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President's Column

In 2007, MHEIA will enter a new year of existence. We will certainly face new challenges as we experience developing changes within our organization. Several proposed ideas that MDC now wishes us to explore must be faced with a clear, open mind and a professional working attitude. An internal re-organization at this particular time would certainly help clear out some of the dust, which has recently clouded the common overall goal that all our dedicated MHEIA Instructors equally share across this state.

Change is sometimes never an easy thing to except. It is occasionally met with resistance by the traditionalist within a group, and once in awhile there might even be an individual or two who comes along trying to exploit a situation for his own personal vanity. Neither of these outlooks holds any good for the organization. Because turmoil and confusion will soon develop, and the people caught in the middle will lose direction. Stagnation and controversy have no place in an organization. Everyone simply suffers from the lack of progress.

The "Good Old Boys" term is regularly voiced by one person on the current MHEIA Board. It is used as a negative term to de-

scribe all those people who oppose the views and wishes of that same individual. Because one person will not or can not agree with the majority, does not mean a conspiracy exists against that individual. Do you take one person's description of facts and events as gospel, and ignore what everyone else in the group might be saying. Neither party is wrong in their wishes or votes; it simply signifies that the largest percentage of the group approved of handling of some items in a defined manner, and that the minority had an opposite viewpoint. When a person is in the minority it is often a common tactic for them to cry foul or claim a conspiracy exists.

It is always easier to blame others, rather than asking yourself why you are alone in your actions.

The MHEIA Board has seven (7) people who can work together on a regular basis, and one (1) who resists at every opportunity. At the 2006 Conference Business Meeting our Membership mandated that the MHEIA Board work together as a group. Every person on the Board agreed to follow that directive. For the past year all of us have cooperated and tried



to work together as a collective group, that is all of us except one individual. One person has taken every opportunity to place himself in opposition to everything the Directors in the "Majority" on the Board have tried to do.

So, how do we move forward? Do we throw out the entire apple cart because of one bad apple? Or do we choose to remove only the

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A GUEST EDITORIAL COMMENT

This is my first occasion to do the editorial, hope my frankness won't make it my last.

As I reflect upon the numerous articles written by our former editor, Mr. Jan Morris, I am left with an empty feeling which words can't describe. When I was "volunteered" for this article I could think of only one way to use it, and members of my region agree. I'll try to be brief and direct.

Many of you have heard different things, some of you are confused, I'll give it to you straight.

Our Presidents "open letter" is now circulated. As I review the members responses to that letter one thing becomes obvious. We (the board of directors) would have been better off removing Mr. Allan Hoover's membership in MHEIA last May, and explaining it to KC's membership after the fact. The result of not removing him cost us the resignation of the finest member we have (in my opinion) from our organization, our Executive Officer Jan Morris. Jan could no longer stand the abuses heaped upon him by Mr. Hoover.

Mr. Hoover is not a bad instructor, alas he's been a very disruptive director. I for one want him to remain in the association and provide useful ideas, but I do not want the personnel attacks and disinformation that he alone has created or imagined, that are destroying our MHEIA.

We want our instructors among the MDC ranks to feel comfortable renewing their memberships with MHEIA. We also want Mr. Morris back in the association in any role that he feels comfortable with, including the EX/O. I know this won't happen as long as Mr. Hoover is on the board.

To my fellow volunteers in KC, please send a different person to represent you at the board meetings. You instructed us to "fix the problem" at the last annual conference. Well the problem has been Mr.

Hoover. According to the by-laws the only avenue to fix it was his removal from the association, which we did not do in a 5-4 vote. Now with elections coming for directors in 4 regions, KC among them, perhaps you good folks will help us make things better. I want to put the pleasure of serving back into our board meetings, which Mr. Hoover's way of doing things, has taken away.

Only those members present at the annual conference have a vote in this coming election (according to the by-laws). I will be available to discuss any issue openly at the conference, look me up. Thank You.

Sincerely,

Ron Boeddeker Ozark Director, VP MHEIA

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<http://www.huntereducation.net/>

Alberta Hunter Education Instructor's Association

<http://www.aheia.com/>

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<http://hunteredu.8k.com/about.html>

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<http://www.cahuntereducation.org/>

Georgia Hunter Education Association, Inc.

