

MISSOURI ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Spring Newsletter



Ryan Tilley, MEHA President



MEHA Members,
It seems like only yesterday I was writing to you to tell you all about our Fall conference. As you know we unfortunately had to cancel due to covid. The 2019 Annual Educational Conference (AEC) was our

last conference. While Covid may still be a concern, it is my hope that low registration arising from multiple local travel restrictions will not foil our plans again. We have a dynamite agenda planned for you and don't want you to miss out. Please, please, please register early so that we know what our attendance this year is going to look like.

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I am pleased to say that several of our Fall 2021 scheduled speakers have agreed to try again this April. If you are able to attend, you will not be disappointed. The entire MEHA Board is looking forward to seeing you in person. Conferences are 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. Not to mention, they are a lot of fun.

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. One position that is still vacant and needed ASAP for this April is the Hospitality committee chairman. This person will coordinate our happy hour events on/offsite and our silent auction. If interested, please contact me right away. I am pleased to announce that we have successfully filled the vacancy for Treasurer. We have selected Andee Elmore. Andee is the Administrator of Environmental Health for the Springfield - Greene County Health Department. I look forward to introducing her to you in-person.

The awards committee continues to seek nominations for its several award opportunities. If you wish to nominate someone please do with the link found below.

The next Annual Educational conference will be April 4th to the 8th, 2022. We hope to see you all there. Don't forget to register early!

Ryan Tilley,
President

FEBRUARY 2022

Annual Education Conference

JOIN US FOR THE 2022 SPRING CONFERENCE

(Pre-conference workshop April 6)

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 - TBD

- 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 the 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 3/4/2022.



MISSOURI ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

MISSOURI ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION 2022 ANNUAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE TENTATIVE AGENDA

Monday, April 4, 2022

5:00PM Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 5th, 2022

8:00 - 12:00PM Missouri CEHS Study Session/Exam - Fiji Ballroom

8:00-12:00PM Registration - Ballroom Foyer

1:30 – 3:30PM Missouri CEHS Study Exam - Fiji Ballroom

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

Wednesday, April 6th, 2022

9:00 – 12:00PM MO Certification Board Meeting

11:30 -12:00PM New Member Meet & Greet - Grand Ballroom

Opening General Session - Grand Ballroom

12:00 - 12:10PM	Welcome	Ryan Tilley, MEHA President
12:10 - 12:20PM	MO Certification Board Update	Laura Jahn, Certification Board Chairperson
12:20 - 12:35PM	IAFP Update	Brandy Sheehan
12:35 - 12:50PM	NEHA Update	Traci Michelson, NEHA Regional Representative
12:50 - 1:20PM	#HealthierMO Update	Emily Fessler, Project Manager
1:20 – 1:35PM	FSMA Update	
1:35 - 2:00PM	FDA Update	Rebecca Steiner, FDA Retail Food Specialist
2:00 - 2:30PM	*REFRESHMENT BREAK*	
2:30 - 3:00PM	OPEN	
3:00 - 3:45PM	BEHS Update	Aaron Winslow, MDHSS Field Services Supervisor
3:45 - 4:45PM	OPEN Keynote Speaker	
6:30PM	Hospitality Event- Springfield Brewing Company	

Thursday, April 7th, 2022

Food Breakout Session - Maui Ballroom

8:00 - 8:50AM	Ware Washing and Ware Washer Troubleshooting.	Dr. Alexander Anim- Mensah
8:55 - 9:45AM	NSF Standards	Derek Deland
9:45 - 10:05AM	*REFRESHMENT BREAK* - Grand Ballroom	
10:05 -10:55AM	Program Assessment – Risk Factor Study, Deli Department Results	Becky Steiner
11:00 - 1:30PM	*Banquet Luncheon/Business Meeting & Annual Awards Grand Ballroom	

