

MISSOURI ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Spring Newsletter



Celebrating MEHA's Members Investing in our Future

Brandy Sheehan, MEHA President



Greetings MEHA,

I hope everyone is having a great start to 2020. The Executive Board and Committees have been working hard to make April's Education Conference another successful learning and networking opportunity!

I want to bring to your attention several exciting updates that you can expect to see this year.

A key component of the merger was to evaluate the strengths of both groups and bring them into our current organization.

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As a result, this year's banquet will be held in conjunction with a luncheon on Thursday, April 9th rather than a dinner. The timing worked well for the former MEHA organization, and we feel making this adjustment will only benefit our members. The luncheon and banquet will be immediately following the annual business meeting, giving everyone the opportunity to attend the meeting while still having time for lunch and networking. Traditionally, MMFEHA held a past presidents luncheon on Thursday. We do not want to lose that time for past presidents to be welcomed back. In fact, this will further increase our ability to honor them and share their expertise with the membership at large. With that said, if you are aware of any past president from either MEHA or MMFEHA that may have lost touch please pass along their name and contact information.

We strongly encourage each of you to attend the annual business meeting and be a part of making the big decisions that shape our organization. This year we will be voting on proposed updates to the bylaws pertaining to committee names/roles and adding an Industry Leadership Award. For more information on these topics, refer to page 3.

We will again have an offsite networking opportunity, and this year the hospitality committee has secured space at the Springfield Brewing Company. Please indicate whether you plan to attend on the registration form, so we can accommodate everyone!

Sincerely,
Brandy Sheehan

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.



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*Award
Nominations
Due March 1st*

Our Annual Awards
Banquet is April 9th!

Please take a moment to
nominate someone who
should be recognized for
their hard work.

<https://mehamo.org/awards>

Annual Education Conference

JOIN US FOR THE 2020 SPRING CONFERENCE

April 8-10 (Pre-conference workshop April 7)

Springfield Oasis Hotel & Convention Center

2546 Glenstone, Springfield, MO

PRE- REGISTRATION

- Entire Conference (including banquet & pre-con) \$100
- One Day Only \$85
- Student (Educational Sessions Only) - \$10
- Dues Only (not attending) \$15

Register at the Door

- Entire Conference \$125
- One Day Only \$110

PRE-CONFERENCE TRAINING - HACCP Plan Review

Nancy Beyer, MO DHSS

- Space is limited 30 participants
- You must pre-register for this training.
You will be notified when you are accepted. A wait list will be started after we reach to limit.

Visit our website for more details and to register online:

<https://mehamo.org/conference-registration/>



Reservations
(417)866-5253

ROOM BLOCK LISTED UNDER
**Missouri Environmental
Health Association**

Group Rate: \$94/night
The room block fills up quickly.
Make sure to reserve your room early.
Cut off is 3/10/2020.



JEFF DROZDOWSKI, AEC KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Jeff Drozdowski is a successful author, video blogger, motivational speaker, and podcaster who helps people around the world attain more success amid great challenges. He is epitomized by creative thinking, brilliant intuition, and insight. Jeff is underpinned by sound entertaining/motivational principles and well-validated techniques which produces amazing results.

He is the Founder and President of Droztalks.com. Professionally, his area of keynote speaking specializes in Motivation and Leadership. The energetic public speaker is best known for utilizing his creative skills to create an atmosphere of fun for his audience, and in grabbing complete attention from them during his presentations. What differentiates him from the rest is his versatility, strong communications skills, and enthusiastic response to the needs of his audience.

Jeff chose writing and motivational speaking as a platform to express himself because these are the areas that inspire him the most in life. Seeking to impact his passion to many, Mr. Drozdowski has authored two books, "Inspired! How Our Differences are Changing the Workplace" and a quote/illustration book titled "Leadership- One Golden Nugget at a Time". He is the podcaster of 'The Drozcast Podcast' and host a YouTube Channel with the title ID, 'Jeff Drozdowski'.

Ornamented with a self-motivated personality, Jeff prefers to take the extra step in staying unique and reaching his aspirations. He currently resides just outside of Ann Arbor, in Michigan, U.S.A.



Click the link to see my TV interview on my life and business
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=79zWm7Q-QA0&t=5s>

Reach me at: Jeff@Droztalks.com

The 2020 AEC App

Put all the conference details in the palm of your hand with the MEHAMO mobile phone app. Take advantage of this app to plan ahead, learn about the hotel, mark agenda items and exhibitors you do not want to miss, and connect with your fellow attendees.

The app is already live. Just download the Yapp app from Google play or the Apple Store and find the conference ID of MEHAMO to get started. Check back often for further updates as the Spring Conference gets closer.

- *Hotel information
- *Conference Agenda
- *Speaker information
- *Exhibitor information
- *Sponsor information and more!

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The logo for the Yapp app, featuring the word "Yapp" in a stylized font. The "Y" is blue, and the "app" is green.

