

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

Minutes of the Atlantic Provinces AIHA Meeting held March 28, 2007

Time: 7am

Attendees: Karen Butterworth (President)
Tina Murphy (president elect)
Helen Mersereau (past president, acting secretary)
Holly D'Angelo-Scott
Milton Cooke (Treasurer)
Kim Gordon
Shawna McIntyre
Marlene Grigg
Bob Reid
Dave Gibson
Deborah Smith
Beth Higgins
Pamela Sears
Paul Arsenault
Scott Scrimgeour

Regrets: Clive MacGregor (secretary)

1.0 Call to order. Meeting initiated at 7am at the Westin Hotel, Halifax, NS

Agenda was accepted and meeting was called to order by Karen Butterworth at 7:10am. Helen offered to be secretary due to absence of Clive

2.0 Review of minutes (minutes accepted)

3.0 AIHA APS Dues and Penalties

Some discussion around the cost of dues and when they are required to be paid. It was suggested that the membership fee go from \$20 to \$40 dollars and be due by March 31 of that year.

Members agreed to this, and it was determined that a ballot needs to go out to members before finalizing the increase and change in due date.

4.0 AIHA APS brochure

Clive is working on this, so it is deferred to next meeting.

5.0 CCOH Activities

CCOH is planning a teleweb for June on the CSA Z1000 standard and the advantages of its use. Members to contact Clive for more info.

6.0 Nomination Committee

Made up of Kim Gordon and H. Mersereau. Any interested parties to contact Helen or Kim.

7.0 Financial Report

Report given by Milton, total equity \$6539.13. Some members expressed concern of cost of Fall session. Members agreed that it was okay to have a net deficit on a conference occasionally, but

the organizer should try to break even whenever possible. Members suggested that if the costs were looking high, then the session cost to attendees could be raised to cover the difference. Other members suggested raising the cost for all sessions, as they are comparatively cheap.

8.0 External Relations Committee

It was determined that the APS needs an external relations committee. Deborah agreed to chair the committee. Some members present have agreed to help Deborah; Beth Higgins, Pamela Sears, Shawna McIntyre, Holley D' Angelo Scott, Dave Gibson. The first order of business was to get promotional materials updated and attend NAOSH week activities and have a booth. Dave to be contact person, Deborah to organize.

9.0 NAOSH week

Roberto suggested that AIHA have a presence at the NB NAOSH week activities (breakfasts for JOHSC members).

10.0 Membership List

It was determined that the membership list could not be given out unless there was a ballot. The need for a privacy policy was discussed. Kim to follow up with Clive on the issue.

11.0 Upcoming Fall Session

Tina to organize upcoming session. Some ideas from members include: Emerging hygiene issues; nanotechnology; control banding; communicable disease (pandemic planning); chemical storage (incompatibilities, fire safety, etc).

12.0 Adjournment

Some ideas suggested at 2005 session on public awareness

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.