<http://www.ghea.net/>

Indiana Hunter Education Association

<http://www.inhea.com/>

Kentucky Hunter Education Association

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<http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dfwmr/sportsed/>

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<http://www.geocities.com/pennhea/>

Washington Hunter Education Instructor's Association

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/enf/huntered/wheia.htm>

West Virginia Hunter Education Association

<http://www.wvhuntered.com/>

Wisconsin Hunter Education Instructor's Association

<http://www.itol.com/wheia/>



**2007 MHEIA REGIONAL ELECTION
GUIDELINE PROCEDURES**

The Following Election Guideline Procedures will be used for the 2007 Regional Elections at the Annual MHEIA Business Meeting:

1. Regional Elections will be held only during the 2007 Business Meeting.
2. Regional Elections include: Ozark, Southeast, Northwest, and Kansas City.
3. Regional Elections will be monitored by Directors from Regions not having Elections, which are: Southwest, Northeast, Saint Louis, and Central.
4. Members of the Investigative Committee will also monitor the Elections.
5. Only MHEIA Members of the Region holding an Election will be allowed to vote.
6. Only MHEIA Members present will be allowed to vote.
7. No Proxy Ballots, Absentee Ballots, or Non-Member voting will be allowed.
8. All Members voting must be verified as having current MHEIA Membership.
9. One vote per Member.
10. All Candidates must be nominated by a Member from the Election Region.
11. All nominations must be seconded by a Member from the Election Region.
12. Each Candidate will be allowed a maximum of two (2) minutes to give an outline or acceptance statement.
13. No rebuttal statements will be allowed.
14. Written Ballot voting will be used.
15. Monitors will collect ballots from voters, count votes, and report outcome to the Regional Voters prior to returning to main meeting.
16. Monitors will then report Election results to the MHEIA Secretary, who will immediately verify the ballot count, and validate each Election total.
17. When all election votes are verified for each Regional Election, the MHEIA Secretary will notify the President that all Elections are completed.

18. President will then call the Business Meeting back into full session.

19. MHEIA Secretary will then be allowed to read and record the results of the Elections into the official minutes before the entire Membership.

20. Elected Candidates will be Congratulated and Recognized by the President prior to the start of the next item on the official Business Meeting Agenda.

The current MHEIA By-Laws are included below -

Article III – BOARD OF DIRECTORS**Section 4. ELECTIONS**

A. General elections shall be held annually at a time and in a manner as decided by the Board, but in no case without thirty days notice to all members. Such notice shall be deemed to have occurred if it is made in a publicly printed notice, through an Association publication or letter, or through other means of information generally available to the members.

B. Elections shall be by vote of simple majority of those present at any meeting called for such purpose or upon a roll call of the members present if the vote is challenged at the time it is taken.

Douglas Waggener
MHEIA - President

Board Meeting Minutes for 10/22/06

Meeting was called to order at 10:45. Roll call showed Doug Waggener, Earl Williamson, Ron Boeddeker, and Don Harris present. There were not enough officers present for a quorum. The meeting was rescheduled for 12/ 17/ 06, 10:00am at the Waters House in Columbia.

Respectfully submitted
Earl Williamson
Secretary

**Thanks to Hunter Education,
Hunting is Safe
and Getting Safer!**

OZARK

We have news. The Caney Mtn. Youth Squirrel Hunt Is on Dec. 28th I was to be there, but my eldest Navy Seabee daughter (I have two now), is getting married to another Seabee in Oregon on Dec. 29th . The Hunt will be fine without me I was told.

January 12th will be the Ozark Region Instructors Banquet at the West Plains office at 6 pm. It's a pot luck affair with the main course & drinks provided. So fix up a pasta , salad, or dessert and come on. It'll be a good get together.

On Jan. 19th & 20th the MDC will have a Shotgun Basics class & shoot for Missouri Outdoors Women. Women ages 14 and up can get in on this free opportunity. Friday the 19th 6-9pm will be class instruction and the following Saturday 9am-12 noon will be the live fire portion at the Rover Gun Club, at Rover, MO, about 12 miles east of West Plains. Call 417-256-7161 to participate, ask for Larry Lindemann.

The MDC Ozark Instructor of the Year will be David Grossman from Crocker. I met him at our last annual conference. I feel he's a good recipient. The MHEIA Ozark Instructor of the Year will be Paul Williams, another deserving instructor.

Here in Douglas Co. we had our first Share the Harvest program initiated with the help of the Conservation Federation of Missouri. 18 whole deer were donated by hunters for a total of 700 lbs. of venison provided for needy people.

Over in Shannon Co. a deer hunters game was taken and partially eaten then covered with brush----- by a mountain lion. Yes I find that to be interesting news. Remember cougars are protected, tell our students.

