

MISSOURI ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Winter Newsletter



Deb Sees, MEHA President



Greetings MEHA,
I hope everyone is continuing to stay safe in 2021. It has been a challenging time with many added responsibilities for everyone! As you know we cancelled the Annual Educational

Conference in April of last year. We were able to do this without any penalty from the venue or planned hospitality. We did extend our contract with hotel for another year.

I would like to say thank you to all the speakers we had scheduled for the April conference in 2020. We had an awesome conference planned and I appreciate the time they put into their
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presentations. We hope you will be able to join us at the next Annual Educational Conference.

In April the board met and appointed new officers. The list of officers is at the end of the newsletter. We do have positions open! The Secretary position and the Chair of Training and Professional Development are open on the Executive Board. If you are interested in being involved with MEHA please reach out to a board member.

In April we began making plans for a fall training in the event our pandemic would allow this. We soon realized we were in for a long haul. We moved ahead and began collaborating with Arkansas and Oklahoma associations to provide free, easy access, relevant, online training opportunities. We plan to do these trainings in February, April, and June. You can find the details are on page 8.

The awards committee selected winners for the 2020 awards. These awards will be presented at the next conference. The award winners are listed in the newsletter. Congratulations to everyone receiving an award!

That brings me to the next conference. The hotel has graciously allowed us to move our conference dates. The next Annual Educational conference will be August 10th to the 13th. We hope to see you all there!

Stay Safe and Healthy,

Deb Sees,
President



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

**MISSOURI
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
ASSOCIATION**

AWARD NOMINATIONS

**DUE
JUNE 1ST, 2021**

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO
NOMINATE A COLLEAGUE WHO
SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR
OUTSTANDING WORK.

WWW.MEHAMO.ORG/AWARDS

**MEHA 2020 ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL
CONFERENCE AWARDS**

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR - VICTORIA MILLER
CLAY COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST
OF THE YEAR - TRACY HUDSON
JACKSON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

WILBUR S. FEAGAN AWARD - KIRK MARTIN,
PETITIS COUNTY HEALTH CENTER

MEHA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - DEB SEES,
JACKSON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

PRESIDENT'S AWARD - JAMES J. O'DONNELL III
MATRIX SCIENCES

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD- CASEY ELLEDGE,
JACKSON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

JE EDMONDSON SCHOLARSHIP - JORDAN DUENCKEL,
STUDENT AT UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-COLUMBIA

FEBRUARY 2021

Annual Education Conference

SAVE THE DATE

August 10th-13th, 2021

Springfield Oasis Hotel & Convention Center
2546 Glenstone, Springfield, MO

Reservations
(417)866-5253

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



NACCHO 360 CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN
DETROIT AND VIRTUALLY
JUNE 29–JULY 1, 2021



NEHA WILL HOLD A 3 PART, VIRTUAL EVENT
APRIL 20-21, 2021, JUNE 1-2, 2021, JULY 14-15, 2021

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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.



TRI-STATE WEBINAR SERIES

We are pleased to announce the first of 3 webinars will be held on Friday, February 19th, 2021

[REGISTRATION INFORMATION HERE](#)

The Value of Software in a Food Safety Program.



**WILLIAM
MELNYCZENKO**
GLOBAL BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR OF
DIGITAL SOLUTIONS



This session will address the advantages, lessons learned, important considerations, and future state of software as it pertains to food safety. The goal of the session will be to evoke discussion around why leveraging data as it pertains to food safety is advantageous, how the new FDA FSMA Food Traceability Proposed Rule will be a driver for companies to adopt data solutions, as well as how enhancements in food safety programs via software can improve relationships with consumers and suppliers. Key discussion points and benefits addressed will include: What to consider when looking for a food safety software solution, How the need for traceability will drive producers to adopt new ways of automating and managing food safety data, How improved data management can improve relationships with suppliers and customers.

THIS FREE WEBINAR SERIES IS SPONSORED BY:



FEBRUARY 2021

#HealthierMO

#HEALTHIERMO HAS CREATED SEVERAL NEW RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND SYSTEM STAKEHOLDERS,

1) WE'VE PERSONALIZED FOR MO THE "WHAT A HERO DOES" POSTER CREATED BY DEBEAUMONT, TFAH, AND CDC FOUNDATION IN SUPPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.

