

## **THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES SECTION OF THE AMERICAN HYGIENE ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of the Atlantic Provinces AIHA Meeting held March 29, 2005

Time: 6 - 8:30 pm

### **Attendees:**

**Holly D'Angelo-Scott (President)**  
**Milton Cooke (Treasurer)**  
**Bill Otter**  
**Elizabeth Pullen (National AIHA)**  
**Kim Gordon**  
**Helen Mersereau (President-Elect, acting Secretary)**  
**Lee O'Blenis**  
**Dave Gibson**  
**Deborah Smith**  
**Beth Higgins**

**Regrets:        Dave Muise (past President)**  
**Shelley Gray**  
**Dianne Jay Macleod**

**1.0 Call to order.** Meeting initiated at 6 PM at the Westin Hotel, Halifax, NS  
Agenda was accepted with an addition of Deborah Smith's item of the need to promote occupational hygiene and educate the public about occupational hygiene. Elizabeth Pullen was asked to present first.

### **2.0 Elizabeth Pullen's Presentation**

Elizabeth gave an overview of the AIHA national activities, including their financial status (good) and their national initiatives. She offered to send the presentation to anyone interested, and also to send information on committees to all AIHA local section members. She wants people to join the committees to learn and also to contribute.

### **3.0     Old Business**

- 3.1     (4.1)CCOH. Clive MacGregor had asked that we write a letter of support for CCOH. No one was present to present this item (Marlene or Clive) so this item will be discussed at a future meeting or an organized teleconference (action Clive or Marlene).
- 3.2     (4.2) The increased membership dues were discussed from the perspective of providing a TLV booklet with membership. It was decided that there may be some benefit to doing this, but it was determined that it was not to be done at this time.

## **4.0 New Business**

### **4.1 Financial Report**

Milton presented financial report indicating we have a surplus of \$10,031.61. The treasurer said we were in good shape financially. He did suggest that we increase the cost of registration for the teleweb seminars by \$5 or so.

### **4.2 Membership report**

The secretary was not present to give any information on the membership.

### **4.3 AIHA Leadership Conference**

Helen reported that she had attended the 4 day event in Virginia. She found it to be very interesting and well run, and learned a great deal. She also met with three other Canadian local section president elects and hopes for continued contact.

### **4.4 Membership Dues**

Secretary not present, but membership dues notices must be sent out soon. Holly will get membership list together by Monday and email Robin to ensure she is aware of status. Holly will then end out the dues notices herself (for reasons of expediency). She will also contact Diane Wheeler (Jacques Whitford) to get keys to post office box.

Dave Gibson mentioned he would like a booklet containing names and addresses of members, and bylaws. Kim will put together a PDG file with this information when membership list is up to date. Then people can print off what they want. A hard copy will be brought to future technical sessions so that people can take advantage of this when appropriate.

### **4.5 AIHA-APS website revision.**

Kim Gordon will be updating it soon. If you send information to Kim, make sure it is in a good format for uploading. Kim will update the website when Holly sends him the new updated membership list.

### **4.6 Teleweb Seminars**

Holly has sent teleweb seminar information to Newfoundland so that they can have sessions in Newfoundland. Milton thought the dermal teleweb was good. Holly thought that the control banding teleweb was good. It was agreed to raise the price of the teleweb to \$50 for non members and \$35 for members.

### **4.7 Promotion/Public Awareness of Occupational Hygiene**

After much discussion regarding the lack of awareness of occupational hygiene in the general world, some suggestions were made. Dave Gibson and Deborah Smith will form a sub committee to discuss more formal planning. It was agreed that our future Fall technical session should be linked with the NB WHSCCT conference held in October. Lee and Deborah will discuss this together. Some other recommendations were as follows:

- free seminars on ih/oh to JOHS committees
- session for explaining TLV booklets
- look at what CRSP did to get into organizations (meet with HR?)
- get volunteers to go into businesses to educate them on oh/ih
- need to get more students in the field, volunteer to judge science fairs/career fairs
- piggy back with other professional groups and conferences

- offer part of CRSP exam preparation course (get some oh/ih material in)
- get into universities and colleges to discuss oh/ih
- Can oh/ih be part of project Minerva (engineering ohs courses)
- piggy back with CSSE conference or IAPA
- each member should send a list of topics they are comfortable speaking about to Lee for upcoming conference in NB.
- what about a booth offering ih/oh advice?
- what about a suggestion box, where conference attendees can put questions to be later answered by a volunteer oh/ih.

Meeting adjourned 8:30pm