What a Year!

Brandy Sheehan, President

Last month officially marked 1 year for the newly merged organization, and I’d say we’ve hit our stride!

The Executive Board is working diligently to maintain the traditions of both organizations as we forge ahead to advance our organization. No contribution is too small, whether it’s joining a committee or simply sharing a new idea. We’d love to hear from you!
President’s Message Continued...

As always, there is a lot going on. Final details are underway for this year’s fall training, which will be held in Kansas City. It will be a similar format as last year: facility training tours followed by a day of educational sessions. Each year the fall training moves to another part of the state as we excitedly explore different areas of Missouri. Know a great spot? Next year could be hosted in your county!

This past May, I shared an exciting announcement: Missouri Environmental Health Association won the International Association of Food Protection’s C.B. Shogren Memorial Award. This July, I had the pleasure of representing MEHA at the Annual Meeting to accept our award. The tireless work that went into a successful merger did not go unrecognized! Along with a plaque, the award came with a $500 honorarium. The Board agreed to use a portion of the amount in expanding our industry and student membership. We have solid representation from the government sector and this is a way to continue growth and sustainability for the organization. MEHA hosted our first “Meet & Greet” event at IAFP for those attending from Missouri. It was a great time getting to network with fellow Missouri professionals, and we look forward to welcoming them at future events.

I look forward to seeing all of you soon!

Sincerely,
Brandy Sheehan
YOU'RE INVITED

The Annual Education Conference Planning Meeting is September 20th, 2019!

The goal is to create a conference of value for the Food Safety Professionals in Missouri and surrounding region, and that can’t be done without input from our membership.

Who should attend?

Food safety professionals
Food manufacturers and processors
Food distributors
Food retailers
Public health professionals
Laboratory professionals
University professionals
Food safety vendors - laboratory, digital solutions, equipment, service
Students

Why attend?

Take a seat at the table and be a part of making the 2020 AEC the best one yet
Connect with local food safety professionals
Contribute to improving food safety in the Midwest Region

DATE: September 20th, 2019
TIME: 12:00 PM
LOCATION: Oasis Hotel & Convention Center (2546 N Glenstone Ave, Springfield, MO 65803)
Need to stay overnight? Mention MEHA for a $94 room block rate.
RSVP to mehamo@gmail.com

OASIS HOTEL AND CONVENTION CENTER
April 7-10, 2020
2546 GLENSTONE
SPRINGFIELD, MO

Missouri Environmental Health Association Annual Education Conference
2019 Annual Fall Training

We hope you are able to join us for the annual Fall Training on October 3rd-4th.

Similar to last year, we will be hosting training tours on Thursday, October 3rd at the Iron District and Restless Spirits Distillery both located in North Kansas City. On Friday, we have amazing speakers lined up for you, including topics on Medical Marijuana, FDA Grants, and Kratom at The View at Briarcliff (4000 North Mulberry Drive Kansas City, MO 64116).

Training Registration Fee Schedule

Full Training (including lunch)
- New Members $80
- Current Members $65
- Students - $25
- *Tours Only* $20

Online Registration
Visit our website for more details and to register: https://mehamo.org/conference-registration/

TOWNEPLACE SUITES BY MARRIOTT

3950 N. Mulberry Drive
Kansas City, MO 64116

816-587-4600

Please register before September 11th, 2019 and mention MEHA Fall Training to ensure $125 government rate. Continental breakfast provided for hotel guests.
2019 Fall Training Agenda

Thursday, October 3rd, 2019
Location: TOWNEPLACE SUITES BY MARRIOT
3950 N Mulberry Drive Kansas City, MO 64116

9:30 AM- 11:30 AM Missouri CEHS Exam in the Boardroom

Training Tours: Meet in Hotel Lobby to car pool

1:45-3:15 PM Tour and Presentation of the Iron District

3:30 - 4:30 PM Tour of Restless Spirits Distillery

Enjoy the evening exploring with colleagues and friends!

Friday, October 4th, 2019
Location: THE VIEW AT BRIARCLIFF (walking distance from hotel)
4000 N Mulberry Drive Kansas City, MO 64116

7:30 AM Registration

8:15 AM Welcome – Brandy Sheehan, MEHA President

8:30 AM to 9:30 AM Medical Marijuana - Lyndall Fraker, DHSS

9:30 AM-10:00 AM CFP Update on Mail Order Food and Roaster Pig - Nancy Beyer, DHSS

10:00 AM - 10:15 AM *REFRESHMENT BREAK*

10:15 AM - 10:45 AM History of the FDA - Vanessa Burrows, FDA

10:45 AM- 11:15 AM FDA Grants - Rebecca Steiner, FDA

11:15 AM - 12:45 PM *LUNCH PROVIDED*

12:45 PM- 1:45 PM Kratom - Ryan Tilley, St. Charles County

1:45 PM- 2:30 PM Food Tampering - Brian McClune, OCI

2:30 PM- 3:00 PM Aquaponics - Anton Kator, Anton's

3:00 PM Closing Remarks
Iron District

Corner of 16th and Iron street, North Kansas City

Rachel Kennedy has owned and operated a local food truck, The Plantain District, for many years. She dreamed of opening a family-friendly outdoor venue where you can eat, drink, shop, and connect. Her dreams are coming true with the Iron District. She converted large shipping containers into a variety of vendors offering food and cocktails, as well as some shopping spaces for clothing, jewelry, and local goods. Rachel will give a presentation on how she got started, hardships she overcame, and a tour of the different food vendors.