Till next time,
Ron Boeddeker
Ozark Region Director

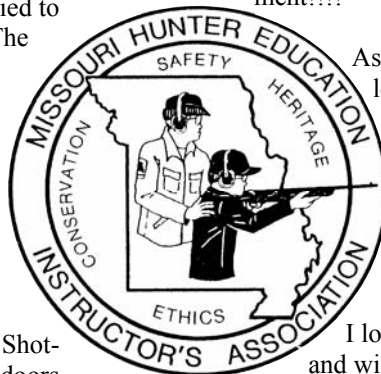
NORTHEAST

Hello everyone in the NE Region,

As the end of the year approaches, it's time to reflect on the past year. I often wonder if I have done enough to get the message of safety across to all whom I have had contact. I know that it is a never ending job and I always think that there is something more to do.

We now have a new Regional office in Kirksville. This promises to be a boost to the area as we now have a nice education center at our disposal as well as being able to offer other outdoor education programs.

With February coming fast, have you made plans to attend the annual conference? It looks like this will be a good one. Our one millionth student will be recognized! What an accomplishment!!!!



As most of you know by now, the Department is looking to implement an on-line version of Hunter Ed. If you want to be included in the field day portion of this new opportunity, please contact our OSS Ben Schlader to get singed up. It will give us, as Instructors, another chance to stress safety and have a positive impact upon the student.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Conference and wish everyone a safe and happy new year.

Jim Robertson
MHEIA Director
NE Region

SOUTHWEST

Happy New Year!!! From Southwest. Seems everyone from this corner of the State had a great hunting season, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Now it is time to think of 2007. The Hunter Education Conference is coming up in February, the 9th, 10th and 11th at the Lodge of Four Seasons in Lake Ozark. MHEIA is planning to have a hospitality room available to all hunter education instructors. We will also be holding a fund raising raffle of two new Henry rifles with accessories. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. This will be the 50th anniversary of hunter education in Missouri. The one-millionth graduate will be recognized. The new two stage hunter education pilot program is scheduled to begin a test period sometime this spring. This will include 4 to 5 hours of computer study of the manual we presently use, then they will be required to attend a 5 to 6 hour hands-on field day to get credit for the course. SW will be testing the pilot program with the field day activities conducted at the Andy Dalton Range. In the mean time we will continue to hold hunter education classes as we have done in the past. If the pilot program is successful it will be offered in conjunction with the regular hunter ed. classes. More information will be available at the February Conference. See you in February .

Don Harris
SW Director

NORTHWEST

Well by the time everyone reads this 2006 will have gone. We had a good year in the Northwest region. February 9th – 11th 2007 will be the Hunter Education Conference. This year will

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be the year for election for Northwest region Director. As your current director I will run to seek re-election but anyone out there who thinks they would like to do it I would support.

Everyday in life there are changes some for the good and some we don't like but if we fight every change we could not get anywhere so in 2007 I challenge every instructor in the Northwest region to work to accept change. Because of all the good things we had done in 2006 was done because everyone had accepted change in their own way.

List of accomplishment for the Northwest region. We are one of the biggest regions in the state with 19 counties. We put on over 70 classes and certified over 1700 students. We held a regional YHEC training day, a lot of youth hunts, national hunting and fishing day, antler measuring days and sight in days. Let's see if we can hit 2500 certified students in 2007.

Well I hope to see everyone at conference. Until we meet again safe hunting and good health.

Dave Rapson
Northwest Director

CENTRAL

For all instructors of all regions, the first two parts of my report may be of interest.

There was a training session for the upcoming Field day for the new online/ Field day Hunter Ed Class. This session involved a number of experienced Hunter Ed Instructors and Department Personnel. Having looked this over it is my considered opinion that what is being prepared by the Department WILL be a very good class. Safety is emphasized above all, and consistency of the class is being cared for while allowing freedom to make the key points by the Instructors as they already do in class. Indeed with the "hands on" components this should be a better class than many that are all book.

There will be a pretest that students must pass before progressing to the field day. In the field day there will be 4 stations for teaching after which there will be hands on testing and a final exam. Students will have to pass all three parts to become certified.

Station 1 topics will include: 10 commandments, vital organs, muzzle loader, and archery. Station 2: firearms, shotgun shooting, dominant eye. Station 3: being a safe hunter, field carries, zones of fire.

Station 4: ethics, game laws/ telecheck, first aid/ survival.

