CDC and the Indian Health Service. They met to discuss how they can play a role in supporting state and local food safety initiatives.

- c. NEHA will be involved with the Association for Food and Drug Officials grant to create a Food Protection Training Institute in Battlecreek, MI.
- d. Food safety is really well represented on the NEHA Board.