

VtPHA Board Meeting -- October 8, 2009 -- UVM Rowell Bldg.

Present: Debbie Dameron, Burt Wilcke, Brian Flynn, Bob Costantino, Penrose Jackson, Heidi Klein, Sally Kerschner, Joanne Fedele
Minutes Submitted by: J.Fedele

Topic	Summary	Action
APHA Meeting in DC -- Health Summit	APHA is a key co-sponsor (along with T4 America Organization) of the National Transportation Objectives Act and Complete Streets Act of 2009. Original request was from Sanders, but association reps are encouraged to meet with Welch as well, while in DC. Goals of these bills include: any street work to consider the use of that road for biking, walking, wheelchairs; clean transportation measures and reducing carbon output. Heidi is representing us at these meetings on Oct 14 & 15. Suggestion made that VtPHA develops and adopts a position statement upon Heidi's return. Suggestion also made to include a short article on this in our first e-newsletter.	Heidi and Burt to follow-up with brief articles for e-newsletter.
Follow-up on two recent conferences	Safe Kids Symposium was held yesterday. VtPHA was co-sponsor. Sally reported that it was well-attended and key presenter was very good. Also, we co-sponsored the PPNE conference in Burlington recently. Suggestion made that brief article be included in first e-newsletter. Heidi reports that the entire PPNE conference was taped. She has the video. How do we let members know that we have it? Since it is about 6 hours long, suggestion made to have certain short sections (snippets) posted on our website.	Heid, Burt, Audra to follow-up.

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Annual Meeting	Discussion on various speakers heard at PPNE Conference. Another suggestion is Dr. Ted Schettler who is Science Director at Science and Environmental Health Network (www.sehn.org). Suggestion also made to focus on food safety. Do we want to have more than an evening presentation?	Need names for next meeting so that a speaker can be contacted early enough and appropriate planning can be done.
Precautionary Principle	Discussion on the precautionary principle. Do we want to develop a position statement on this?	More discussion needed.
Membership	Heidi has drafted a letter for each member with membership cards. Letter expresses appreciation for joining and asks for input on how to be involved.	Heidi to follow-up with Audra.
Kellogg Grant Update	Burt reports that contract with Steve Kappel is complete. Steve is our consultant for legislative issues and will advise us on same for advocacy purposes. He will review our position statements and identify the issues in legislature this year that match our positions. Conversely, he will also identify the bills to which we should show opposition. The contract is to do this legislative analysis over the next two months. Burt also reports that our business plan is complete and meets the grant requirements. Burt will review any further grant requirements to make sure that we are in keeping with same.	None needed at this time.
APHA Convention	This is being held in Philadelphia this year. Burt and Bob are attending. No one else from the Board is attending this year.	None needed at this time.
Follow-up items	<p>Deb shared a list of items that she has been tracking by email while away in Italy!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Step up for Kids is Oct 10 at the Statehouse. No one from board is attending, but it is not necessary for someone to attend. ◆ Affiliate dues have been paid. ◆ Is our website up to date? In order to assure this, perhaps we can rotate this task. Burt will check it out as the newsletter will be posted on the website. ◆ Some of us still need to follow up and get in touch with contacts for potential membership. 	Please follow up as needed.
Next Meeting	<p>Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM. Our next meeting will be:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, November 12, 2009 5:30 PM UVM -- Rowell Bldg. Burt has reserved 301 Rowell.</p>	PLEASE mark your calendars & plan to attend! Focus will be on planning annual meeting.