I encourage all instructors to find out about this program at your earliest opportunity.

There is a new way of dealing with the points earned for Hunter Ed classes by Instructors. For every 2 hours of involvement

there is 1 point. A 10 hr class still constitutes 5 points for those volunteers there for the full time. Check with your OSS for more details.

A new Instructors' class was held on the 18th of January at the Bass Pro Shop in Columbia.

For the Central Region, I am announcing at this time that if I last until next year I will NOT be running for the directorship of the Central Region. While we have an excellent deputy, it would be wise of the members of the region to begin discussion of a replacement. It has been a privilege to serve the association. I hope that I have served well. If my resignation is what is necessary for the good of the association, I will gladly give it. I can also say that 6 of the other 7 directors have expressed similar thoughts and considerations. If you have ANY interest in serving the association please let either Steve Mcghee or myself know.

Respectfully submitted,
Earl Williamson
Central Director

SOUTHEAST

Deer season has closed. Did everyone have a good season? I killed a nice doe with twenty minutes left on the last day of muzzleloader season. My wife would say that I was in the woods more than my fair share. I hunted rifle season and muzzleloader season and waited until the last day to take my deer because I enjoy being outdoors and I enjoy hunting. Now, don't get me wrong, I would have taken the first deer to come along if it had been the big-racked buck we had been seeing all summer. However, he is still out there as far as we know. Maybe we'll get him next year. Deer season is closed.

Now it's time to move on to something else. This is the time of year when I like to go to one of the game farms to shoot some quail or pheasants. This is a good way to break-in that shotgun you got for Christmas. You can take your wife or kids along and expose them to the thrill of hunting flying game. You know there will be birds in the area and it will be a short hunt and the walking will be easy. It is a good first hunt for someone.

Last weekend we had our Regional Banquet. Thanks to DeeDee we had a very nice get together. Several of our instructors received their service awards and there were some very nice attendance prizes.

DeeDee also filled us in on some things to look forward to at the Conference. The biggest will be the celebration of the certification of our One Millionth Hunter Education Graduate. It is very exciting to be a part of a program that has reached such a milestone.

There has been some talk of an on-line version of the Hunter Education Course. It has upset a lot of Instructors. The thing to remember is that the course we now teach will remain unchanged and the fact is that 85% of classes will still be taught in the traditional manner. The internet course is just an option. In reality the internet course will only be a viable option for those people that live near a manned shooting range. I don't think it will even affect most of us.

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One last thought about the Conference. We will be voting on some By-Law changes. I know that most of you look at any change as a bad thing, however, the Board has carefully considered these amendments and they really are needed to conduct business in a timely manner. Please consider voting for these changes.

Hunt Safe,
Ray Joggerst
Southeast Director

KANSAS CITY

In addition to teaching hunter education classes, the volunteer instructors and members of MHEIA in the KC Region made many contributions to Missouri's Hunter Education Program in 2006. The regional director organized several of these activities and volunteer instructors contributed their time and energy toward the success of each effort. Instructors in the region are now discussing possible alternatives to MHEIA for the organizational support that will be needed to expand our efforts into a statewide program and to continue making these contributions well into the future.

Working together as an organized group we allied with the Conservation Federation of Missouri to monitor legislative issues that impacted conservation in Missouri. Our volunteers traveled to Jefferson City taking part in Senate and House committee hearings. We also mounted mail and phone campaigns in response to legislative and policy issues that impacted the Missouri Department of Conservation and Missouri's Hunter Education Program. In addition, we teamed up with members of the Missouri Trappers Association to organize a trapping event as a part of our youth hunt program.

We created an email address list monitored by the regional director that includes nearly 75% of the MHEIA members in the region and several more volunteer instructors who are not members. MDC personnel have taken advantage of this mailing list to advise volunteers of upcoming events, instructors can seek last minute help for classes, and the regional director can keep volunteers informed of current news and events. Instructor events and activities such as: the semi-annual instructor social, the instructor river excursion, hunter education booths, attending advanced training opportunities, and our youth hunts were each organized by the regional director with the aid of this email address list.

Our youth hunt program took on an aggressive schedule in this first year. We planned six events and succeeded in completing four of them. We conducted a spring turkey hunt, squirrel hunt, archery hunt and a trapping event. Each of these activities was organized, sponsored, and conducted by volunteer instructors and local businesses in the KC Region. We are making plans for the next season, which will include a hunter education clinic. This clinic will incorporate a hunter education class, field day, and the hunt into one weekend instead of spreading them over three weekends.

