

MALEHA Environmental Health Forum
R.A. MacMullen Conference Center
September 19, 2018

Board of Directors:

Vern Johnson, Kalamazoo, President

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Members: (TC = teleconference)

Regina Young, Barry-Eaton

Steve King, CMDHD

Tip MacGuire, Huron-Tuscola

Brendan Earl, Kent

Andrew Cox, Macomb

Nick Margaritis, Berrien

Chuck Lichon, DHD #2

Rod McNeill, Ingham

Steven Stoddard, Lapeer

Liz Braddock, Mid-MI

Kevin Green, Calhoun

Daniel Thorell, Grand Traverse

Sara Simmonds, Kent

Matt Bolang, Livingston

Guests: (TC = teleconference)

Closed meeting

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Vern Johnson at 3:30pm
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve by Chris Klawuhn, support by Matt Bolang. Motion carried.
3. **Approval of August 16, 2018 Minutes:** Update attendance list. Motion to approve with changes by Matt Bolang, support by Kevin Green. Motion carried.
4. **Officer & Affiliate Reports**
 - a. **President's Report**

See emailed report.

Vern thanked everyone for a great year as MALEHA President and turned the gavel over to the incoming President, Kristen Schweighoefer. Kristen thanked Vern for all his hard work over the year and his ability to navigate difficult topics. Kristen briefly outlined pending items facing MALEHA in coming year, including: The Statewide Sanitary Code, Medical Marijuana, PFAS,

Vapor Intrusion, Harmful Algal Blooms, Food Law/Food Code Updates, continued relationship building with state partners, and other emerging issues.

b. Treasurer's Report

Brief discussion regarding current balance and Director's Conference attendance. Currently there are approximately 80 members, which is consistent with previous levels. Motion by Tip MacGuire, support by Scott Smith to approve the August Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

c. MEHA—Sara Simmonds

The 2019 MEHA AEC will be held in Battle Creek. Details will be shared as they are finalized. MEHA also has a new logo. Reminder to submit award nominations prior to the end of the year.

7. Committee Reports

- a. Food-none
- b. Drinking Water-none
- c. On-site & Land-use-none
- d. Legislative-none
- e. Technology & Training

Don provided brief update on conference attendance and thanked everyone for attending.

- f. Vapor Intrusion Ad-hoc-presentation to be held at conference

8. MALEHA Member Reports (Non-MALEHA Committees)

See attached spreadsheet for committee assignments and project updates

- a. Medical Waste Pilot Program-none
- b. Local Inspection at Fairs-none
- c. Cross Jurisdictional Sharing-none
- d. Communication Workgroup-none
- e. Fentanyl/Carfentanil Workgroup-none
- f. DEQ Septic Code Workgroup-separate discussion to follow meeting

9. Old Business

10. New Business

- a. Election Results
 - President-Elect-Matt Bolang
 - Treasurer-Chris Westover
 - Secretary-Adeline Hambley
 - Director-Ken Bowen
 - Director-Andrew Cox
 - Director-Tony Drautz

11. Items from Board

12. Items from Members

- a. Chuck Lichon—brought up difficulty getting qualified applicants for open positions. He suggested MALEHA invite Jay VanHouten, Chair of Environmental Studies at Central Michigan, to speak to MALEHA about and Environmental Health Program. There was general discussion about summer internships, an EH degree program, and creation of a professional development, succession planning, or capacity development committee at MALEHA.
- b. General discussion regarding water quality issues and conflicting guidance from different state agencies. Vern stated that this highlights the importance of MALEHA's role in emerging issues and working to get consistency from agencies. Sara Simmonds highlighted that the letters being sent to operators are bulky and unclear with differing guidance for schools and for homes. It creates public confusion and frustration as they do not understand the slight differences. The overall resource burden to LHD's was also discussed and the difficulty for locals to complete mandated programs and adequately respond to emerging issues. Continued work with state agencies and MALPH are necessary moving forward to address these issues.

13. Future Agenda/Items

Motion by Vern Johnson, support by Kevin Green to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:37pm

Submitted by:

Adeline Hambley 10/17/18

Approved x-xx-2018

_____, MALEHA Secretary