

**Washington State Environmental Health Association
General Membership Meeting Minutes**

September 30, 2015

**WSEHA Westside Educational Seminar
Tacoma-Pierce County Health District
Tacoma, Washington**

Present

(**Board Members**) – Michael Baker (*President – via conference call*), Jodie Holdcroft (*Olympic Region Vice-President*), Dayna Katula (*Executive Secretary*), Ross Lytle (*Secretary*), Kay Massong (*Immediate Past President*), Jesse Smith (*Treasurer*), Ned Therien (*Procedures Committee Chair*).

Introductions

The WSEHA Board members were introduced to the attendees.

Treasurer's Report

Jesse presented the WSEHA membership with a full report of the organization's finances.

Regional Vice-President's Reports

Olympic Region – *Jodie Holdcroft* – No report.

Central Region – *James Rivard* – No report.

Northwest Region - (currently vacant) – Ned Therien encouraged the attendees to consider serving as WSEHA Northwest Region Vice-President. We have not had a Northwest Region VP since Geoffrey Crofoot stepped down as President a few years ago.

Southwest Region – *Mike Vinatieri* - No report.

Eastern Region – (currently vacant) – President Michael Baker recommended the appointment of Chris Skidmore (Whitman County Health District) as the new Eastern Region Vice-President.

Ross Lytle made the motion to appoint Chris Skidmore as the WSEHA Eastern Region Vice-President. Jodie Holdcroft seconded. Motion approved.

Committee Reports

Education Committee – The Board reminded the membership that WSEHA will again be awarding scholarships to students in the environmental health field next spring. We are planning to award \$2,000, most likely split between two applicants.

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Committee Reports (cont.)

Nominations and Awards Committee – In the Board Elections conducted before and during the Seminar, the members were informed that Jesse Smith was re-elected as WSEHA Treasurer.

For the write-in election for President-Elect, six people – James Rivard, Niels Nicolaisen, Jesse Smith, Mark Toy, Ned Therien, and Tom Kunesh all received one write-in vote, while Joe Graham received two write-in votes.

Jodie Holdcroft made the motion to hold a new run-off election among all of the interested candidates to determine who will be the President-Elect. Kay Massong seconded. Motion approved. Ross will contact all of the vote-getters to determine who is interested in running for the office.

Current Vacancies – The WSEHA membership was reminded of current vacancies that exist within the WSEHA Board (most notably for a Northwest Region Vice-President), and the ongoing need for members to serve on the various Committees, including serving as Chairpersons.

New Business

2016 Annual Education Conference – The Board informed the membership of its intent to conduct a 2016 WSEHA AEC, and that they were looking to possibly hold the AEC in the Vancouver/Portland area. We will contact the Oregon Environmental Health Association to see if they would be interested in conducting the AEC jointly. WSEHA will also work with the local (Clark County) health district in planning the AEC. As it is late in the spring conference cycle, we are currently looking at holding the Conference in late May, just before the Memorial Day weekend.

Upcoming National Environmental Health Association Conferences- Ned Therien reminded the attendees that NEHA will be holding its 2016 Annual Education Conference, June 13-16, in San Antonio, Texas. The 2017 AEC is planned for Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Adjourn

Ross made the motion to adjourn the General Membership meeting. Jodie seconded. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 12:41 p.m.