



SPRING NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2017

President's Message

Greetings MMFEHA,

I hope that you are as excited as I am about our upcoming conference. Our team has put together a great program with exciting and relevant speakers. It has been a busy year for our association. So many achievements and yet so much more for us to do. We hosted several meetings and then executed a record setting IAFP Conference. That success has laid the groundwork for future conferences to be held within our state. What may be the most significant item, is that we have started talks to unite our association with MEHA. Please plan on attending the Joint Merger Committee's report on Wednesday, so that you can help shape the direction we proceed. On Thursday I would encourage you to attend the MMFEHA Business meeting where we will continue the conversation and next steps as well as our regular agenda items. Our Business meeting is open to all members and is your best opportunity to tell us what you would like to see at future conferences as well as how you would like to see our association grow.

Beyond the educational seminars and the business of our association, we have several networking and social gatherings incorporated in this year's meeting. Don't forget to plan on our 3rd Casino Night to be held Wednesday evening and the Awards banquet on Thursday.

It has been my greatest pleasure to serve you. I look forward to seeing you all in April.

Thank you,
James O'Donnell

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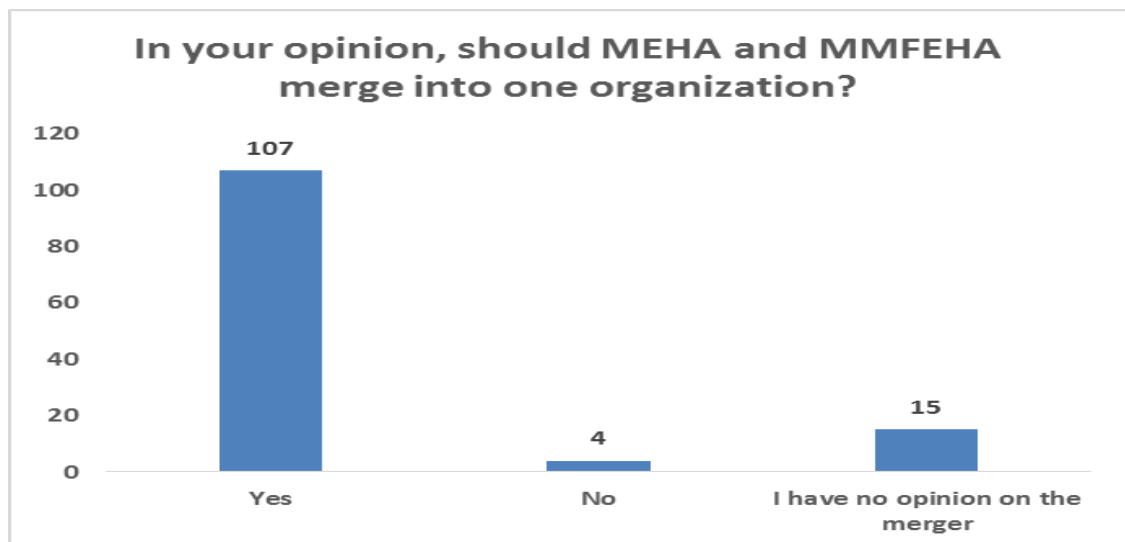
Update from the Joint Committee Regarding the Question of Merging Missouri Milk Food and Environmental Health Association (MMFEHA) and Missouri Environmental Health Association (MEHA) into One Professional Organization.

During the Spring Annual Education Conference (AEC) the board of MMFEHA began a discussion at the past presidents luncheon regarding the possibility of merging the two organizations. The merger was discussed due to a number of factors including declining membership in attendance to the AEC, waning participation in the business meetings, in committees and the MMFEHA executive board. Input from the past presidents in attendance indicated that the question of merging the two organizations had been discussed before on many occasions, but simply did not develop enough interest among the combined membership of the two organizations.

I was appointed the chair of a special committee during the June 2016 meeting by MMFEHA board President James O'Donnell. As a Past President of MMFEHA, I set out to bring the discussion to the MEHA board. I attended the MEHA board meeting in July and brought the question to their attention. I also brought the discussion of merging to a meeting of the Board of Certification in August. The committee is composed of current and past officers of all three boards. A discussion was held at the MEHA Annual Education Conference this past October and subsequently a poll was put out to the combined membership of both organizations. That poll resulted in significant interest in a merger of the two professional organizations.

The merger committee utilized an electronic membership survey and analysis of survey results, see Figure I. We are currently developing guidance for both boards with recommendations on how to proceed. The complete results of the survey will be made available to the membership of both groups.

