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newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: PAUL TAYLOR

Summer is ending and it seems not too long ago we were at Stoney Creek Inn for our 2014 Annual Education Conference. We had another great conference this year; I trust that everyone found the sessions to be enlightening and useful. MMFEHA strives to provide a professional learning environment for our membership. I would like to thank the Executive Board members, the Committee Chairs, and our volunteers for making this year's conference a success.

Every year, a lot of planning and coordination is required to make the AEC happen. Many members participate as session coordinators, committee heads, committee members, and contribute equipment and expertise in order to make the conference happen. I can't say how important this is for a successful conference. This year the Association would like to call on its members for their help. We currently have 4 open committee chair positions and I would like to challenge you to become involved. It takes many people to make the association and our AEC successful and we are looking for help. It really doesn't take much time and effort to be involved.

MMFEHA has an Executive Board and several committees to choose from. Please contact myself ptaylor@stlouisco.com or another board member if you are interested in becoming involved in the organization. For those who continually contribute I extend a sincere thank you for your assistance.

On September 13, we had our annual program planning meeting. We met at the Boone County Health Dept. in Columbia. All ideas were extremely welcomed! It was a good planning session with lots of great ideas. Please contact any Executive Board member if you have an idea for a topic or if you know a speaker who you think would be great for one of the sessions. The more ideas we can choose from the stronger our conference will be. The BIG news this year is the change in location. We regret not informing the board until this time of our plans to change locations. Please see the BIG MOVE section in the newsletter for more information. The Board was only made aware of these changes after the conference and we immediately began to search for alternate locations and are still in the process of finalizing our contract. Please be assured that we have made every attempt to research this change and feel it is best for our organization. We have decided that the 2015 Conference will be held at The Country Club Hotel in Lake of the Ozarks, MO.

In closing I would like to ask you to take time to fill out the award nomination in this newsletter or go to the MMFEHA website, click on Awards and review the award descriptions. It is important to recognize the members of our association and those who work in our profession. The process is simple and a great morale boost. Hope to see you all April 2015 in Lake of the Ozarks. Feel free to contact me with any questions concerning MMFEHA. You can e-mail me at ptaylor@stlouisco.com or call at (314) 973-4880.

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THE BIG MOVE!

As mentioned in the President's Message the MMFEHA Board has decided to move the 2015 Conference to the Lake of the Ozarks. We know that this might come as a surprise to our members since our conference has been held in Columbia, MO at Stoney Creek Inn for quite some time; but we wanted to be open with you, our members and take a page of our newsletter to explain why we're moving and show you all of the exciting things we will have at our new location.



One reason behind the move is unfortunately more common than it should be among organizations like ours. Last year during the MMFEHA post conference board meeting it was brought up that Stoney Creek Inn would be increasing our fees for most of the things we utilize during the conference. After trying to put the conference together with the increased fees the MMFEHA board found that the only way we could hold the conference at Stoney Creek Inn in 2015 would be to decrease our rooms in size and number, decrease spending on speakers, and increase member fees. All of which are a detriment to our members and our AEC.

After much discussion the board decided that it would be beneficial to the organization to move the conference. We immediately began to search multiple cities including Springfield, Jefferson City, Kansas City, St. Louis, and alternate facilities in Columbia. After several months of research, phone calls, and finally a site visit by a few of our board members. The Executive Board decided that The Country Club Hotel & Spa in Lake Ozark, MO was our best option and we're excited to show you why.

The Country Club Hotel & Spa offers many amenities like pet friendly rooms, outdoor tennis courts, racquetball courts, indoor swimming pool, fitness center and spa, sauna, on-site masseuse, access to golf courses, and the onsite restaurant Rafferty's, as well as a catering kitchen. In total the Country Club Hotel offers over 55,000 Sq. Ft. of meeting space for us to utilize, which is 44,000 Sq. Ft. more than what we've had in years past. Due to its capacity the hotel should accommodate all members, which means MMFEHA will be the only group in the hotel during our conference. This will give us free range of the amenities and they plan to extend our group rate to the weekend for more recreational time and families.



We hope that this move will be positive for everyone involved and we encourage all of our members to look over the hotels website (<http://www.countryclubhotel.com/index.asp>) for more information. Please email us with any questions, and we look forward to seeing you in April at Lake Ozark!



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SCHOLARSHIP NEWS!!!

Thanks to the hard work of Mark Jenkerson, MO DHSS is now going to provide MMFEHA with up to **5 scholarships of \$225 each**, available for new LPHA environmental health staff to attend the 2015 MMFEHA conference. The scholarship includes a waiver for conference fees, and up to two nights stay at the Country Club Hotel in the Lake of Ozarks, Mo.

