**Board Meeting Minutes |May 18, 2023 | 10:30 a.m. | Franklin County Public Health**

1. **Call to Order – Sarah Burkholder**
2. **Acceptance of Agenda**

Motion by: Eric Zgodzinski Seconded: Carrie Yeager

1. **Legislative Update** 
   1. Biennial Budget/HB33/ SB 131 and Legislative Updates - Hicks Partners
      * 1. Hicks partners continue to work on four items in the current budget bill as introduced related to the REHS profession.
           1. Bill language was to eliminate the NEHA test from the requirement and ODH creating their own REHS test. Hicks partners was able to get an amendment in the House to restore current law, which is to keep the NEHA test.
           2. Bill language was to eliminate the requirement for ODH to send annually to REHS’s, courses that have been approved for CE’s. Hicks Partners were able to get an amendment in the House to restore the original language requiring ODH to continue sending annually the approved courses.
           3. Bill language was to eliminate REHS license fees and renewals spelled out in the ORC and create rule making language to set the REHS fees. Hicks partners were able to get an amendment in the House to restore the original language to keep the fees in the ORC.
           4. Bill language was to change the license reciprocity. Bill as introduced would allow an individual who is practicing environmental health in a state that doesn’t require an REHS credential to become an REHS in Ohio. There is currently 18 states that don’t have the same requirements as Ohio to become an REHS. Hicks partners were able to get an amendment in the House to restore the original language related to license reciprocity. In the last session there was a bill passed (SB 131), which created a general statute reciprocity for all sorts of professions. Current law today, REHS’s are in Chapter 4736 of the ORC and as introduced in the Budget Bill ODH is changing it to Chapter 3776 of the ORC.
        2. Last week Sarah, (OEHA President) testified in the Senate Health committee on these provisions on behalf of OEHA.
        3. Dry well discussion is still ongoing, the House removed language from the bill. AOHC is continuing to have dialogue to see if a compromise can be reached with ODH. Hicks partners will continue to monitor the dialogue.
        4. SB 85 To amend section 6117.02 of the Revised Code to expand eligibility for county sewer discounted rates or charges. Hicks Partners continue to monitor as introduced.
        5. SB 119 To amend sections 3734 of the Revised Code to make changes to the laws governing the transfer and disposal of solid waste and construction and demolition debris, including the revision and establishment of certain fees. Hicks Partners continue to monitor as introduced.
   2. OPHAB - Sarah Burkholder on behalf of Garrett Guillozet
      1. No updates to report this month
2. **Secretary’s Report and Approval of April Minutes and AEC Minutes – Jeff Gibbs**

Motion by: Steve Ruckman Seconded: Eric Zgodzinski

1. **Administrative Aide’s Report – Vicki Johnson** 
   1. As of May 18, 2023 – Numbers in parentheses are new members in 2023

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| **2023 MEMBERSHIPS** | **NORTHEAST** | | | | **SOUTHWEST** | | | | **SOUTHEAST** | | | | **NORTHWEST** | | | | **TOTAL** | | | |
| ACTIVE | 142 | ( | 45 | ) | 101 | ( | 28 | ) | 94 | ( | 25 | ) | 75 | ( | 16 | ) | 412 | ( | 114 | ) |
| STUDENT | 2 | ( | 2 | ) | 0 | ( | 0 | ) | 1 | ( | 0 | ) | 0 | ( | 0 | ) | 3 | ( | 2 | ) |
| 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** | **169** | ( | **47** | ) | **116** | ( | **29** | ) | **118** | ( | **25** | ) | **84** | ( | **16** | ) | **487** | ( | **117** | ) |

1. **Old Business**
   1. Membership/Professional Development Committee- Carrie Yeager
      1. Letter of support for By Law changes have been submitted to Jeff Gibbs
         1. 6 received so far, waiting on 4 more in order to make the changes.
      2. Leadership conference in November or December in Licking County
         1. Survey to be submitted to discuss agenda items.
2. **New Business – Sarah Burkholder**
   1. Welcome new Board Members
      1. Dustin Ken - President Elect, Stephanie Johnson – Vice President, Emily Tyler - Vice President Elect
   2. 2023 AEC Report- Matt Tyler or Stephanie Johnson
      1. AEC Wrap-up stats from the survey to be emailed to the group. The conference was a huge success and received a lot of positive feedback from attendees.
   3. District Conferences Online Registrations (TCS Software)
      1. Looking to utilize and offer this service to the District Directors at their annual Fall conferences
      2. Ask is for the District Directors to reach out to Matt Tyler if interested, estimated cost would be $300 per district.
   4. Mobile Conference Platform (WHOVA)
      1. Services offered - getting out program information, mobile check-ins, sending out announcements, uploading documents such as speaker bios, create QR codes, etc.
   5. SB 119
      1. Continue to watch and have discussions with the Board.
   6. NEHA Workforce Campaign
      1. Launching campaign in Ohio, which will feature Licking, Wyandotte, and Richland County Public Health staff.
3. **President’s Report – Sarah Burkholder**
   1. PHCC Update
      1. President-elect (Dustin Kent) will serve on their planning committee
      2. Sarah Burkholder provided update at the Public Health Combined Conference representing OEHA. She focused on workforce and professional development activities.
   2. HB 33 Testimony
      1. Great experience to provide testimony at the State House related to this House Bill. Details related to the Bill were provided by Hick Partners
4. **Vice President’s Report – Stephanie Johnson**
   1. Currently going through a transition period as VP, going through the AEC survey at this time.
5. **Treasurer’s Report – Eric Zgodzinski** 
   1. Account balance is $133,276.50.
   2. 2022 taxes submitted to our CPA. Eric thanked District Treasurers for providing their information.
   3. Eric would like to continue training on what is needed from the districts for the budget.
6. **District Directors Reports**
   1. Northeast – Laura Fauss
      1. Laura had to drop off call due to meeting conflicts. Sarah reported that the had 29 speakers, looking to have Draft agenda completed in June. Conference theme “OEHA turning rookies into smart cookies since 1971”.
      2. Looking at conference gifts, multi-use tool, ball cap, or lunchbox. Requesting other District Directors to provide feedback. Need to finalize at the beginning of August.
   2. Northwest – Molly Brownell
      1. Agenda speakers are at about 75% complete. One of this year’s speaker is from the Ohio EMA to discuss the solar eclipse and what to expect.
   3. Southeast – Sarah Badenhop
      1. Agenda speakers are at about 75% complete.
   4. Southwest – Ryan Peltier
      1. Did not meet in April, looking good on the agenda. Ryan to send out spreadsheet so other districts can see their speakers.
7. **Next Board Meeting: June 15, 2023: 10:30 a.m.: Franklin County Public Health.**