Celebrating MEHA’s Members Investing in our Future

Brian E. Keller, MEHA President

Greetings MEHA,

I can’t speak for everyone else, but it seems like this past year has flown by. The last Missouri Milk, Food, and Environmental Health Association spring conference 2018 feels like it was just a few weeks ago. It’s now early 2019 and the Inaugural unified Missouri Environmental Health Association will be happening in just a couple of months.

Over this past year, the members of the Executive Board with the support of several onfire groups of volunteers, have helped us achieve several great changes for the organization. Just in case someone hasn’t heard by now, the merger of both organizations was finalized this past July 3, 2018.

Several members have been investing their time, experience, and energy to help mold a new future for MEHA. Deb Sees and Edith Todd have both retired from their respective positions in hospitality. Casey Elledge, Amanda Burch, Kyle Schuman, and Debbie Dreves have now filled those positions.

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Lori Taffner has joined the Necrology Committee along with long standing member Grace Steinke. If joining the Necrology Committee wasn’t enough, Lori along with John Peacock have replaced Barb Samson and Lisa Brenneman as Executive Board members for the Board of Certification.

Unfortunately, Stacie Duitsman had to resign the Vice- President board position this past September. When the time is right we look forward to having her back. Several people were recommended to fill the position and fortunately the position did not remain vacant for long. After some deliberation the Board nominated Deb Sees and elected her to the Board at the first MEHA Fall Training this past October. She is now serving as the Awards Committee Chair along with Carolyn White, Ainsley Lackey, Debbie Drees, Robert Gilliland, and Dr. Michael Fletcher.

Ryan Tilley has been diligent in representing MEHA with the HealthierMO initiative. He has also been the first person to chair the newly formed Professional Development Committee. Ryan, along with Stacie Duitsman and Kristi Ressell, worked together planning the first MEHA Fall Training this past October 4-5 in Columbia. Based on feedback we received, it was a big success. People enjoyed the new shortened format and field trips to University of Missouri’s meat processing and ice cream processing facilities. For anyone who is interested and willing to be challenged, the Professional Development Committee is one I will encourage people to join. The Fall Training is not intended to be hosted annually in the same static location, such as the Spring Conference. Rather, it is to rotate around to sites which can accommodate us. Members who would like to see a Fall training hosted locally, this is a great opportunity for you to join the committee and let us know what types of meeting spaces and lodging accommodations are in your area.

I cannot compliment Kristen Geary enough, she has been phenomenal as our new webmaster. Kristen works diligently to ensure that the website is not only maintained but that it is constantly improving.

Finally, when the call was put out by the finance committee requesting new committee members, Debbie Drees didn’t hesitate to volunteer. This organization will not function without the help of our volunteers, new and old. No one can do everything, but I am confident that everyone can do something. If you have been thinking about volunteering your time, please let me know. I know we can find a place to use your talents.

If I have failed to recognize someone that is serving on a committee or volunteering in some manner, I apologize. As individuals are willing to volunteer I want to thank you on behalf of the Executive Board and ensure you are recognized.

Thank you

We are going to see a couple of big changes starting with this next conference. Currently, Nancy Beyer and Kristen Geary are working to set up the website to allow online payments to be accepted for future MEHA functions in addition to mailing in payments and paying at registration.
If that isn’t cool enough, we are going to start using the Yapp app to allow conference attending members to enjoy a more integrated conference experience. The app includes features like:

- A list of all conference attendees
- A list of presenters with bio-information
- A list of exhibitors with links to their businesses
- And of course the conference agenda where attendees can build a personalized conference schedule to direct them to the presentations they want to attend.

For those who may not want to utilize the app hard copies of the program will still be available.

I want to thank all of the MEHA membership for allowing me the privilege of serving as the first president of our new organization. I have worked hard to represent not only this organization, but everyone of you, and the State of Missouri as best I can. Finally, I hope to see everyone this April in Springfield.

Thank you,

Brian E. Keller
President

2019 Annual Education Conference

We hope you are able to join us for our annual education conference on April 3-5.
(Pre-conference workshop April 2).

Conference Registration Fee Schedule

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

At the Door

Entire Conference $125
One Day Only $110

Online Registration

Visit our website for more details and to register: https://mehamo.org/conference-registration/
The 2019 Spring Educational Conference App is now available. Download Today!

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 2AQ8SR to get started. Check back often for further updates as the Spring Conference gets closer, including:

- Hotel information
- Map of the overall facility and main conference space
- Conference Agenda
- Speaker information
- Exhibitor information
- Sponsor information and more!

Silent Auction

We’ve got many items that will be up for bid so you’re sure to find something great to take home, or give as a gift. Make sure to check for updates, on the Yapp app, as we get closer to the conference dates.

Here are just a few of the companies who have offered items for bid:

- Mothers Brewing Company
- IHOP
- Aramark
- Thermoworks
- Quik Trip

Photo Request

Any photos taken of MEHAMO members at our AEC, NEHA, IAFP, 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.

