

CIEH NE Region Management Board Meeting

Monday 10 September 2007 – Gateshead Council

Present:

Vicki Hopps
Tim Hibbert
Alison Black
Les Milne
John Craigs
Neil Laws
Kevin Hardisty
Tim Deveaux
Hillary K Limo

Apologies:

Philip Soderquest

1. TH welcomed Limo to the North East and thanked Alison Black.
2. Minutes from last meeting were agreed as correct.
3. Matters arising:
 - a. Lancaster Symposium – contact had been made with the NW Region and Y&H Region regarding a joint symposium for next year. Y&H are to consider it at their next RMB at the end of September. NW are to run their own in July possible with a move away from Lancaster and have a change of format similar to the NE Region.
 - b. TH had spoke to Andrew Griffiths regarding a region document for LGR promoting the work of EHP's.
4. Working groups
 - a. Communication – TD has completed a list of members in the region – he is to forward this to LM and VH. VH to obtain new list from HQ and forward to TD and LM. TD to send letter to retired members and C&I. Website is not used as much as it should be. Suggested that any information should be posted on it with an email link for members to access.
 - b. Training – VH reported that there was 2 expressions of interest to assist with the symposium – Rachael Cullen and John Feltoe both helath and safety. AB reported that Graeme Wilson was interested in helping with a housing day. Both JC, AB and VH agreed to support a sub group for nest years symposium – first meeting of the sub group to be 9 October 2007. VH to put a project plan together for the next meeting. JC requested that Ken Ross be paid a fee for his work in preparation of the symposium hand book and exhibitors. All agreed. NL is to organise the next members' forum in Durham to be held at SBC. Date to be confirmed subject area is to be on housing.
The Region has committed to providing 20 hours CPD in 2007 and 30 hours in 2008 so more structured training/CPD events will be required. It was once again noted that all board members had a duty to arrange for members forums

to be held in their county areas and that the trustees would provide an update session on CIEH activities. This would help with the provision of the 30 hours CPD for 2008.

Comments were made regarding the employment of a person to help put a training programme together as well as run events. TD stated that moves are afoot at HQ to provide assistance for the Regions in this area. Until then members need to be getting actively involved to assist the RMB, the incentives scheme should be advertised more widely to entice people to help.

- c. Kenya – JC stated that VH and Jane Tait had returned from a successful visit to Kenya. from 18 August to 2 September. VH reported that the water for kids project was nearing completion and that the project based on composting latrines was viable with a member of the community willing to take the lead and progress with it. Further information is required on costs before the project can go ahead, and email contact has been made.
 - d. Commonwealth fellowship – Hilary Limo is now in the Region. Activities have been planned and it was suggested that there should be a social event held looking at the work that has been done in Kenya and also giving Limo a chance to meet other members on an informal basis.
5. A discussion was had in relation to the first graduation of the UNN EH course in Summer 2008 – it was agreed that some sort of event should be held to mark the occasion possibly with an awards ceremony. It was felt that this would raise the profile of the course and the work of EHP's. Likely to be held in June 2008 to coincide with graduation. TH to follow up with Michael Deary at the university. 2007/08 intake slightly down but this reflects a national trend. Th suggested that stringer links should be forged between Northumbria University and the universities in Kenya as well as supporting foreign students currently at Northumbria.
 6. The practitioners' conference is being held in Nottingham on 15-16 October 2007. 6 applications had been received. It was agreed that all should be allowed to attend. VH to inform the applicants.
 7. Core Competencies were to be discussed in following members forum.
 8. TH reported that he was to speak to David Robinson regarding the impending LGR and that support should be given to both the Northumberland and Durham authorities.
 9. Sanitary shield to be held in November at the Bridge Hotel – AB to arrange.
 10. Following a report in the EHN regarding the fraudulent use of the title EHO it was noted that 2 LA's within the region were employing "EHO's" without EHORB/EHRB certificates.
 11. Concern was expressed that a CIEH organised course on Noise as Nuisance Regulations had been cancelled in Leeds and the only other venues were Manchester and London. TD to follow up with HQ.
 12. Past members had recently died – Alan Hutchinson and George Maddison.