

Vt Public Health Association Board Meeting – April 8, 2010 -- 5:30 PM – UVM, Rowell Bldg.

Present: Penrose Jackson, Heidi Klein, Burt Wilcke, Joanne Fedele, Bob Costantino, Brian Flynn

Unable to attend: Debbie Dameron, Sally Kerschner. Heidi chaired the meeting in Debbie’s absence. Minutes Submitted by: J.Fedele

Topic	Discussion	Action
Board Membership	Discussion on potential new members to the Board. Motion made by Burt and seconded by Penrose to add Theo Kennedy, Sasha Bianchi, and Amy Lefevre to the Board. Discussion followed. Their terms will begin at the May meeting. Motion passed unanimously. The slate of offices was also discussed. The May meeting will be Debbie’s last meeting as Board President. Penrose made the motion, seconded by Burt, for a new slate of officers -- Heidi Klein as President, Brian as Vice-President, Penrose as Treasurer, Joanne as Secretary, and Bob as ARGC. Following discussion, motion passed unanimously.	Follow up at annual meeting in May as needed. If current members know of other individuals who might be interested in serving on the Board, please follow up accordingly.
Annual Meeting	Publicity discussed. Burt to look into having the flyer made into a poster for distribution. Flyer has been sent out electronically. We also can publicize our meeting through community coalitions that focus on healthy lifestyle choices, such as those through VDH and through the AGs Initiative on Obesity. Regarding the meeting itself, some of us should be available at 5PM. Bob has discussed menu with Sugar Snap which is catering our event. They may be able to offer some specialties based on availability. Discussion on how food can be served, i.e., some foods available at 5 PM, then a break, then desserts available later. Options discussed regarding timeframes of presentations. Registration table is needed with a board member present at beginning of event and during break. Debbie will introduce the speakers and comment on significance of this topic.	Penrose and Heidi to collaborate on poster distribution. Heidi, Burt, Penrose and Bob to work with Audra in finalizing details.
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ As discussed at our Feb. meeting, further discussion on sustaining memberships such as Green Mtn. Coffee, College of Nursing and Health Sciences and ACS. Burt has crafted a letter regarding this and will send to Penrose and Debbie for review and finalizing. ◆ A letter has been crafted and is ready to be sent to APHA members that are not VtPHA members, offering them a free one year membership to VtPHA. <p>Other groups from which we can potentially recruit members are professional organizations such as the school nurse association, dietitians, and VTAHPERD (VT Assoc.for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Dance). We need to work through the professional organizations themselves as they most likely will not release names of their members.</p>	Burt, Penrose and Debbie to follow-up on this first item.
Revision of VtPHA Brochure	Discussion on changes that are to be made -- i.e., removing board member names and adding member benefits. These particular changes were not made. Current brochures have a date of Sept. '09. The number of brochures that we have is not known.	Heidi to work with Audra in making the changes.

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Update on Food Safety Call	Burt reports that he spoke with a representative from Sen. Sanders' office in DC re: the bill r/t food safety and farm inspection. Sanders is in favor of it but wants to be sure that it doesn't harm small farmers. Also, the fee involved should be on a sliding scale not the same flat fee for all. Lengthy discussion. Question raised re: sample letter to support this bill in the same manner as Sanders, which protects small farmers and consumers. One may be available via APHA. We should inform VtPHA membership that we are working on this.	Brian and Burt to follow-up.
Creation of an Annual Calendar	This was suggested at an earlier meeting by Theo. For example, we know each year that public health week occurs in April. We could post this on our website. Our website could be used as a resource for health-related activities and for those events that we co-sponsor. In this way it could be used as a planning tool. In the past, we have sometimes had educational events in the fall. Perhaps we should consider this again and consider having it in the southern section of the state. New board members may be interested in assisting with this.	
Next Meeting	Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM. Next meeting is our Annual Meeting: Tuesday, May 11 Registration begins at 5 PM Main St. Landing, Burlington, VT	Please mark your calendars!