Reservations
(417)866-5253

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Missouri Environmental Health Association

OASIS
HOTEL AND CONVENTION CENTER

April 3-5, 2019
2546 GLENSTONE,
SPRINGFIELD, MO
NOMINATIONS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

Now is the time to nominate those professionals who have and are going above and beyond the call of duty to be recognized at the spring conference. Please check out all awards available at https://mehamo.org/awards/

For questions regarding nominations or how to get involved please contact Deb Sees (dsees@jacksongov.org), Vice President and Awards Committee Chair or any current board member.

Hospitality

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A PRIVATE EVENT AT

417 TAPHOUSE

- 6 - 9 PM on Wednesday, April 3, 2019
- 431 S Jefferson Ave #160, 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 the old.

83rd ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

Nashville, Tennessee ● July 9 - July 12

NEHA.ORG/AEC

MISSOURI ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION
DR. DAVID DYJACK, AEC KEYNOTE SPEAKER

After the 2018 AEC, the renewal contract was signed between MMFEHA and the Oasis Hotel and Convention Center for three years with a two year extension option. Since then MMFEHA and MEHA have officially merged and are in process of combining resources. Following the 2018 spring AEC, the new unified MEHA board has been working to ensure future conferences build on the success of the past. The 2019 conference is now starting to take shape as we make to time meet with everyone within and outside the organization who has an interest in shaping MEHA’s future. We are inviting and encouraging everyone to please attend open planning meetings to provide your input. I cannot emphasize enough that this is NOT the board’s organization, it is YOUR organization. If we don’t know what information and resources you need, we can’t provide it.

As I’ve mentioned before the efforts of our organization are being watched by affiliate organizations across the country. So much so that the Executive Director from NEHA asked to be a part of our conference. With great honor I am proud to announce NEHA Executive Director, Dr. David Dyjack will deliver the Keynote Address.

Dr. Dyjack’s 30-year career includes expertise in environmental health, emergency preparedness and response, public health informatics, infectious disease, workforce development, governmental infrastructure, maternal and child health, health equity, and chronic disease. A board certified industrial hygienist, Dyjack also has advanced degrees in public health with a doctorate from the University of Michigan and a master’s degree from the University of Utah.

He most recently served as the associate executive director for programs at the National Association of County and City Health Officials managing the organization’s grant and contract portfolio and 75 health professionals in support of the nation’s 2800 local health departments. Dyjack has a wealth of management and leadership experience ranging from local health departments to federal agency collaboration.

“David’s background in both environmental health and association management are an ideal fit for NEHA’s new executive director. We are extremely excited about David joining us as we chart a course to further advance and elevate the environmental health arena both nationally and globally,” said NEHA Board President Carolyn Harvey.
2019 Annual Education Conference

Tentative schedule, some sessions & times may change....

Tuesday, April 2, 2019
8:00AM- 12:00PM Missouri CEHS Study Session
1:00PM- 4:30PM Pre-Conference Training - TBD
1:00PM- 7:00PM Exhibitor Set-up in Grand Ballroom
1:30PM-3:30PM Missouri CEHS Exam
5:00PM- 10:00PM Hospitality -

Wednesday, April 3, 2019
8:00AM–11:30AM Pre-Conference Training – TBD
12:00PM Registration in Grand Ballroom Foyer
11:30AM –12:00PM New Member Meet & Greet in Grand Ballroom

Opening General Session
Grand Ballroom
12:00- 12:15 PM Welcome – Brian Keller, MEHA President
12:15-12:45 PM MO Certification Board Update – Suzan Morang, Certification Board Chairperson
12:45-1:15 PM IAFP Update – James O’Donnell, IAFP Affiliate Council Chair
1:15- 1:45 PM NEHA Update – Tom Vyles, NEHA Regional Representative
1:45-2:30 PM FSMA Update – "Tentative"
2:30-2:45 PM *REFRESHMENT BREAK*
2:45-3:15 PM FDA Update – Cindy Kunkel, FDA Retail Food Specialist and Team Commander
3:15- 4:00 PM MDHSS Update – Aaron Winslow, MDHSS
4:00-5:00 PM Keynote Speaker - “Numinous”
   Dr. David Dyjack, Director & CEO of NEHA
6:00 PM Hospitality Event- 417 Tap House

Thursday, April 4, 2019
Food Breakout Session
8:00- 8:50 Shelf Life – Shima Shayanfar, Gen Mills (via Skype)
8:55-9:45 Advances in Ware Washing – Joel Hipp, Hobart
9:45-10:05 *REFRESHMENT BREAK*
10:05-10:55 Integrated Program Development – David Switzner, Pettis County
11:00-12:00 "BUSINESS MEETING"
12:00-1:15 *LUNCH*
1:15- 2:05 3rd Party Delivery – Joe Navin, Eats Safety (via Skype) "Tentative"
2:10-3:00 Romaine Lettuce Outbreak - FDA "Tentative"
3:00-3:20 *REFRESHMENT BREAK*
3:20-4:10 What if? (Community Health Focus) - Bob Custard, Leadership Partners, LLC
4:15-5:05 Food Allergies: Challenges for Food Service Operators – Jean Edsall, Compass Group
2019 Annual Education Conference Schedule, cont'd

Tentative schedule, some sessions may change....

