**Board Meeting Minutes |April 11, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. | Zoom Call**

1. **Call to Order – Steve Ruckman**
2. **Acceptance of Agenda**

Motion by: Eric Zgodzinski Seconded: Matt Tyler

1. **Legislative Update** 
   1. Biennial Budget and Legislative Updates - Hicks Partners
      1. Four key changes submitted for an amendment of the operating budget.
         1. The testing change related to removing the inclusion of the NEHA exam, we are asking that it be replaced with current law.
         2. Licensing requirement to grant the REHS credential to an individual from another state that has no requirements for an REHS. This coincides with why we want the NEHA inclusion back in the budget bill.
         3. Fee structure changes proposed to be in rule instead of statute. We would like to keep it in statute.
         4. Continuing education courses requirement proposed to be in rule instead of statute. We would like to keep this in law.
      2. Dry well language included by ODH in the budget. We are opposing that language. AOHC is attempting to make changes to the bill that would make it more palatable.
      3. AOHC is also working on a proactive amendment by asking ODH to give more authority to the Environmental Health Specialist advisory board.
      4. A Lawsuit was filed by Sierra Club, Ohio Environmental Council and other environmental groups on April 6th, 2023 related to HB 507, violation of the constitution. This is where our food survey language was amended into. This bill also included oil and gas drilling on state owned lands. The original HB 507 was related to the number of poultry chicks that could be sold, lowering the number from 6 to 3. This bill was supposed to go into effect on Friday April 7th 2023. Not clear at this point if there is an injunction that will be holding the effective date of this bill. Hicks Partners to provide an update during the next monthly meeting.
2. **Secretary’s Report and Approval of March Minutes – Jeff Gibbs (Minutes Recorded by Steve Ruckman)**

Motion by: Carrie Yeager Seconded: Sarah Burkholder

1. **Administrative Aide’s Report – Vicki Johnson**

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| **2023 MEMBERSHIPS** | **NORTHEAST** | | | | **SOUTHWEST** | | | | **SOUTHEAST** | | | | **NORTHWEST** | | | | **TOTAL** | | | |
| ACTIVE | 140 | ( | 44 | ) | 99 | ( | 28 | ) | 93 | ( | 25 | ) | 73 | ( | 16 | ) | 405 | ( | 113 | ) |
| STUDENT | 1 | ( | 1 | ) | 0 | ( | 0 | ) | 1 | ( | 0 | ) | 0 | ( | 0 | ) | 2 | ( | 1 | ) |
| SPECIAL | 0 | ( | 0 | ) | 0 | ( | 0 | ) | 0 | ( | 0 | ) | 0 | ( | 0 | ) | 0 | ( | 0 | ) |
| SUSTAINING | 0 | ( | 0 | ) | 1 | ( | 1 | ) | 0 | ( | 0 | ) | 0 | ( | 0 | ) | 1 | ( | 1 | ) |
| LIFE | 25 | ( | 0 | ) | 14 | ( | 0 | ) | 23 | ( | 0 | ) | 9 | ( | 0 | ) | 71 | ( | 0 | ) |
| **TOTAL 2023** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **MEMBERSHIP** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **TO DATE** | **166** | ( | **45** | ) | **114** | ( | **29** | ) | **117** | ( | **25** | ) | **82** | ( | **16** | ) | **479** | ( | **115** | ) |

1. **Old Business**

No Old Business to Discuss

1. **New Business**
   1. 2023 Resolutions
      1. Recognizing life members and those that have passed.
   2. AEC Planning Final Discussion
      1. One last minute speaker cancellation, back-up presenter is in place.
      2. Last minute registrations came in on Friday.
      3. Needs list of final raffle items, if any last-minute items please submit to Colton Masters ASAP
      4. Matt and Vicki to be at the Hotel on the 12th after 4:30 to start setting up booklets, paperwork, tables, etc.
      5. Registrations are approx. 50 attendees higher than last year.
   3. Nominations and Elections
      1. Nominating from the floor during the AEC for two positions
         1. Vice President Elect
         2. President Elect
   4. 2022 Audit
      1. The 2022 audit was completed and sent via email to the OEHA Board of Directors for their review.
2. **President’s Report – Steve Ruckman**
   1. No Report
3. **Vice President’s Report – Matt Tyler**
   1. See item #7 under new business for info for report from Matt Tyler.
4. **Treasurer’s Report – Eric Zgodzinski**
   1. Eric wanted to thank the audit committee for their support and knowledge shared during the audit. Propose monthly or quarterly updates provided by the District Directors or Treasurers on budget. Report will be available during the Annual Educational Conference business meeting. Great job to Carrie Yeager on her group on workforce development and retention. Eric is working on getting a System for Award Management (SAM) account for OEHA and a .gov account. This is needed in order to apply for grants in the future. We may also want to update/create a Title 10 policy.
5. **District Directors Reports**
   1. Northeast – Laura Fauss
      1. On track for a lot of new speakers and new interesting topics
      2. Conference gifts – multi tool kit with engraving
      3. Kicking around idea of a conference theme
   2. Northwest – Molly Brownell
      1. Next meeting April 21st working on speakers
      2. Received about 4 or 5 speaker forms back
   3. Southeast – Sarah Badenhop
      1. 8 speakers confirmed for the fall conference.
      2. Met at Ohio University Inn during last planning committee meeting
   4. Southwest – Ryan Peltier
      1. On track for conference in October
      2. 10-11 speakers have been confirmed
      3. Working on completing agenda, should be done next month
6. **Next Board Meeting: Business Meeting as Part of the Annual Educational Conference April 13th and 14th, 2023**