In order to qualify for the scholarship, all applicants must:

- Be currently employed by a Local Public Health Agency
- Be working in the field of environmental health for less than one year as of the date of the conference
- Have an official domicile of more than 50 miles away from the Annual Education Conference
- Attend at least two days of the Annual Education Conference
- Indicate that they would be unlikely to attend the Annual Education Conference without the financial assistance
- Submit a letter of recommendation from their applicable regional DHSS Environmental Public Health Specialist V

Applicants may be required to pay applicable association dues of \$15. Applicants will be responsible for their own travel arrangements and for any additional travel expenses incurred such as meals and incidentals.

Please send all applications to the MMFEHA board. The MMFEHA board is responsible for deciding which applicants are chosen and setting up the hotel accommodations.

This was done in an effort to bring new environmental health staff to our conference and enable them to get involved. Over the years one major problem to attend these conferences is funding. With this scholarship, MMFEHA is hoping that new environmental health staff will have the chance to attend the Annual education conference and possibly bring other EPHS staff in their area with them.

A huge thanks goes out to Mark Jenkerson and MO DHSS for putting this together!



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2014 MMFEHA AWARD RECIPIENTS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Special Recognition Award

Allen Gill

Allen has worked for the St. Louis County Department of Health since 1998 in Environmental Health. In 2011 he passed the NEHA-REHS. He is currently enrolled in the NC State food safety certificate program. Working on multiple committees as well, Allen was a great choice for the Special Recognition Award.

NEHA Certificate of Merit

Erin Meyer

Erin has worked with MMFEHA very closely, becoming invaluable to the MMFEHA board as well as her department in St. Louis County. We are happy to award her with the NEHA certificate of merit.

J.E. Edmondson Scholarship

Christina Flores

Christina was selected by the professors of the Department of Food Science and Nutrition at the University of Missouri-Columbia for majoring in a field related to MMFEHA and showing good moral character. Congratulations and best of luck to you, Christina!

Hailine Heritage Charitable Foundation Scholarship

Brooklyn Lampe

Brooklyn studied Environmental Health at Missouri Southern State University and plans to continue her education in epidemiology. Best of luck to you and your future endeavors, Brooklyn!

Ecolab Sanitarian Citation Award

Chigozie Alexander

Chigozie has worked at many health departments across the US and currently works with St. Louis County. She is a very strong asset to their team with many strengths, one of which being communicating with diverse groups of people and an enthusiastic attitude about public health. She is a perfect choice for the Ecolab Sanitarian Citation Award.

Wilbur S. Feagan Award

Alan Dreves

Alan works for both Ray and Carroll County and has shown superior judgment in the field which makes him a great choice for this award. Alan also chose to donate the money he received for the award back to MMFEHA to help us grow and continue to thrive. Alan, it is your generosity and commitment to MMFEHA that makes our organization so great. THANK YOU!

President's Award

Eric Breusch

Eric works for Randolph County and has aided MMFEHA with our Audio Visual needs in many years past. His overall dedication to the field, numerous certifications and commitment to MMFEHA are more than enough to grant him this award. We hope to see you feeling well and at the conference this coming year, Eric!

Wilbur S. Feagan

Remembering a dedicated, passionate, and wise man who contributed so much to the field of public health and this organization. Wilbur S. Feagan will be remembered as a pioneer in the field and a great supporter of MMFEHA.

To learn more about Mr. Feagan visit http://mmfeha.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=122&Itemid=149



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MMFEHA AWARDS APPLICATION

Every year MMFEHA hands out awards to its exemplary members. Each recipient is nominated by a member of the association prior to the AEC. If you would like to nominate someone for the 2015 AEC please fill out the awards application below and send them to MMFEHA's Vice President, James O'Donnell at james.odonnell@hussmann.com, the awards committee, or if you would like more information on the awards please visit MMFEHA's website at www.mmfeha.org

Please print or type and complete all sections

Application Date: _____

Candidates Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Work Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Education and Collegiate Achievements

(if possible, a current resume containing this information may be accepted in lieu of completing this section):

1. Degree: _____ Institution: _____

Major: _____ Date Conferred: _____

2. Degree: _____ Institution: _____

Major: _____ Date Conferred: _____

3. Honorary Societies (give society and offices held):

4. Scholastic Awards:

5. Organizations (name and any offices held):

6. Other Activities: _____

Professional/Technical Societies (society name, once held, responsibilities, dates involved):

Civic and Humanitarian Activities: (organization name, once held, responsibilities, dates involved):

Work History (employers, position titles, responsibilities, dates employed):



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NEHA ANNUAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE 2014 REPORT: PAUL TAYLOR

NEHA's 78th Annual Educational Conference (AEC) in partnership with the International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH) was held from July 7-10. This year's conference certainly offered a unique chance to meet individuals and organizations of public health from all over the world. It was an opportunity for so many people from so many different places—each with their own unique challenges and goals—to share their knowledge, gain new insight into environmental health issues, and return home with a fresh perspective from their newly acquainted colleagues and friends.



