



## **Kansas Association of Sanitarians**

State Affiliate of the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) and the International Association of Food Protection (IAFP)

### **KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF SANITARIANS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING OCTOBER 9, 2002**

The 73<sup>rd</sup> annual conference of the Kansas Association of Sanitarians business meeting, was opened by president Steve Johnson.

**Secretary's Report:** Tim Wagner presented the minutes from the fall 2001 KAS business meeting. Copies supplied at the time of registration to the membership. There being no questions or changes to the minutes Scott Schwinn moved to accept the minutes as written, 2nded by Kathy Jackson. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Greg Willis presented the KAS financial report with handouts and overheads. The Bill Spaniol Scholarship was taken out of the treasurer's report as its own item, not included in the KAS funds. The CD was brought up to \$10,000 and Greg put into the highest CD rate he could get and that was 3.15%. A question was raised as to the heading on expenditures for the Barnes Conference. This was the charge for the gift from KAS to attendees. Motion by John Davis to accept the treasurer's report, 2nded by Judy Willingham. Motion passed.

**President's Report:** Steve Johnson began his report by presenting the proposed budget for 2003. Regarding budget issues the question was raised as to the scholarship fund and donations and how they would be handled. The board will discuss at their meeting and decide how to best handle the issue. Greg Willis made a statement that if KAS budget exceeds \$20,000 in any one year then KAS will be subject to IRS filings.

#### **Section Reports:**

**General Section:** Richard Ziesenis reported on old business first. The first item was the issue of credentialing of sanitarians with the state legislators. There are several things to work on before approaching the state, one was to work with NEHA on a contract to get more credibility before approaching the legislators. Also it may not be a good time to approach with the budget crunch at this time.

Second there was a motion to contact Kansas Dept of Emergency Mgt (KDEM) to begin discussions regarding how sanitarians fit into this organization during disasters. Jerry McNamar has been working on this issue, at this time KDEM is aware of the sanitarians but do not have enough information to know what to do with us. Currently sanitarians would be asked to address the issues they deal with. Sanitarians need to be working with their health departments writing a plan to fulfill a role in KDEM. This would require working with the Local Emergency Preparedness Committee (LEPC).

The other item is that sanitarians need some awareness training and some basic level of training to be prepared as a first responder. You will need a plan to deal with sanitation issues, water sewage, dead animals, etc. This is an opportunity for KAS to come up with guidelines in how to prepare for services in case of a bio-terrorism event. It would need to go to three groups, KDEM, KEMA, and MSAC. It may also need a mutual aid agreement between counties. Jerry McNamar will write up and get to the KAS board.

The third item was to contact colleges regarding intern programs. Scott Schwinn worked on this issue, he contacted 18 colleges and universities and received 12 responses. Six have some form of internship program and he will put that list on the KAS website. The idea at this time is that you contact the university directly and work with them. Greg Willis stated that Jonathan May was an intern in the KDHE office in Hays last summer.

The fourth item was that KAS offer a student membership and this item will be discussed in old business. There were two new motions in this section, one for a letter from KAS to Kansas Water Authority board members describing history, progress and all relevant information regarding the LEP program. Dennis Foster has already put something together like this and is willing to put something together. Question was raised as to who all this statement should go to. In regard to contacting Basin Advisory Committees (BAC's) it was decided that everyone should contact their own BAC. The motion was made and passed to make statement to KWA board, KAC, KPHA and all interested parties..

John Davis requested that the Dept of Ag. Be contacted to see if we can get them back into KAS. A motion to that effect was made, 2nded and passed.

**Food Section:** New section chair is Mike Kopf. KDHE underwent a legislative audit. Out of that audit some new positions were created and new guidelines for inspections and training. There is a new grant program for food safety issues and an updated training plan.

**At Large Section:** No report.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Audit Committee:** Jerry McNamar reported that he had reviewed all of the financial reports and everything appears to be in order. Dale Wing made a motion to approve the report, 2nded by mark Bradshaw. Motion passed.

**Awards Committee:** Scott Schwinn ballots were counted at noon as it announced they would be. Out of all attendees only 34 ballots were turned in, this was a very poor voter turnout. Plaques for award winners will be available for the banquet.

**CEU Committee:** Get your CEU's to Mark Lackey.

**Librarian:** Karen Purvis announced that KAS has purchased some additional training materials. For the sanitarians test and food safety issues, and those are available by contacting her.

**Membership Chair:** Dan Partridge wanted to know what do people want. Do you want a billfold card or the card with stars. The consensus was cards with stars.

**Nominations Chair:** No Report.

**Scholarship Chair:** Melissa Heinrich reported that there were 100 applications for the scholarship. The winner for this year will be at the awards banquet to receive the scholarship

**Silent Auction:** Mike Parsons stated that the doors for the auction will close at 6pm. At this point we are \$100 short of last years auction.

**Old Business:** The Fall 2003 annual conference will be held in conjunction with KPHA as requested last year. Regarding a student membership the board approved to add to the bylaws. The membership was notified through the newsletter in accordance with Article 12 of the bylaws. Steve Johnson read the wording for the bylaws change. A motion by Judy Willingham was made to amend the bylaws for a student membership as read by Steve, 2nded by Mary Glassburner. After some discussion over wording the motion passed.

Over the past several years the membership has requested that the board investigate a website for KAS. The board agreed and Steve has got the framework done. He worked with Jeff Coen web master for KDHE and he developed a website for KAS. Mr. Coen will present the website tomorrow at 11:30 am. It will have many benefits. The newsletter may be on the website instead of a hard copy to everyone. There will be many pluses for having the site.

Steve Johnson then mentioned the KDEM issue again retelling a story of a food issue at the World Trade Center disaster.

**New Business:** Looking forward with the website it is possible that the spring newsletter may be the last hardcopy newsletter and after that all newsletters will be on the web. We need everyone's updated information with email addresses. John Davis stated that any future bylaws changes may need to be mailed out hardcopy. This issue is currently being discussed at the Attorneys Generals office. There was some discussion over the issue that some members do not have access to the web so how will they receive the newsletters. One possibility mentioned was to email a copy of the newsletter to them as an attachment. At this time the item was tabled and the board will continue to discuss options.

Other new business Ernie Barnes announced that KDHE has the Kansas Conference for Food protection and they made money on it, so they are making that money available for stipeneds to offset testing costs for things such as the sanitarians exam.

Dan partridge wanted a direction on documentation for membership for registration. John Davis JCCS issues cards so KAS ought to issue cards as well. Jerry McNamar made a motion to issue cards when dues are paid, 2nded by John Davis. Motion passed

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.