Restless Spirits Distillery

109 E. 18th Ave, North Kansas City

Benay and Michael Shannon established Restless Spirits Distilling Co. in 2016. From the quiet land of Erin to the Heartland of America, the Shannon forefathers brought wandering hearts, hardworking souls, and a mighty thirst for all that life has to offer. Join us in learning about the distilling process and sanitation in a small scale distillery. If you are interested in a tasting at the end of the tour, pricing is $12 dollars.
Nominations and Awards Committee
We are now accepting nominations for our spring conference awards.

We have several award options, so please visit the MEHA WEBSITE (www.mehamo.org) to submit your nomination.

All nominations are due by October 21.

Volunteers are needed to review the award nominations. If you are interested in serving in this way, contact Ryan Tilley.

The 2019 Fall Training App is now available. Download Today!

Once again we are going to use the Yapp app to provide all of the conference details. 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 Fall Training gets closer, including:

* Hotel information
* Tour Details
* Training Agenda
* Speaker Information and more!
The Annual Meeting was held in Louisville, KY July 21st - 24th. It was another record breaking year for attendance with 3,800 registered. Several pre-meeting workshops, numerous committee and PDG meetings resulted in strong participation and intense discussion. The affiliate breakfast consisted of lively discussion around successes and challenges each chapter was facing.

The Kentucky Derby bugler officially got IAFP 2019 “out of the starting gate and down the track” at Sunday’s Opening Session. A new Affiliate Charter for the Japan Association for Food Protection was presented during Sunday evening’s Opening Session, followed by Dr. Barbara Chamberlin delivering the Ivan Parkin Lecture titled “Power of Play: Using Media to Educate Our StakeHolder”.

A few highlights from the week, Frank Yiannas, U.S. FDA, and Mindy Brashears, USDA, gave the U.S. Regulatory Update in front of a packed house. Symposia and roundtables topics included produce traceability to environmental monitoring. Another successful year for the silent auction, offering 166 items including the “Missouri themed” basket donated by MEHA.
From the desk of President Elect - Deb Sees

The 2019 National Environmental Health Association Annual Educational Conference was held in Nashville, TN.

The conference was kicked off by Robert Kadlec, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, US Department of Health and Human Services. His motivational speech reminded all of us that what we do is important. He encouraged us to no longer be a silent group and to become active in the role as emergency responders.

Day 2 was kicked off by Anne Godfrey, Chief Executive, Chartered Institute of Environmental Health, London, UK. With a similar speech about the silent profession of Environmental Health and the importance of our role.

The conference then branched out into small meeting rooms where you could listen to various topics. Topics covered included: leadHERship, water, CBD, emergency management, using social media to your benefit, freedom foods, climate control, radon, listeria, and many more.

Overall the experience was phenomenal. I have not previously attended a national conference and having the ability to look up someone from Colorado and find out how they handle CBD in food and supplements was fantastic. I learned an incredible amount of information and made some very valuable contacts.
In early August, the #HealthierMO grassroots initiative’s Foundational Public Health Services Workgroup provided key input that led to development of a draft foundational public health services (FPHS) model unique to Missouri. The model describes a minimum set of skills and services that should be available in every community in order for Missouri to have a functional public health system. The initiative will seek stakeholder feedback on the model through focus groups held in August and September. Details are available at http://healthiermo.org/fphs.html.

The initiative is also working with MEHA and Missouri’s other professional organizations to identify public health legislative priorities in an effort to facilitate collective impact. At the next Professional Organizations meeting, five public health priorities will be discussed: public health funding, vaccinations, PDMP, medical marijuana, and violence prevention/public safety. If you have feedback you would like your MEHA representatives to share during that meeting, please email your comments to our MEHA representative, Kristi Ressel, at kristiresssel@gmail.com. The deadline to share your thoughts is September 2. All feedback is welcomed.

Kristi Ressel, MPH

MEHA needs your help. Please consider volunteering to help on one of our many committees. To volunteer, please contact Brandy Sheehan or one of the Board representatives.

Call for Volunteers

START where YOU ARE.

USE what YOU HAVE.

DO what YOU CAN.
Missouri Board of Certification

The Missouri Board of Certification for Environmental Health Professionals will offer the CEHS exam on October 3rd, 2019 from 9:30 am until 11:30 am in conjunction with the MEHA Fall training. Due to the shorter time frame of this training, the study session will not be offered before the exam. If you are interested in taking the exam, please contact Lisa Brenneman, lbrenneman@springfieldmo.gov, for more details or to sign up. Please let her know if you are interested in the study session as well. A fact sheet on the qualification and certification requirements helps explain the overall process. This and other forms can be found on our relocated website at https://mehamo.org/certification-board-resources/. The deadline for registering is September 26th, 2019. If we do not have enough applicants, the testing session will be cancelled.

Some of the reasons to get yourself or your staff certified include the achievement of professional integrity and ensuring the knowledge base of EHS personnel throughout the state. In addition, having certified staff meets Domain 8 of the PHAB Accreditation, and it helps with the requirements of Standard 2 of the FDA Voluntary Retail Food Standards program. If you're nervous about the exam, or are wondering what topics are covered, check out the free study guide on our website. This was created to help prepare test-takers for the Missouri exam. Another way the MO Cert Board is helping with the exam is a scholarship fund. Complete the scholarship application form on our website to apply for the scholarship. Once you've gone through the effort of achieving your CEHS credential, be sure to keep it active and current by submitting CEUs and renewal paperwork. The renewal form is available on our website, along with all of the other forms mentioned above.

Steve Sikes, CEHS
MO Cert Board Chairperson
Jefferson County Health Department

Certified
Environmental
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.

New for 2019

Financial Committee

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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