As the current President of Missouri, Milk, Food, and Environmental (MMFEHA), I had the chance to attend this year's conference. NEHA conducts a number of events that are specifically designed to benefit the presidents of affiliates. The first event I attended was an open forum that was designed to give all, the opportunity to share their experience. Much of what was discussed indicated changes each affiliate was making to help improve and strengthen their organizations

AEC KEYNOTE

This year's keynote speaker was Dr. Mark Keim, MD Associate Director for Science in the Office for Environmental Health Emergencies, National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Dr. Keim has provided consultation for the management of dozens of disasters involving the health of literally millions of people throughout the world. He is also the author of several hundred scientific presentations, 40 journal publications, and 13 book chapters. Dr. Keim spoke about the importance of emergency and disaster preparedness, global climate change, and a host of other environmental health topics.

TOWN HALL ASSEMBLY

The town hall assembly was held Thursday morning and was well attended because the attendees were treated to a continental breakfast sponsored by the National Restaurant Association. Topics of discussion focused on changes for NEHA, feedback on the conference, and suggestions for next year. One of the most notable topics of discussion was that stepping down of Nelson Fabian as Executive Director of NEHA after 31 years. Having made such immense contributions to the organization during his career he will be missed. Also Tim Hatch who presented at our conference this past year is stepping up as the 1st NEHA Vice President of Region 7 and IFEH Director of Disaster Risk Reduction for the Americas Region.



SPECIAL EVENTS

The Awards Ceremony & Keynote Session

This year's Annual UL Event was a sample of how Las Vegas does entertainment. With a bus ride to the Mirage Hotel we were set for a show. Terry Fator brought to the stage his unique style of singing, comedy, and spot on impressions. Fator brought to life a hilarious range of characters for a one of a kind experience. Concluding the conference was a semi-formal evening of excellent food and gathering with friends.

Remarks from NEHA's president and the presentation of two distinctive awards highlight the evening and wrap-up the conference. Overall a great conference I highly recommend attending next year's conference in Orlando.

IAFP ANNUAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE 2014 REPORT: JAMES O'DONNELL

Each year, the International Association for Food Protection hosts an Annual Meeting, providing attendees with information on current and emerging food safety issues, the latest science, innovative solutions to new and recurring problems, and the opportunity to network with thousands of food safety professionals from around the globe. Held in various locations throughout North America, this meeting has grown over the years to become the leading food safety conference worldwide.



*President "Roach",
Don Schaffner
giving his report at the
business meeting.*

The IAFP Annual Meeting is attended by more than 2,800 of the top industry, academic and governmental food safety professionals from six continents. This renowned event owes its reputation and success to the quantity, quality and diversity of each year's program; the quality and relevance of exhibits sharing the latest in available technologies; leading experts speaking on a variety of timely topics; and special recognition of outstanding professionals and students for their contributions in the food safety field. As a representative for MMFEHA, I was granted this opportunity to learn, network and gain valuable insight related to Food safety and public health concerns.

The IAFP Affiliate Council Meeting was well attended. There are currently 53 Affiliate organizations including 18 outside North America and four in Canada. IAFP chartered four new Affiliates in the past year: Southeast Asia; China; Minnesota; and Indian in North America (from the country of India). There was also a 20% increase in exhibitors in 2014 over 2013.

Membership is continuing its climb currently just under 4000, with 25 Gold Sustaining members, 18 Silver Sustaining members, and 137 Sustaining members. {Just as a reminder, with your membership to IAFP you have access to all of the recorded webinars organized through the many Professional Development Groups (PDGs) through the website. This is a great way to stay informed if you cannot attend in person.}

The two journals which are published by the IAFP are doing well. Food Protection Trends is now a Bi-Monthly journal. The Journal of Food Protection is receiving so many additional submittals that we are adding a third Scientific Editor. {If you are interested in applying for that position submit your cv to: Manan Sharma, Selection Committee Chairperson, c/o David Tharp, International Association for Food Protection dtharp@foodprotection.org and let me know so I can lobby the rest of the committee.}

The Student PDG also saw increased attendance and was able to raise over \$5000 to fund their activities over 2014. They are looking for Mentors. If interested, check out the IAFP Website.