Figure I: Membership Survey Response for Merging Organizations



The committee has initially made the following recommendations to both boards:

1. MMFEHA members have not heard an open discussion of the merger. MEHA membership has had that opportunity during the 2016 AEC. MMFEHA membership should have an opportunity to hear the discussion and voice their opinion at the April 2017 AEC.
2. The two boards should meet and discuss the next step. It has been postulated that since the MEHA board is having a meeting at MMFEHA's AEC that the two boards could somehow make time for discussion.
3. The MMFEHA Board has a great deal to accomplish in the coming weeks in preparation of the upcoming AEC. The board needs to prepare for the proper execution of a vote should one be desired.
4. Finally, the merger committee believes that this process should be undertaken with great care and deliberation. This needs to be done correctly.

The merger committee has recommended a vote on the merger question not be taken at this year's MMFEHA AEC. We have recommended the boards meet and work as one unit to proceed to a vote. In order for a merger to occur, each organization will need to pose the same question as a vote of its membership. If the question of a merger does come to a vote, each organization must pose that question to its respective membership in attendance at a future AEC. Both memberships must agree if a merger is to occur. As this question moves forward, it is more important now than ever before that you become actively involved in the process. Each organization needs your participation, regardless if a merger occurs or not. You make a big difference in the future of your professional educational associations.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven S. Crawford, REHS
Chair, MMFEHA/ MEHA Merger Committee

“This organization belongs to you!”

ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at this year's Annual Educational Conference!

It will be held in Springfield, Missouri again this year at the Oasis Hotel and Convention Center (2546 North Glenstone Avenue).



MMFEHA CONFERENCE AGENDA

Tuesday, April 4th, 2017

- 8:00AM– 12:00PM Study Session
1:30PM– 3:30PM Missouri EH/NEHA Exam/REHS
- 1:00-3:00PM *PRE-CON SESSION**
Onsite Sewage Complaint Investigation

Wednesday, April 5th, 2017

- 8:30-10:30AM *PRE-CON SESSION**
Onsite Sewage Complaint Investigation
- 8:00AM– 12:00PM REGISTRATION IN HOTEL LOBBY
9:00 AM– 11:00AM *NEW MEMBER WELCOME ORIENTATION

OPENING GENERAL SESSION

- 12:00– 12:15PM **Welcome**
James O'Donnell, MMFEHA President
- 12:15 - 12:45PM **MO Certification Board Update**
- 12:45 - 1:15PM **IAFP Update**
- 1:15 - 1:45PM **NEHA Update**
- 1:45 - 2:30PM **MMFEHA and MEHA Merger Update**
- 2:30 - 2:45PM **Refreshment Break**
- 2:45 - 3:15PM **FDA Update**
- 3:15 - 4:00PM **MDHSS and Legislative Update**
- 4:00 - 5:00PM **Food Safety in the Social Media Age**
Patrick Quade, Founder of iwaspositioned.com

CASINO NIGHT

APRIL 5th, 7:00 PM
Grand Ballroom



JOIN US FOR A FUN NIGHT!

B# Sharp Entertainment will be setting up Poker, Roulette, and Blackjack tables as well as spinning the hits throughout the night!

Proceeds go to the Harold Bench Foundation.

**No official gambling allowed.
You must donate to get chips.**



MMFEHA

Missouri Milk, Food,
and Environmental
Health Association

Snacks will be provided and drinks will be available for purchase. Tickets and chips can be purchased in the exhibit area at the raffle table.

Thursday, April 6th , 2017
BREAKOUT SESSION
FOOD

8:00-8:55AM **Working with Cultural Diversity**
Catherine Pennekamp, Ozark Translators

8:45- 9:50AM **Mobile Food Trucks**
Carrie Mitchell, London Calling

9:50-10:20AM **Refreshment Break**

10:20- 11:15AM **Recall Protocol and QA**
Jenny Doran, Walmart

11:15-12:10PM **Acidified Foods**
Eric Nielsen

12:10-1:25PM **Lunch On Your Own**

1:25-2:20PM **Missouri Enterprise, Next Generation Manufacturing/HACCP**
Joe Bullinger, Project Manager

2:20-3:15PM **Animal Health/Slaughter Operations and Associated Issues**
John Jordan, Mo Department of Ag

3:15-3:45PM **Refreshment Break**

3:45 - 4:45PM **FDA Risk Based Inspections**
Cindy Kunkle, FDA

4:45-5:30PM **MMFEHA Business Meeting**

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!



