

# Nebraska Energy Assistance Network

Thursday April 9, 2009, 11 AM – 2:30 PM  
 Central Community College, Hastings Campus (see attached map)  
 Nebraska Propane Gas Association - Sponsor  
 Lunch provided courtesy of OPPD

## Annual Meeting Agenda

AGENDA ITEM	Time Frame	Information	Discussion	Action
<b>Call to Order – Judi Martin, chair</b>	11 a.m.			X
<b>1. Introductions</b>	11-11:05	X	X	
<b>2. Review &amp; Approval of January Minutes</b>	11:10-11:15	X	X	X
<b>3. Committee - Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Executive Committee</li> <li>• Membership (Roll call)</li> <li>• By-law – amendments-vote                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Indemnification provisions</li> <li>2. Expansion of Board</li> <li>3. Board member election</li> <li>4. Membership/dues</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Treasurer’s Report</li> <li>• Energy Assistance/LIHEAP update</li> <li>• Energy Education/symposium committee</li> <li>• Website</li> </ul>	11:15-1:30	X	X	
<b>4. Lunch - (will break when food is ready)</b>	11:30-noon			
<b>5. Program</b>  Anne Boyle, Public Service Commission, “Balancing the Scales: The needs of consumers and industry.”  Jerry Deichert - UNO Center for Public Affairs Research - Grant wrap-up	1:30-2:15	X		
<b>6. Next meeting sponsor - calendar update</b>	2:15-2:30		X	X
<b>7. Adjourn</b>	2:30			X

**NEAN Meeting Notes – Annual Meeting  
Central Community College, Hastings Campus  
April 9, 2009, 10 a.m.**

**Attendance:**

*Please check, since I did not send a sign up sheet around!!!!*

Rick Cheloha, Loup Power District  
Jan Davis, Black Hills Energy  
Laura Demman, Nebraska Public Service Commission  
Anne Boyle, Nebraska Public Service Commission  
Dave Behle, Dawson Public Power District  
Carol Fritzler, Custer Public Power District  
Cheryl Holcomb, Central NE Community Services  
Roger Hunt, Nebraska Public Power District  
Judi Martin, Omaha Public Power District  
Sheila Nelson, Black Hills Energy  
Devonee Ksiazkiewicz, NorthWestern Energy  
Char Reiman, SourceGas  
Ronda Jaeschke, SourceGas  
Sam Reinke, Southern Power District  
Shirley Niemeyer, UNL Extension Service  
Rick Hemphill, Elkhorn Rural, Stanton Co., Cedar-Knox PPD  
Tom Bosshardt, Nebraska Propane Gas Association  
Cory Fuehrer, Nebraska Public Power District

- I. Meeting called to order by Judi Martin
  - a. Introductions
  - b. Review and approval of minutes from January 8, 2009 General Meeting
  - c. Review of recent Executive Committee meetings
- II. Review of latest By-Law change
  - a. Indemnification language review
  - b. Approved changes by membership role call vote
  - c. Resolution 2009-1 passed, signed by Judi Martin
- III. Expansion on number of Board of Director members
  - a. Discussion led by Jan Davis
  - b. Additional members nominated – Devonee Ksiazkiewicz and Rick Cheloha
  - c. Verbal vote taken – both members accepted unanimously
- IV. Annual Membership
  - a. Cory reviewed last year's fee structure
    - i. Utilities >10,000 residential meters – \$300
    - ii. Utilities 5,000 to 9,999 residential meters – \$200
    - iii. Utilities <5,000 residential meters – \$100
    - iv. State and Federal agencies – \$200
    - v. Non-profit and Community agencies – \$100
  - b. Requests can be made to the Board of Directors to waive annual membership
  - c. Judi discussed addition of nonvoting, individual membership – \$25
  - d. Moved to approve last year's structure with addition of individual membership at \$25, verbal vote – passed
  - e. Cory to issue invoices for annual membership soon
- V. Lunch
  - a. (Special thanks to the Nebraska Propane Gas Association for hosting and Omaha Public Power District for providing lunch!)
- VI. Cory's treasurer's report approved
  - a. Total deposits for January through March: \$50; total withdrawals: \$236.40 Current balance: \$6,974.90  
Net decrease: \$186.40
- VII. LIHEAP Funds
  - a. Mike Kelly provided update on 2009 program additions
- VIII. Utility Data Collection Project
  - a. Judi encouraged non-participating utilities to reconsider
  - b. Jan discussed what information Black Hills will start providing
  - c. Judi stated that data on budget payment customers also would be beneficial
  - d. Executive Committee will discuss what to report and share with general membership
- IX. Energy Burden Symposium
  - a. 59 responded to post-symposium survey

- b. 28 new individuals want to be included on our e-mail distribution
  - c. Results posted on our website
  - d. Overwhelming support for this being annual
  - e. Raised close to \$4,000 for NEAN
  - f. UNO will update burden data report annually in January
- X.** Heartland Walk for Warmth
- a. Similar number registered as last year
  - b. Sponsorship increased \$17,000 to a total around \$45,000
- XI.** Energy Education Committee
- a. Rick Cheloha provided an update on the Headstart project
    - i. Final videos and CDs being burned to be sent next week
    - ii. Still need to translate to Spanish this fall
    - iii. Shirley Niemeyer and Jan Davis will work to identify someone to complete this
    - iv. Rick provided special recognition for those involved with the project
  - b. With Rick's appointment to the Board of Directors, the Energy Education Committee needs a new chairperson
- XII.** Economic Stimulus Symposiums
- a. Judi shared information from Pete Davis on upcoming locations
  - b. Judi asked that NEO's Neal Mosemen and Bonnie Ziemann be approached to request that an education element (NEAN's program, in particular) be included in the programs
  - c. Rick Cheloha and Cory Fuehrer will address this at upcoming meeting with NEO
- XIII.** Anne Boyle, Nebraska Public Service Commissioner
- a. Anne addressed the membership about how pleased she is that NEAN exists. She wishes that all utilities shared customer information related to the impacts of energy costs and the importance of sharing this information with the governor, League of Nebraska Municipalities, etc. She and others are asking that LIHEAP have a national recognition day.
  - b. Anne noted that a federal resolution is being drafted to require all utilities to report this information.
- XIV.** Upcoming general meetings
- a. July 9, 2009 and October 8, 2009
  - b. NPPD's video system will be used
  - c. Inquiry as to whether an Omaha location can be tied in will be made
- XV.** Plaques presented to the organizations and individuals for outstanding contributions during 2008
- XVI.** Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.