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1:35 – 2:25PM	OPEN	
2:30 - 3:20PM	Disclosing Inspection Results at Point-of-Service	Thuy N. Kim
3:20 - 3:40PM	*REFRESHMENT BREAK* - Grand Ballroom	
3:45 - 4:35PM	– Protecting People from Harmful Environmental Exposures	CDR Erin Evans, The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
5:00PM	Hospitality Event – Room TBD	
Environmental Session - Coco Ballroom		
8:00 - 8:50AM	Industry Use of Food Safety Data	Traci Michelson
8:55 - 9:40	The Sewershed Surveillance Project for COVID-19 and virus variants in Missouri	Jeff Wenzel, Chris Wieberg and Marc Johnson
9:45 - 10:05AM	*REFRESHMENT BREAK* - Grand Ballroom	
10:05 - 10:55AM	OPEN	
11:00 - 1:30PM	*Banquet Luncheon / Business Meeting & Annual Awards Grand Ballroom	
1:35-2:25PM	OPEN	
2:30 -3:20PM	OPEN	
3:20 - 3:40PM	*REFRESHMENT BREAK* - Grand Ballroom	
3:45 - 4:35PM	Bacterially Impaired Watersheds: Distribution of Cyanobacteria and Bacterial Pathogens	Dr. Babur Mirza
5:00PM	Hospitality Event – Room TBD	
MO Agriculture Session - Fiji Ballroom		
8:00-8:50AM	FSMA 2011-2021 – Where Do We Go From Here	NEED CONFIRMATION Julie Vosilus –
8:55-9:40AM	OPEN	
9:45-10:05AM	*REFRESHMENT BREAK* - Grand Ballroom	
10:05-10:55AM	OPEN	
11:00-1:30PM	*Banquet Luncheon / Business Meeting & Annual Awards Grand Ballroom	
1:35- 2:25PM	Workers' Compensation: Fraud and Noncompliance Investigations	Kurt Mueller, Charles Crandall and Anthony Ferrell
2:30-3:15AM	DHSS/DNR Jurisdiction	Charles Harwood
3:20-3:40PM	*REFRESHMENT BREAK* - Grand Ballroom	
3:45-4:35PM	DNR- STILL NEED TITLE	Kirsten Schaefer
5:00 PM	Hospitality Event – Room TBD	
<u>Friday, April 8th, 2022</u>		
Closing General Session - Grand Ballroom		
9:00- 9:40AM	Marketing Morels as Wild Harvested Mushrooms in Missouri	Patrick Byers
9:40- 10:00AM	*REFRESHMENT BREAK* - Grand Ballroom	
10:00-11:00AM	Chemistry of Cleaning and Sanitizing	Eddie Freeman
11:00AM	Closing	



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AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE MARCH 1ST

OUR ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCH BANQUET IS
APRIL 7TH

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO NOMINATE
SOMEONE WHO SHOULD BE
RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR HARD WORK.

[HTTPS://MEHAMO.ORG/AWARDS](https://MEHAMO.ORG/AWARDS)



The 2022 AEC App

GET ALL OF 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 MEHAMO2022 TO GET STARTED.

CHECK BACK OFTEN FOR FURTHER UPDATES AS THE SPRING CONFERENCE GETS CLOSER.

- *HOTEL INFORMATION
- *CONFERENCE AGENDA
- *SPEAKER INFORMATION
- *EXHIBITOR INFORMATION AND MORE!

Photo Request

Have you recently attended any events with other MEHA members?

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.

Please email your photos to:
kgear@jacksongov.org



Hospitality

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
PRIVATE EVENT AT



6 - 9 PM on Wednesday
April 6th, 2022
305 S Market Ave,
Springfield, MO 65806



*****MAKE SURE YOU RSVP ON YOUR REGISTRATION FORM*****.
We want to ensure there is plenty of food for everyone right from the start.



EXHIBITORS NEEDED

MEHA 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

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

MO Board of Certification for Environmental Health Professionals

The Missouri Board of Certification will offer the Missouri certification examination on Tuesday, April 5th from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm in conjunction with the 2022 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.

**Certified
Environmental
Public Health
Specialist**

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
Laura Jahn
MO Certification Board Chairperson
Taney County Department of Health





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

**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.

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)



NEHA
BUSINESS &
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AFFILIATE



THE NEHA BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY AFFILIATE (BIA) IS AN AFFILIATE OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION THAT WORKS TO ENHANCE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH KNOWLEDGE THROUGH COLLABORATION AMONGST BUSINESS/INDUSTRY, ACADEMIA, AND REGULATORY PARTNERS. MEMBERSHIP TO NEHA BIA IS OPEN TO ALL PERSONS, BUSINESSES, AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO WORK IN OR SUPPORT THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROFESSION.

TO LEARN MORE, [HTTPS://NEHABIA.ORG](https://nehabia.org)

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START *where*
YOU ARE.

USE *what*
YOU HAVE.

DO *what*
YOU CAN.