Thursday, April 6th, 2017
BREAKOUT SESSION
ENVIRONMENTAL

8:00-8:55AM

Let's Clean Biofilms

Milo Carter, Nixall Serious Clean

8:45-9:50AM

Bedbug Biology, Inspection and Control

Steve Crawford

9:50-10:20AM

Refreshment Break

10:20-11:15AM

Rapid Evaluation and Improvement of Drinking Water Supplies in Africa

Bob Custard, REHS, CP-FS

11:15-12:10PM

Onsite Sewage Problems

Eric Folks, DHSS

12:10-1:25PM

Lunch On Your Own

1:25-2:20PM

Working with Our Partners

DHSS, DNR, LPHA

2:20-3:15PM

Child Care

Craig Sullivan

3:15-3:45PM

Refreshment Break

3:45 - 4:45PM

Connecting with the Industrial Sanitarian

Jaymin Patel

4:45-5:30PM

MMFEHA Business Meeting

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!



Thursday, April 6th, 2017
BREAKOUT SESSION
MILK

8:00-8:55AM

Bio-security

Paul Gregory, Hiland Dairy

8:45- 9:50AM

Cultured Dairy Products Troubleshooting

Dave Koontz, DSM Food Specialties

9:50-10:20AM

Refreshment Break

10:20- 11:15AM

Effect of FSMA on Sanitation Process

Richard Schmitt, Ecolab Inc.

11:15-12:10PM

Allergen Control

Paul Gregory, Hiland Dairy

12:10-1:25PM

Lunch On Your Own

1:25-2:20PM

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2:20-3:15PM

TBD

3:15-3:45PM

Refreshment Break

3:45 - 4:45PM

Dairy by Products

Troy Gascoigne, Swiss Valley Farms

4:45-5:30PM

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2017 AWARD BANQUET

Thursday, April 6th
6:30 PM
Grand Ballroom

See this year's award recipients be announced!

Wilbur S. Feagan Award

Ecolab Sanitarian Citation Award

President's Award

Lifetime Achievement Award

J.E. Edmondson Scholarship

Hainline Heritage Foundation Scholarship

Special Recognition Awards



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Friday, April 7th, 2017
CLOSING GENERAL SESSION

8:00-9:00AM	Public Health and Mass Care Andrew Carpenter, ER Planner
9:00-10:00AM	Sustainability and I have a Recipe Chef Anton Kotar
10:00-10:15AM	Refreshment Break
10:15-12:15PM	Food Borne Disease Outbreak Surveillance John Guzewich, IAFF
12:15PM	Closing



Missouri Board of Certification for Environmental Health Professionals

New!!! The Missouri Board of Certification will be hosting a **free** study session on Tuesday April 4th, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. during the preconference at MMFEHA! The exam will be given following lunch on your own at 1:00 pm. Both held the Oasis Hotel and Convention Center in lovely Springfield, Mo. Please contact Lisa Brenneman at lbrenneman@springfieldmo.gov to register for the study session.

Anyone interested in taking the exam should fill out the application located at <http://mmfeha.org/> and contact our new secretary Lisa Brenneman at lbrenneman@springfieldmo.gov or (417)864-1693.

Changes: NEHA REHS examinations can still be given by the board; however, there must be at least three examinees. Additionally, there is a \$350 charge unless there are 11 or more candidates taking the exam. In turn, the candidate is required to join the Missouri certification program. Applications for the NEHA REHS can be obtained from <http://neha.org>.

Scholarships: There are two \$50 scholarship awards available for the Missouri exam and two \$100 scholarship awards for the NEHA REHS exam. Applicants must successfully pass the examination first prior to being awarded and the applicant must submit the scholarship application prior to taking the exam. Applications are located at <http://mmfeha.org/>.

Update your information: If you have not recently updated your information with Missouri Board of Certification, please do so by sending your updated contact information to Lisa Brenneman at lbrenneman@springfieldmo.gov.

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JOIN ONE OF OUR COMMITTEES TODAY!

2016– 2017 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Program Committee— Roxanne Sharp
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Registration Committee—Nancy Beyer
Awards Committee—Brian Keller
Past Presidents' Committee—Erica Murphy
Technology and Website Committee—Steve Crawford
Special Committee—MMFEHA/ MEHA Merger Committee—Steve Crawford

~ OPEN COMMITTEES ~

Audio/Visual Committee
Membership Committee
Legislative Committee
Bylaws and Resolutions Committee
Public Relations Committee
Nominations Committee
Necrology and History Committee
Audit Committee

PHOTO REQUEST

Any photos taken of MMFEHA members at our AEC, NEHA, IAFP, other related events, please email them to:

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We would love to be able to include photos of our members participating and/or volunteering in both newsletters and future NEHA and IAFP award submissions.



**Want to get involved?
Contact one of the Officers to learn more about what you can do for MMFEHA and how you can help us become a better association for you.**



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