The IAFP Foundation, which provides for student scholarships, travel awards, and Developing Scientist Competitions amongst other programs, has set a goal of raising \$2 Million by 2020. Fred Weber of Weber Scientific challenged attendees to raise \$7000 at the conference and he would match it. Fred happily turned over a check as we raised over \$12,000 the first night. By the end of the conference the foundation had raised over \$27,000.

There were a great number of very interesting sessions to attend. Many of the topics were recorded and are available through the IAFP website. If you are considering attending next year's conference in Portland OR, consider applying for a grant through the foundation. This is a great educational conference with awesome networking opportunities.

In 2016, MMFEHA will be the host organization as IAFP will be in St Louis, MO. We are currently looking for volunteers for the committee. Thank you.

NEHA REGION V JULY 2014 REPORT

Thank you affiliate presidents: Cindy Corley -Texas, Joanna Meyer – Texas President-elect, Paul Taylor - Missouri, Bronson Farmer – Kansas and Michael Broussard – New Mexico (not pictured). There was great representation from the state of Texas. I visited with many members from across the state of Texas at this conference. Outstanding!



NEHA 2013-14 Highlights

I would like to take this time to provide a summary of the events of this past year and NEHA's vision for the future.

We are in the process of launching a search for a new executive director. Nelson Fabian, NEHA Executive Director, will be leaving July 31 to pursue a new career. Nelson has been with NEHA for 31 years and will be missed. A seven member search committee has been formed consisting of NEHA board members, staff and partners.

Carolyn Harvey, NEHA President and Committee Chair
Adam London, NEHA 2nd VP
David Riggs, NEHA 1st VP
Sandra Long, NEHA RVP
Larry Marcum, NEHA staff
Tom Gonzales, El Paso County Health Director, Colorado Springs, CO
Darryl Booth, Decade Software

A Request for Proposals (RFP) has been sent to four national executive search firms for proposals to participate in the process. The goal is to have a new executive director hired by April 2015. An Interim Management Team (IMT) has been formed and will handle the daily operation of the Association. Members of the team are: Rance Baker, Jill Cruickshank, and Larry Marcum

This year's AEC was held in conjunction with the International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH). Peter Davey, IFEH President and Henning Hansen, IFEH President-Elect attended the NEHA Board meeting. Peter Davey was elected to the presidency of IFEH over a year ago. He is a professor at Griffith School of the Environment in Brisbane Australia and is the one attendee at the AEC who has traveled the furthest. He spoke of the activities of IFEH and the upcoming IFEH Congress meeting held in conjunction with our AEC here in Las Vegas.



Dr. Priscilla Oliver Earns Walter F. Snyder Environmental Health Award from NSF International & NEHA

The Walter F. Snyder Award for Achievement in Attaining Environmental Quality is presented annually by the National Environmental Health Association and NSF International. Given in honor of NSF International's co-founder and first executive director Walter F. Snyder, the award recognizes outstanding contributions to the advancement of environmental health.

Dr. Oliver is a long-time NEHA member, including serving as Co-Chair, Chair and Technical Advisor of the Hazardous Materials and Toxic Substances Section. She received the NEHA Presidential Citation and letters of appreciation for her longtime service to the NEHA Technical Editorial Advisory Board and as a peer reviewer for the *Journal of Environmental Health*.

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Dr. Oliver has helped implement community public health programs including Atlanta health fairs providing free HIV testing and an American Liver Foundation liver diseases support group for inner-city patients at Grady Memorial Hospital. She created a program for Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center employees to participate in the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency/U.S. EPA National Take-Back Initiative which removes unwanted prescription drugs from the environmental waste stream.

For more information on Dr. Oliver please go to: <http://www.nsf.org/newsroom/dr.-priscilla-oliver-earns-walter-f.-snyder-environmental-health-award>

Harry Bliss Journal Editor's Award

Dr. A. Harry Bliss was editor of the Journal of Environmental Health in 1969, the year this award was first presented. When he retired, the award was named after him to honor his 40 years of involvement in Journal production. NEHA often gives this annual award to outstanding writers and columnists, but the award may also go to individuals who, through other significant contributions made to the Journal, advance the cause and interests of both the association and the profession.

This year, NEHA is delighted to announce that the 2014 recipient of the A. Harry Bliss Award is Nelson E. Fabian.

The JEH editors and staff unanimously agreed that Nelson's spirited and even passionate contributions to the JEH have served both the journal and NEHA well. Over his 31 year career, Nelson has authored 270 columns, which equates to over half a million words! Through this award, we thank him for his inspiration, insights, and succinctness.