Conference Code

MEHAMO

Silent Auction

The hospitality committee has been diligently seeking donations, but...
we need help

One suggestion that we have heard multiple times was the desire for auction items from various parts of the state. If you know any potential donors please forward contact info to

Casey Elledge (celledge@jacksongov.org)

Here are a few places who have already donated:

- Jackstack BBQ
- St. Louis Cardinals
- Kansas City Chiefs
- Texas Roadhouse
- Sight & Sound Theater
- Kansas City Royals

Photo Request

Any photos taken of MEHAMO members at our AEC, NEHA, IAEP, other events, please email them to:

kgeary@jacksongov.org

We would love to be able to include photos of our members participating and/or volunteering in our newsletters, social media and on our website.



Hospitality

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
PRIVATE EVENT AT



6 - 9 PM on Wednesday
April 8th, 2020
305 S Market Ave,
Springfield, MO 65806



Transportation will be provided throughout this event so that you can relax and enjoy the refreshments, make new friends, and catch up with old ones.

*****MAKE SURE YOU RSVP ON YOUR REGISTRATION FORM*****.

We want to ensure there is plenty of food for everyone right from the start.

2020 Annual Education Conference

Tentative schedule, some sessions may change....

Monday, April 6, 2020

5:00 PM MEHA Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

9:00 - 12:00 PM Missouri CEHS Study Session

1:00 - 5:00 PM HACCP Training (Continued to Wednesday morning) Nancy Beyer, MDHSS

1:00 - 7:00 PM Exhibitor Set- up in Grand Ballroom

1:30 3:30 PM Missouri CEHS Exam

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

9:00- 11:00 AM (Continued from Tuesday) HACCP Training – Nancy Beyer, MDHSS

11:00 AM Registration in Grand Ballroom Foyer

11:45 -12:00 PM New Member Meet & Greet in Grand Ballroom

Opening General Session

Grand Ballroom

12:00- 12:10 PM Welcome – Brandy Sheehan, MEHA President

12:10- 12:20 PM MO Certification Board Update – Steve Sikes, Certification Board Chairperson

12:20- 12:35 PM IAFP Update – James O'Donnell, Past Affiliate Council Chair

12:35- 12:50 PM NEHA Update – Tom Vyles, NEHA Regional Representative

12:50 - 1:20 PM #HealthierMO Update - Casey Parnell, Project Manager

1:20 - 1:35 PM FSMA Update – Julie Vosilus, FDA State Liaison

1:35 - 2:00 PM FDA Update - Rebecca Steiner, FDA Retail Food Specialist

2:00 - 2:30 PM REFRESHMENT BREAK

2:30 - 3:00 PM Medical Marijuana Update - Lyndall Fraker. Director for Medical Marijuana Regulation

3:00 - 3:45 PM MDHSS Update – Aaron Winslow, MDHSS Field Services Supervisor

3:45 - 4:45 PM Keynote- "CRUSH THE CLIMB! - Reaching Your Peak in Work and Life"- Jeffrey Drozdowski

6:00 PM Hospitality Event- Springfield Brewing Company

Thursday, April 9, 2020

Food Breakout Session

8:00 - 8:50 AM Hobart

8:55 - 9:45 AM Transforming Menus and Lowering Operation Costs through Sous Vide - Chef Michael Kelly

9:45- 10:05 AM REFRESHMENT BREAK - Grand Ballroom

10:05-10:55 AM Program Assessment - Risk Factor Study Database Overview - Becky Steiner

11:00- 12:00 PM BUSINESS MEETING - Grand Ballroom

12:00 - 1:30 PM Annual Awards Banquet Luncheon - Grand Ballroom

1:35 - 2:25 PM Social Media Strategies for the EH Professional - Carol White

2:30 - 3:20 PM Education & Research Programs in the MU Division of Food Systems & Bio engineering- Jinglu Tan

3:20 - 3:40 PM REFRESHMENT BREAK - Grand Ballroom

3:45 - 4:35 PM *TBD*

4:40 - 5:30 PM *TBD*

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2020 Annual Education Conference Schedule, cont'd

Tentative schedule, some sessions may change....

Environmental Session

8:00 - 8:50 AM	Swimming Pool Inspection based on the Model Aquatic Health Code - Tom Vyles
8:55 - 9:45 AM	--Continued--
9:45 -10:05 AM	REFRESHMENT BREAK - Grand Ballroom
10:05 -10:55 AM	FSMA for Dummies - Julie Vosilus, FDA State Liason
11:00 -12:00 PM	BUSINESS MEETING - Grand Ballroom
12:00 - 1:30 PM	Annual Awards Banquet Luncheon - Grand Ballroom
1:35 - 2:25 PM	Pediatric Environmental Health Unit at Children's Mercy Hospital - Dr. Elizabeth Friedman
2:30 - 3:20 PM	Healthy Homes and Healthy Homes Assessments - Ryan Allenbrand
3:20 - 3:40 PM	REFRESHMENT BREAK - Grand Ballroom
3:45 - 4:35 PM	Tattoo Inspection Course - Matt Bavougin
4:40 - 5:30 PM	--Continued--

