

# MISSOURI ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

*FALL Newsletter*



*Ryan Tilley, MEHA President*



MEHA Members,  
It has been too long... We had no idea this pandemic would set us back this far. The 2019 Annual Educational Conference (AEC) was the last time we were all together. As you know, the

Executive Board unanimously decided to first postpone the April AEC to August then eventually had to cancel due to low registration arising from multiple travel restrictions amongst member agencies. As a result, we opted to take advantage of the hotels offer to extend our lodging contract for another year.

While our scheduled speakers were disappointed, as I know you were too, its my hope that several will volunteer to return in April 2022.

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## President's Message Continued...

The entire MEHA Board is looking forward to seeing you at our next AEC this April. It is a great opportunity to reconnect with colleagues you have not seen in perhaps three years while prioritizing continuing education for yourself and your career endeavors.

Board positions have continued to rotate, but many of you may not know who holds what position. The list of officers is at the end of the newsletter for your convenience. At this time, I'm excited to announce this new opportunity for a seat on the Board. It does not come open often, but we have a vacancy for the Treasurer position. In addition, we are seeking a committee chairman of Hospitality. If you are interested in being involved with MEHA please reach out to me for details.

The awards committee has selected winners for the 2021 awards, see below. Congratulations to all those who were selected. Awards will be presented at the next conference.

The next Annual Educational conference will be April 4th to the 8th, 2022. We hope to see you all there!

Be Well,

Ryan Tilley,  
President

# Standing Committees and Volunteer Opportunities

**Membership Committee** shall recruit additional members for the Association and strive to maintain the active participation and membership of all members.

**Legislative Committee** shall do those things necessary to inform the membership of legislative issues affecting the professional status of Sanitarians or the sanitary condition of the State of Missouri.

**Bylaws and Resolutions Committee** shall study and make recommendations concerning all proposed changes in these Bylaws and of all proposed resolutions submitted for adoption by the Association. This committee should be chaired by a Past President whenever possible.

**Public Relations Committee** shall publicize the activities of the Association and the Profession of the Sanitarian, and this shall include the publishing and distribution of the newsletter to each member on a bi-annual basis.

**Nominations Committee** shall, prior to the Annual Business Meeting at the Annual Educational Conference each year, meet and nominate at least one active member to each of the offices of President Elect, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer. They shall ascertain that the persons nominated are qualified for nomination as provided in Article III, Sections 1 and 3 and Article IV, Section 9 and will accept the nomination.

**Necrology and History Committee** shall recognize deceased members and keep records of events relating to the organization's meetings.

**Awards Committee** shall administer the awards program of the Association. These awards shall include those available from the two national associations. The committee shall be chaired by the Vice-President.

**Technology Committee** shall be responsible for website management and technological advancement.

**Audit Committee** shall examine and annually audit the accounts of the Treasurer, all other financial accounts of the Association, the accounts of the Missouri Board of Certification and make a full report of the condition of the same at the Annual Business Meeting." (When appointing members to this committee some knowledge of bookkeeping would be helpful and staggered, multiple years commitment is recommended for continuity.)

**Hospitality Committee** shall facilitate networking and entertainment opportunities for attending members and guests at the annual education conference, and assist the executive board as needed.

**Training and Professional Development Committee** shall develop and facilitate the Fall Training agenda with the assistance of other standing boards as needed.



MEHA functions are an opportunity to network with other public health professionals, grow and develop professionally and as a person. Getting involved in MEHA can and will challenge you and provide opportunities you never thought possible. Contact any board member for more information

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# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2021 AWARD RECIPIENTS

WILBUR S. FEAGAN AWARD

LORAN PRENGER

CITY OF JEFFERSON ENVIRONMENTAL  
HEALTH DIVISION

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH  
SPECIALIST OF THE YEAR AWARD

TOSHA DYER

JACKSON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL  
HEALTH

ROOKIE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH  
SPECIALIST OF THE YEAR AWARD

CORY TATARZYN

GM WENTZVILLE ASSEMBLY CENTER

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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH  
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**2022 AWARD NOMINATIONS**

**DUE  
DECEMBER 31ST, 2021**

**PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO  
NOMINATE A COLLEAGUE WHO  
SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR  
OUTSTANDING WORK.**

**[WWW.MEHAMO.ORG/AWARDS](http://WWW.MEHAMO.ORG/AWARDS)**

# SAVE THE DATE

**MISSOURI ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION**

## **Annual Education Conference**

April 4th-8th, 2022

Springfield Oasis Hotel & Convention Center

2546 Glenstone, Springfield, MO

**Reservations**  
**(417)866-5253**

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**Missouri Environmental**  
**Health Association**





## **Proposed Bylaw/Procedural Manual Changes**

### **1) Update standing committee names/roles**

#### **Public Relations Committee & Technology Committee combining roles to become Communications Committee**

Relevant Information: Current chairperson and members are the same for both committees. Technology Committee shall be responsible for website management and technological advancement. The Public Relations Committee shall publicize the activities of the Association and the Profession of the Sanitarian, and this shall include publishing and distribution of the newsletter to each member on a bi-annual basis.