Environmental Session
8:00- 8:50  Fire Suppression – Chris Beal, Belton Fire
8:55-9:45  Public Health Response to Hurricane Harvey, Irma, and Maria – Cindy Kunkel, FDA Retail Food Specialist and Team Commander
9:45-10:05 *REFREMENT BREAK*
10:05- 10:55 Inspecting Septic Systems – Steve Mirowski & Scott Sharp, Mirowski Inspections
11:00-12:00 *BUSINESS MEETING*
12:00-1:15  *LUNCH*
1:15- 2:05  “The Manhattan Project” (Radiation Assessment) - LCDR Erin Evans *Tentative*
2:10-3:00  Mold Inspections and Treatment – James Stevens, Dog Gone Mold
3:00-3:20  *REFREMENT BREAK*
3:20-4:10  Body Piercing Regulations – Matt Bavougian, Association of Professional Piercers
4:15-5:05  ---Continued---

MO Agriculture
8:00- 8:50  State Meat & Poultry Inspection Program- Missouri Department of Agriculture
8:55-9:45  CBD Oil- David English, BeLeaf Life’s Oils, LLC *Tentative*
9:45-10:05  *REFREMENT BREAK*
10:05- 10:55 Food Safety Essentials for Dairy Manufacturers – Michael Kalish, Food Safety Guides (via Skype)
11:00-12:00  *BUSINESS MEETING*
12:00-1:15  *LUNCH*
1:15- 2:05  Mushroom Identification *Tentative*
2:10-3:00  Fraud and Noncompliance – MO Dept. of Labor
3:00-3:20  *REFREMENT BREAK*
3:20-4:10  TBD
4:15-5:05  Nitrate/Nitrite Intoxication in Cattle – Dr. Tim Evans, University of Missouri Department of Veterinary Pathobiology
5:30- 6:30 PM President’s Reception
6:30- 8:00 PM Annual Awards Banquet in Grand Ballroom

Friday, April 5, 2019
Closing General Session, Grand Ballroom
9:00- 9:50 AM How to Speak to the Press – KOLR10 *Tentative*
9:55-10:30 AM Food Safety Systems and Routines – Jolene Breeden, McDonald’s
10:30-10:45 AM  *REFREMENT BREAK*
10:45-11:35 AM Healthy Homes Initiative – Naser Jouhari, Kansas City Department
11:35 AM Closing
# HealtheirMO

Since January 2018, MEHA has participated with the #HealthierMO Initiative to improve the visibility and effectiveness of our association. Three board representatives from MEHA are part of the Professional Organizations committee of #HealthierMO. The Committee represents six of Missouri’s professional organizations focused on public health, including: MoALPHA, MoCEPHE, MICH, MPHA, and MCPHN. The Committee also has support from DHSS. Our vision is to be "united for public health" and our mission is "leading public health collective impact through advocacy, collaboration, communication and workforce development." We have met nine times since January 2018, increasing our spirit of collaboration and trust each time. In August 2018 we identified 10 goals for the coming year, and in November we established workgroups to tackle specific tasks in order to achieve these goals. The workgroups include Advocacy, Collaboration, Communication, and Workforce Development. We are very excited to be actively collaborating on projects together throughout 2019. You can read more about the #HealthierMO Initiative here: http://www.healthiermo.org.html.

**CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

MEHA needs your expertise to help us “balance the books”. As part of the Finance Committee you will advise the Board on areas of finance such as bank accounts, investment options, record keeping, account consolidation, annual budget, membership dues, etc. Previous experience appreciated but not necessary to serve on the Committee. Please step-up and help us fill this void. To volunteer, please see any one of the Board representatives.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**START where YOU ARE.**

**USE what YOU HAVE.**

**DO what YOU CAN.**
MO Board of Certification for Environmental Health Professionals

The Missouri Board of Certification will offer the Missouri certification examination in conjunction with the 2019 MEHA conference in Springfield, MO in April. A free study session will be offered before 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 19th. Applications are available on the website at http://mmfeha.org/, (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.

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.

For those interested in taking the NEHA REHS exam, the MO Cert Board can proctor this exam with three or more applicants. The fee for three to ten applicants is $350; this fee is waived for eleven or more applicants. More information on the NEHA exam can be found on our website at https://mehamo.org/certification-board-resources/
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.

**New for 2018**

**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. Sign up to serve today!
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