MO Agriculture

8:00 - 8:50 AM	Retail Labeling - Marin DeBauch
8:55 - 9:45 AM	<i>TBD</i>
9:45 -10:05 AM	REFRESHMENT BREAK - Grand Ballroom
10:05-10:55 AM	Missouri State Fruit Experiment Station - Marilyn Oneil
11:00 -12:00 PM	BUSINESS MEETING - Grand Ballroom
12:00 - 1:30 PM	Annual Awards Banquet Luncheon - Grand Ballroom
1:35 - 2:25 PM	Fraud Investigations - Kurt Mueller
2:30 - 3:20 PM	Lead Priority and Initiatives in MO - Elizabeth Kramer
3:20 - 3:40 PM	REFRESHMENT BREAK - Grand Ballroom
3:45 - 4:35 PM	Eric Folks – DHSS/DNR Jurisdiction
4:40 - 5:30 PM	<i>TBD</i>
6:30 PM	Hospitality Event at Oasis Hotel and Convention Center

Friday, April 10, 2020

Closing General Session

Grand Ballroom

9:00 - 9:55 AM	Blue-Green Algae - Dr. Babur Mirza, Assistant Professor Missouri State University
9:55 - 10:10 AM	REFRESHMENT BREAK
10:10 - 11:30 AM	Legionella Sampling and Investigation - Dusty Johnson, Assistant Chief DHSS Bureau of Environmental Health Services
11:30 AM	Closing

#HealthierMO



#HealthierMO unveils Missouri's new Foundational Public Health Services model – a major milestone in the grassroots initiative to transform Missouri's public health system. The model was based on the national FPHS model and informed by transformation work completed in other states, but it is unique to Missouri. It defines a minimum set of fundamental capabilities and public health areas of expertise that must be available in every community for Missouri's public health system to be functional.

The model offers a consistent, simplified framework upon which public health professionals can lead community work to address local public health issues. It allows public health agencies to identify gaps, establish a cost for assuring the foundational capabilities and areas, and justify future funding requests.

#HealthierMO has created several tools to help public health professionals better understand the model, apply it to daily operations, and confidently explain its purpose to stakeholders. To learn more about the model, visit HealthierMO.org. You can also ask questions and share your ideas in an informal virtual conversation called Open Line, held the last Monday of each month from 1:00 – 2:00 pm. Find connection details at HealthierMO.org

The Foundational Public Health Services model is just the first step in a long-term effort to transform Missouri's public health system in order to offer every Missourian the fair opportunity for health. Public health professionals across the state play a vital role in this transformation initiative. The future of public health in Missouri depends on you! Visit HealthierMO.org to learn how you can gear up for Missouri and actively participate in the initiative to build a healthier Missouri!

Legislation: 2020

Ryan Tilley, MPPA, REHS

The MEHA legislative committee works hand-in-hand with the Public Health Professional Organizations Advocacy Workgroup to stay apprised of environmentally related bills that may have an impact if passed. If you would like to volunteer or learn more, contact advocacy@mopha.org. Below is a sampling of some of the bills on their radar this legislative session.

HB2061 - Creates new provisions relating to the sale of kratom products.

SB765 - This act makes kratom a Schedule I controlled substance.

HB1892 - Modifies provisions relating to tanning facilities.

HB1335 - Modifies provisions relating to the selling of raw milk or cream. Allows retail sale so long as it is properly labeled.

HB1348 - Allows cottage food production operations to sell food over the internet.

MO Board of Certification for Environmental Health Professionals

The Missouri Board of Certification will offer the Missouri certification examination on Tuesday, April 7th from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm in conjunction with the 2020 MEHA conference in Springfield, MO.

A free study session will be offered the morning of the exam if there are a minimum of three participants. Applicants have the choice of taking the exam at the conference or taking it at another pre-arranged time.

For those interested in either the exam or the study session at the conference, the deadline to apply is **March 31st**.

Applications are available on the website at:

<http://mehamo.org/certification-board-resources>,

(hover over “Board of Certification” - click on “Certification Board Resources”).

Information about renting study materials and a free study guide is also available there. Submit applications or questions to Lisa Brenneman, Treasurer, at lbrenneman@springfieldmo.gov. <https://mehamo.org/certification-board-resources>

If you need monetary assistance with exam expenses, scholarships are available. There are two \$50 scholarships for the Missouri exam and two \$100 scholarships for the NEHA REHS exam. Approved applicants will submit a scholarship application before taking the exam and pass the exam before receiving the money.

Renewal paperwork for those already certified can be found on the website. Many classes and trainings count towards the CEU requirements, such as conference sessions, in-service trainings, emergency response trainings, and many others.

Thank you
Steve Sikes
MO Certification Board Chairperson
Jefferson County Department of Health

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Public Health
Specialist**



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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START *where*
YOU ARE.

USE *what*
YOU HAVE.

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