Communications Committee shall be responsible for website and mobile application management, publishing and distribution of the bi-annual newsletter, publicizing the activities of the Association on various platforms including social media accounts, and any other technological advancement.

### **2) Add Industry Leadership Award**

#### **This award has been created to recognize leadership by an individual or team of individuals in the area of food safety, quality, and sanitation in the commercial industry.**

Qualifications: Membership in the Missouri Association is not a prerequisite of eligibility. A candidate shall have made a significant contribution in the field of food safety, quality, or sanitation in the state of Missouri. The award may be a team award if the team has contributed equally to the work for which the nomination was made.

Members of the Executive Board are not eligible for this award. Candidate cannot be from a current regulatory government but must be a current industry member.

Nominations: Nominations must be made by an active member of the Missouri Environmental Health Association. No member may nominate more than one person in a given year provided this will not exclude nominations of multiple individuals as co-contributors. Each nomination must be accompanied by factual information about the nominee(s) and a resume of work and achievements (reprints, news articles, awards, etc. will be accepted), as well as a description of the contribution to be recognized.



# HELP WANTED

## **Treasurer**

### **Missouri Environmental Health Association (MEHA)**

Seeking a new volunteer-based Board member to join our team and serve as Board Treasurer to track our revenues/expenditures and manage our bank accounts. This position will have a vote on the Board and help coordinate member registration for our annual conference. If interested, please notify Board President Ryan Tilley at [rtilley@sccmo.org](mailto:rtilley@sccmo.org).

## **Hospitality Committee Chairman**

### **Missouri Environmental Health Association (MEHA)**

Seeking a volunteer-based hospitality coordinator to take lead in all hospitality functions at our annual conference. As chairman, you may recruit others as necessary to help with coordination of hospitality events. The Association typically has one event after hours on or off-site during the annual conference and includes coordination of raffles, silent auctions, giveaways, and community donations. This is a great way to network and get to know your peers around the state while having fun doing it. If interested, please notify Board President Ryan Tilley at [rtilley@sccmo.org](mailto:rtilley@sccmo.org).



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START *where*  
YOU ARE.

USE *what*  
YOU HAVE.

DO *what*  
YOU CAN.

# **Association of Aquatics Professionals**

## **11th Annual Conference & Expo**

### **Feb 7-10, 2022**



**DON'T MISS OUT ON THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND OR EXHIBIT AT THE PREMIER INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL AOAP AQUATIC CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION. THE EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FEE FOR ATTENDEES HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO NOVEMBER 1, 2021 BASED ON REQUESTS FROM PAST ATTENDEES.**

Attendees come from all over the US as well as internationally. Attendees are from all areas of the aquatic industry and represent Park and Recreation Agencies, Park Districts, Cities, Villages, School Districts, Universities, YMCAs, Boy's and Girl's Clubs, Fitness Centers, the Military, HOAs, Health Inspectors, Operators, etc.

New partnerships with NIRSA, CMAHC and WaterShape University to bring you a 1 stop shop for all aquatic professionals and companies no matter what area of aquatics you are in.

New Tracks include have been added for the MAHC (Model Aquatic Health Code), NIRSA/University, Health Inspectors and Diversity and Inclusion, as well as returning tracks of: Risk Management/Legal Liability, Executive Development/Leadership, Programming/Staff Development, Drowning prevention.

# NEHA 2022 ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE (AEC) & EXHIBITION

The NEHA AEC is moving to a hybrid model in 2022. Participants will have the option to join in-person or online. If you are looking to learn more about environmental topics this is a great opportunity for you. Please consider attending in 2022.



[HTTPS://WWW.NEHA.ORG/NEHA-2022-ANNUAL-EDUCATIONAL-CONFERENCE-AEC-EXHIBITION](https://www.neha.org/neha-2022-annual-educational-conference-aec-exhibition)

## EXHIBITORS NEEDED

NEHA IS LOOKING FOR EXHIBITORS WHO WANT TO SET UP A BOOTH AT OUR NEXT 2022 AEC. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT ROXANNE SHARP AT [R.4631SHARP@GMAIL.COM](mailto:R.4631SHARP@GMAIL.COM)

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