2) WE'VE ADDED SEVERAL FACEBOOK POSTS AND IMAGES TO OUR WEBSITE THAT CAN BE DOWNLOADED AND POSTED SOCIAL MEDIA SITES, AS WELL. ALL CONTENT CAN BE FOUND AT: [HTTPS://HEALTHIERMO.ORG/SUPPORTPH.HTML](https://healthiermo.org/supportph.html)
WE HAVE CONTENT ON FOUR MAIN FOCUS AREAS:

INVEST IN PUBLIC HEALTH
SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH IS GROWING NATIONWIDE
PUBLIC HEALTH POWERS OUR COMMUNITY
PUBLIC HEALTH STARTS HERE (CUSTOMIZABLE FOR ANY PARTNER AGENCY
IN THEIR LOCAL JURISDICTION)

3) WE KNOW MANY PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES AND STAKEHOLDERS DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO CREATE NEW FACEBOOK CONTENT ALL DAY. HOWEVER, TO SHOW UP HIGH IN FOLLOWER'S NEWS FEEDS, THEY NEED TO BE POSTING CONTENT REGULARLY. TO HELP MAXIMIZE THEIR EXPOSURE ON FACEBOOK, WE OFFER THE OPTION TO SHARE OUR FACEBOOK CONTENT.

4) FOR ANY OF YOUR MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT ALREADY SUBSCRIBED, WE ENCOURAGE THEM TO SIGN UP TO RECEIVE #HEALTHIERMO'S MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER. IT COMES OUT THE LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH (NEXT EDITION COMES OUT OCTOBER 30). IT IS PACKED WITH INFORMATION, RESOURCES, AND SHARABLE CONTENT ON HOW WE ARE WORKING FROM THE LOCAL LEVEL UP TO TRANSFORM MISSOURI'S PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM AND BUILD A HEALTHIER MISSOURI WHERE WE CAN ALL REACH OUR FULL POTENTIAL AS MISSOURIANS, AND COMMUNITIES CAN THRIVE. SUBSCRIBE AT: [HTTP://BIT.LY/HEALTHIERMO-TODAY](http://bit.ly/healthiermo-today)

THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE WAYS #HEALTHIERMO CONTINUES TO SUPPORT PUBLIC HEALTH ACROSS MISSOURI.

THANK YOU!

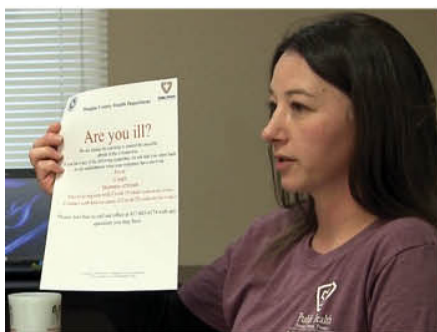
JACI MCREYNOLDS, MHA
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TRANSFORMING THE FUTURE OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN MISSOURI



MISSOURI ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

#HealthierMO



THIS IS WHAT A **HERO** DOES.

A hero makes the tough decisions.

A hero puts the health of our communities first.

A hero protects our lives and our livelihoods.

A hero is every **public health professional** in communities across America. They give us the facts we need to protect our families and communities.

Work tirelessly in labs. Support those in quarantine.

Advise our schools and businesses.

Protect those at greatest risk.

We see you. We appreciate you.

And we thank you.



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START *where*
YOU ARE.

USE *what*
YOU HAVE.

DO *what*
YOU CAN.

in search of
PAST PRESIDENTS
MEHA &/or MMFEHA

We are missing some important information

**Please help us by sending names and contact information
for any past president of
MEHA or MMFEHA.**

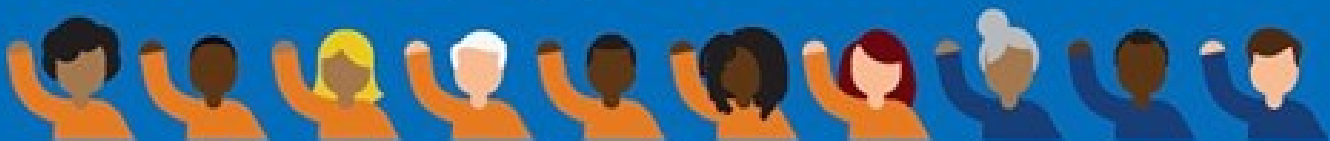
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MORE VOTERS SAY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS ARE ESSENTIAL

7 IN 10

voters say public health
departments are
important to create a
healthy community.



In 2018, only 5 in 10 voters agreed.