

**MASSACHUSETTS ENVIRONMENTAL  
HEALTH ASSOCIATION**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

DATE: November 15, 2016

ATTENDEES: Leon Bethune, President  
Robin Williams, Vice President  
Regina Hanson, Secretary

Dave Flaherty, Patrick Maloney, Alan Perry, Larry Ramdin, Roberto Santa-Maria, Jennifer Tsoi, Steve Ward, Jim White

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**I WELCOME**

President Bethune opened the meeting at 10:13 AM and welcomes all members in attendance.

**II MINUTES**

R. Williams made a motion to accept the minutes for the 09/14/16 meeting. Seconded by S. Ward. Motion passed unanimously.

**III TREASURER'S REPORT**

D. Rosati reports the following account balances:

Checking :	\$99,921.52
Money Market:	33,231.88

Checking balance includes the \$15,000 grant from Comm. of MA but does not reflect the expenses from the Food Code workshop from earlier in November.

**IV COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Coalition for Local Public Health**

Discussing a strategic plan for the next two years, draft plan is complete. Meeting coming on Monday for group approval.

**Marketing/ Strategic Planning**

It was decided to invite the consultants, ESC of New England, to our next meeting.

**Mass. Partnership on Food Safety**

H Gallant had no updates for the board.

**Awards**

Sub-committee will send a survey out to membership to solicit nominations.

**Website**

L. Bethune and R Williams will meet with G. Perlman to renew the sites appearance.

J. Tsoi will look into communications student to assist with website..

Slides from the recent Food Code workshop will be posted to site.

### **Workforce Development**

The next training regarding private wells will be on Jan 18, 2017, at Tower Hill.

The annual wastewater seminar will be held on Feb 8, 2017.

The board discussed possible topics for the Annual meeting.

Also, L. Bethune announced he would like to start a "speaker's series", one topic in small venue to serve as a networking event as well.

### **Local Public Health Institute**

There are still spaces available in the Management course.

Applications for fellows are currently being accepted.

New course are up on [nephtc.org](http://nephtc.org)

### **V OLD/ NEW BUSINESS**

#### **SPECIAL COMMISSION ON LOCAL AND REGIONAL HEALTH**

S. Ward had no report

#### **YANKEE CONFERENCE BOARD**

All other New England states, except Massachusetts, signed on to the "Shelter in a Box" program.

MEHA presented its scholarship check at the Board of Directors meeting in December.

Yankee Conference 2017 will be hosted by Rhode Island the first week of October.

#### **NEHA REGION 9 VP UPDATES**

L. Ramdin reports that NEHA is requesting a list of our membership that they may forward to CDC, who is conducting a survey that is being administered by Baylor University.

D. Flaherty made a motion for the president to pursue if we (MEHA) can provide a link to the survey in an email from MEHA and therefore protect our membership's contact information. S. Ward seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

The NEHA Annual Education Conference will be held in Grand Rapids, MI July 2017.

The president will contact the Scholarship Committee (Paula Champagne) and discuss ideas to get more participation from membership.

D Rosati will be stepping down as Treasurer. S Sawyer will assume the position. There is a need to find an accountant and audit the financial records.

J. White made a motion to adjourn at 11:50 AM. Seconded by R. Santa-Maria. Passed unanimously.

**\*\* NEXT MEETING : January 11,2017 \*\***