NEHA Excellence in Sustainability Award

Energy Smart Colorado accepting award Adam Palmer, Environmental Policy Planner, Eagle County, CO

The NEHA Excellence in Sustainability Award is an award that NEHA is extremely proud of. NEHA knows that the issue of sustainability represents one of our most urgent concerns. As a part of a widespread program that we follow to advance sustainability concepts and values, the NEHA Board conceived of this award four years ago. The award gives this association and our profession a way to recognize meaningful sustainability efforts.

Energy Smart Colorado

Energy Smart Colorado is a multi-jurisdictional comprehensive energy efficiency retrofit program providing necessary health, safety, and energy efficiency services to rural mountain communities in Colorado. Energy Smart Colorado began as a partnership between Eagle, Pitkin, and Gunnison Counties and their non-profit partners, working together to provide residents easy access to energy coaching, comprehensive energy assessments, referrals to qualified contractors, and financial assistance for energy improvements. From 2010 to 2013, the program completed 3,085 energy assessments and 2,099 energy retrofits, and has now transitioned as its own non-profit entity, providing energy efficiency services to utilities, residents, and businesses in 30 counties across Colorado.

Neil Lowry Award

Middlesex-London Health Unit
London, Ontario, Canada
Mr. Fatih Sekercioglu MSc, MBA, CPHI(C)

Past President's Award

Each year, NEHA's Past Presidents get together and identify a hero for the profession who accomplishes much on behalf of environmental health but who does a lot of their work behind the scenes. This year, the presidents identified two long time NEHA members and friends who made enormous contributions to our field of practice. The award winners are: Dr. Priscilla Oliver & Tim Hatch

NEHA Educational Contribution Award

NEHA established this annual award in 2012 to recognize NEHA members, teams, or organizations for an outstanding educational contribution within the field of environmental health. NEHA is providing this pathway for its members and environmental health agencies to share creative educational methods and tools used across the country and around the world to educate one another and the public about environmental health.

The winners of this award are **Jason Chessher and Cindy Corley**

Jason and Cindy spearheaded the effort on behalf of Garland Health Department to develop a short video to educate students I grades 3 to 5 on methods of mosquito control and disease prevention, in a 5-minute video called “Fight the Bite”. Themes from the environmental health discipline of vector control are promoted throughout the video. The video was produced without any City of Garland branding so it could be used by any organization.

Environmental Health Innovation Award

The Environmental Health Innovation Award is presented to a NEHA Member or organization for creating a new idea, practice, or product that has had a positive impact on improving the environment/public health and the quality of life. The purpose of this award is to recognize individuals or teams that have made an innovative contribution to improving the environment and/or protecting public health and to encourage other professionals to search for creative solutions. Change that promotes or improves the environment is the foundation of this award.

The winners of this award are **Elise Rothschild and Marie Woodin of the Sacramento County EMD who implemented its Cross Connection Program.**

This new electronic web portal streamlines time consuming data entry and paper intensive mail-out processes formerly used to track and manage nearly 15,000 backflow protection devices. Business owners and property managers can submit their facility’s backflow device testing data sent directly to EMD via the portal. Backflow testers can also track their certification records, complete registration forms, and pay for program fees online 24 hours a day.

Reconsideration of new dues structure; dropping option of print journal only

The new membership structure is set to launch October 2014. For nearly a year, current NEHA members have been receiving a free copy of the electronic version of the *JEH* in order to experience the *E-Journal* before it officially launches as a new membership option later in the year.

Promotions have been sent to the members about the new membership structure via advertisements in the *JEH* and email blasts. Additionally, information was made available at the AEC. The new structure will be as follows:

Membership	e-Journal only	Both E-Journal and JEH Print
Active (1 year)	\$95/year = \$95	\$120/year = \$120
Active (2 years)	\$90/year = \$180	\$115/year = \$230
Active (3 years)	\$85/year = \$255	\$110/year = \$330
International*	\$60/year	N/A
Student	\$15	\$55
Graduate	\$15	\$55
Emeritus/Honorary	\$15	\$55

New Positions Papers – available on website

National Environmental Health Association's Overview of the Backyard Farming for the Environmental Health Profession

Position to Support the Registered Environmental Health/Registered Sanitarian Credential for Environmental Health Professionals

Election Results

The NEHA Board Welcomes New Board Members

Region 1

Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington
Term expires 2017



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Region 6

Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio
Term Expires 2016



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Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee
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Want to get involved?

Contact one of the Board Members or Committee Chairs to learn more about what you can do for MMFEHA and how you can help us become a better association for you.