

KAS BOARD MEETING

November 20, 2002
KDHE District Office
Salina, Kansas
10:00 AM

The meeting was called to order by president Angela Kohls. Those in attendance were Angela Kohls, Mark Bradshaw, Karen Purvis, Greg Willis, Richard Ziesenis, Mike Kopf, Scott Schwinn, Steve Johnson, and Jerry McNamar.

Secretary Tim Wagner was absent, so no minutes from the last board meeting after the Fall Conference were presented .

Greg Willis presented the treasure's report. The original was provided to Steve Johnson who was taking minutes. All the bills from the Fall Conference have been paid. The current balance of the association as of November 20 is approximately \$ 1,100.00 less than at the Fall Conference. Motion to accept the Treasures Report was 2nd and approved.

Mark Bradshaw reported that the KAS Spring Conference will be held again at the Rock Springs 4-H Camp in Junction City. The Conference will be April 23 & 24th. The format of the conference will be similar to the last two spring conferences.

Karen Purvis reported on the Spring Newsletter. The newsletter will be ready for release by March 1st. The board agreed to mail out the newsletter even though it will also be available on the KAS website. If all the members have access to the Internet this may be the last association newsletter that is mailed to the membership.

Mike Kopf reported for the Food Section. He reported that all six KDHE food inspectors that took the National Environmental Health Association Certified Food Safety Professional Exam successfully passed. Mike suggested that a topic of interest for the spring conference would be on enforcement of violations.

Richard Ziesenis reported for the General Section. Richard stated that at the last sanitarians meeting held in the Northeast part of the state that sanitarians had concerns about the new LEPP reporting requirements. Concerns of duplication of services reporting, unsure about some reporting requests, and concerns about the reason for such extensive reporting were relayed to KDHE staff. Also concerns about KDHE Bulletin 4-2 which are the minimum standards for design and construction of on-site wastewater systems and the new septic tank certification regulations.

Scott Schwinn reported for the At-Large Section. Scott stated that members that don't fit into the two association sections that we have asked Scott if they should make the At-Large Section more prominent. He mentioned the KDHE lead people, indoor and outdoor air quality, dairy and child care licensing people could be in this section. The association bylaws were reviewed, Article IX states the Member-at-Large will serve as a member of the Executive Board and is not a section of the association. If the members wish to form another section they would have to request this of the board to be voted on at the next Annual Business Meeting.

Past President Steve Johnson presented a list of items that needed to be updated, additions to and changes made on the new KAS website. Angela would meet with the webmaster to update the changes. Steve then informed the Board that KDHE had agreed to have LEPP staff input into the fiscal year 2004 funding process. Steve asked KDHE if a committee of LEPP staff, put together by KAS would be acceptable. The approval from Scott Satterthwaite, Watershed Management section of KDHE was given. After some input from Jerry McNamar and discussion of the KAS Board, Scott Schwinn made a motion for the board to vote on. Scott moved that the KAS board approve a committee of LEPP staff to form a committee of four to six members to represent the KAS board in promoting the equitable allocation of LEPP funds to the benefit of all Kansans. Motion was moved and seconded by Karen Purvis. Richard Ziesenis stated that he would abstain from voting on the motion. After some discussion Greg Willis wanted to make an addition to the motion and state that Past President Steve Johnson Chair the Committee. Motion Passed.

Angela Kohls presented the Presidents Report. She thought that the president and the 2nd vice president should be the two board members that have Microsoft Outlook E-KAS Emails so that they can receive information that needs to be posted on the website, and send out notices to the membership. Angela will attend and represent KAS at the Secretary's Food Safety Advisory Committee Meeting on December 11, 2002.

New Business: Karen requested on behalf of the JCCS committee that a button be placed on the KAS website that would allow members access to renewal applications, applications for credential examinations and notification of upcoming exam dates. The board agreed to Karen's request. Steve suggested that the association should recognize all the KAS members that have either an RS , REHS or CFSP credential on this site.

Scott asked the board if he could purchase a KAS logo crimp seal to stamp certificates of recognition , declarations, and library materials . The board agreed that that would be fine. However later in the meeting it was mentioned that maybe the association should consider a name change to keep up with current terminology of Environmental Health. Scott stated that he would hold off on purchasing the crimp.

Discussion on the 2004 Fall Conference location indicated that it was time to move out to the western part of the state. Hays, Great Bend, and Dodge City were mentioned.

Old Business: Jerry McNamar presented to the board information about how environmental health professional in KAS needed training to help assist their communities in response to natural disasters or a Bioterrorism event. Much discussion ensued about how the association could pursue this endeavor. Training seminars presented by various national associations and organizations is probably the most professional way that we could become proficient at assisting our local emergency response teams in regards to environmental health planning and response. It was suggested that the association have someone present at the spring conference to give the membership information on the various duties, responsibilities and training environmental health professionals would have and need in their roles at the local level. The board agreed that this is an issue that we need to address as a professional association to keep up with the ever changing world that we live in.

Scott Schwinn stated that it was one and a half hour later than he usually eats lunch and that he was starving. With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Next KAS board meeting will be on January 8th 2003 at the KDHE district office, Salina, 10:30 am.

Minutes Submitted by Steve Johnson