An innovative new method of conducting regional director elections was implemented this year utilizing an election official and mail in ballots. This local election format would create a better opportunity for every member of a region to participate in the election instead of restricting participation to only those members who are able to attend the Annual Business Meeting. Conducting elections locally would also allow these elections to continue even if at some point there are no more statewide Hunter Education Conferences sponsored by MDC. However, the newsletter Editor due to a misinterpretation of the MHEIA Bylaws disallowed this year's local election.

As volunteer instructors in the KC Region continue their efforts, two questions are growing in the minds of many of us. How does membership in MHEIA help us to succeed in our efforts, and what is MHEIA doing to support and enhance the Missouri Hunter Education Program?

Allan Hoover
KC Region Director

EDITOR'S NOTE: "There was NO mistake on the part of the editor regarding an election that took place in K.C. The director of that region was informed during the September board meeting that elections would take place in front of the entire association at the lake and NOT to run a private election. This did not make the minutes as it was in discussion regarding the annual conference and was not stated in the minutes of the meeting as approved as no official board action was taken to allow such an election to take place. The election in question was NOT run according to the bylaws of the association."

ST. LOUIS

The seasons change so quickly. Hunter Education Classes are ongoing throughout our entire region. Saint Louis has so many good locations to host Hunter Education Courses. Please check with your County Coordinator or your MDC Hunter Skill Representative for a listing of available class locations. Instructor opportunities may still be needed in some areas.

The Saint Louis Region Banquet was held in on Friday, January 5th in Des Peres, Missouri The event was well attended, and we were entertained by several respected local Hunter Education Instructors. Bryan Bethel was on hand to announce the plans for MDC to soon launch the new Internet Hunter Education Teaching Course. This training will be in addition to our current training program, and will be examined for future applications. A detailed description can be again heard at this year's 2007 MDC Conference at the Lake of the Ozarks.

At this time I would like to let everyone know that I have appointed a new "Deputy Director" for the Saint Louis Region. Mr. Robert "Bob"

Mallery has agreed to become the next Saint Louis Region Deputy Director. He will be at the MDC Conference to represent our Region.

Please congratulate him on his acceptance of this position.

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Hopefully, Bob will learn his new duties quickly, and perhaps accept further advancement very soon. I have known Bob Mallery for many years now, and believe he will make a fine representative for MHEIA. Bob is the Warren County Coordinator and an excellent Instructor. He has served on other volunteer organization boards, so Bob has some idea of what he is getting into. He is also a "Retired Missouri State Patrol Trooper", which gives Bob Mallery a strong professional demeanor, high integrity, and excellent leadership abilities. He is an excellent future prospect for leading the MHEIA Board in a positive direction..

This past year has been a busy one for me. The Association has had many challenges, and the Office of President has certainly brought some heavy requirements to me at different times this past year. As your Saint Louis MHEIA Director, I am asking for every Member's continued support, especially during the upcoming conference. Your attendance and voice is needed at the MHEIA Business Meeting. If we are to stabilize MHEIA for the future, we must stand together as one body. Allowing me to represent Saint Louis has been one of my life's greatest honors.

Be Safe.
Douglas Waggener
Saint Louis Director

Board Meeting Minutes for 9/17/06

Meeting was called to order at 10am.

Minutes were read and approved as corrected. (7-0)

Treasurer's report was approved as read. (7-0)

N.W. report. Continuing with hunter Ed courses and activities on National Wildlife days at the Vo tech school in St Jo. There will also be a three D bow shoot for youth.

K.C. report. In July there was a River excursion for K.C. instructors, a 2 hr fun outing. OSS provided boat and captain. The Squirrel hunt was a success. A youth bow hunt is scheduled for Oct. 8th. At the end of the month an All female youth hunt is being developed. Plans are underway for a muzzleloader youth hunt also. A trapping event has been planned before the end of the year. Tue Oct 10 a Fall Instructors Social at the Discovery center is planned.

Central report. Classes are happening. An Association representative will be speaking at a radio broadcast from Boone County and to the Fulton Breakfast Optimists. The H.S.U. dove hunt took place and Instructors helped guide.

S.W. report. Regional picnic was held at the new range at Crowder to break in the range. Bob Staton is retiring. The

museum next to Bass Pro in Springfield is celebrating National Hunting and Fishing days and has asked for an Association Booth. Stan Moore will no longer be able to advise the Association as he has been elected as a Judge.

N.E. report. Dove hunts have been scheduled and classes are progressing normally.

Ozark report. Ron is still in Alaska. All is quiet in the Ozark region.

S.E. not present.

StL report. Don presented the schedule for the annual conference which does Not include the MHEIA. Currently NO Fundraising will be allowed. On line Hunter Ed was discussed.

President's report. Don Harris presented the Schedule for the Annual Conference. The schedule does not include the MHEIA at all until Sunday afternoon. Currently no fundraising will be allowed. The Association now needs to find ways to survive. Ideas are needed to help make the Association more financially independent and self sufficient.

Potentially we will need to find places for meetings other than the Lake. Anyone with Ideas or Suggestions needs to let the Association know.

For the first time Missouri is on the shrinking side of hunter numbers.

Recruiting and retention of young hunters is something we need to participate in. The programs set up in K.C. with H.E.D. classes and youth hunts will be used as a format for other regions.

(See Association Regional Youth Hunts following)

The motion was made and passed that all members and new members who pay dues form this date (9-17-06) to march 1st of 2007 will be considered in good standing with the Association until March 2008.(7-0)

YHEC funding from the Department is now cut as well.

A brochure for the Association was being produced by Jan before he left.

This is to be continued by the Secretary.

Motion was made and approved to buy the leftover dummy ammo from the IHEA supply for \$99.44 for conference give away. (7-0)

Motion was made and approved to set up the newsletter on PDF format. (7-0)

If you are interested in helping with this please contact the Association Secretary at 573-676-5458.

The Association is going to do Regional Youth Hunts. There will be a training session sometime this next spring in the Central region and run as a training session by Alan Hoover.

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Contact your regional director if you are interested. (Their #'s are inside the front cover on page 2.)

Motion was made and approved to remove censorship from Director Hoover. (6-0)

Board approved bylaw changes:

Executive Officer vote, last sentence was removed made and approved (7-0)

Next meeting will be 10/22/06 at 10am at the Water's house in Columbia.

Respectfully submitted,
Earl Williamson
Secretary

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN CONTINUED....

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bad apple and move forward? At this year's conference, four (4) regional elections will take place. I ask all our Membership to evaluate your region's representation. MHEIA needs dedicated individuals on the Board. Directors should be willing to work in a joint team effort towards the betterment of our organization; and help move us forward into a brighter future. All our Member's interests need to be heard. A horn tooter or a person wanting limelight or a soapbox platform to preach from is not the type of Director MHEIA needs.

This year's elections in Ozark, Southeast, Northwest, and Kansas City will probably determine the course direction of MHEIA for the next three (3) years. Changes in a few other Region's are also most likely to occur, and might possibly be announced in our Annual Business Meeting. With these possible alterations in Board personnel, I believe MHEIA will have a future place in Hunter Education. Without these changes our demise appears be certain. Destruction from within is always more harmful to an organization.

On another topic; the Missouri Conservation Department recently disclosed that the Hunter Education Program will be examining and testing a new alternative system to the way hunter education will be taught in Missouri. This Internet style of instruction will probably become the next added tool in Missouri Hunter Education. As members of MHEIA, we all need to be involved in the incorporation of any training from the very beginning. Using the internet as a teaching tool has definitely become the wave of the future. If properly implemented, this method may help all of us delivery the message of "Firearms Safety" to the next generation of students in a manner they can understand and relate to. MHEIA supports the efforts of the Missouri Conservation Department. As always we will continue to follow that policy. A combination of "Self Instruction" followed by a full day of Field Training" under Instructor supervision deserves our support and fair consideration.

Some of our Business Meeting agenda items this year will include: Regional Elections, MHEIA 2006 Awards, Committee Reports, By-Law Changes, and future meeting location options. Membership renewals will be available at the Conference all weekend. MHEIA will have our regular registration booth in the Hotel Lobby, a raffle table in the Vendor area, and MHEIA will host a Hospitality Room with snacks and beverages on Saturday. Both Members and Non-Members are welcome. Please stop in for a visit and share with us in good fellowship.

In closing, I would like to say that has been a great honor to serve as the "President" of MHEIA. I have always tried to uphold the integrity of our organization; and to maintain the high values and excellent customs that have been established by all of our dedicated Members. This past year the President's job was not an easy task. Circumstances forced this Board to under go reorganization, and deal with internal problems.

Serving as MHEIA President is a special trust that I respect, and have protected with all my heart. Each member in this association has my full respect and attention. I hope to see everyone at the Conference.

Be Safe.
Douglas Wagganer, President



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