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# MEHA News

## Spring 2015 Newsletter



## President's Message

Hello MEHA members!

We are well into spring now and I had hoped to get this out newsletter out earlier. I am glad that I waited. We have an opening on the MEHA board and this is the perfect way to ask for nominations. We would like to congratulate Mose Crockett. He has accepted a position in the private sector as a Safety Manager. He was serving as our Vice-President so that position is open. We have several committee chair positions that need to be filled as well (See page 3). Nominations for these positions can be sent to [drschnei@gocolumbiamo.com](mailto:drschnei@gocolumbiamo.com).

The conference is returning for its second year at the Country Club Hotel and Spa in Lake Ozark. It is a beautiful property that has some great views, tennis courts, swimming pools, on-site dining and a fitness room. I encourage you to check out their accommodations at <http://www.countryclubhotel.com/index.asp>.

We have some great speakers lined up. Our Keynote Speaker is Darin Detwiler, the Senior Policy Coordinator at Stop Foodborne Illness ([stopfoodborneillness.org](http://stopfoodborneillness.org)). Since the death of his young son from *E.coli* O157:H7 in 1993, Darin has participated in the support and reform of food policy in the United States. Four different Secretaries of Agriculture have recognized Mr. Detwiler for his efforts in consumer education, the Food Safe Handling Label program, and other elements of the USDA's Pathogen Reduction Program. From 2004-2007, Darin served on the USDA's National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection. With more than 20 years of Food Safety & Quality experience, Darin has been working cross-functionally to bring issues directly to a variety of stakeholders. He's developed and facilitated food safety training programs in schools, at national conventions, and for the public in order to ensure awareness and understanding of food safety issues.

Also coming to speak is Dr. Mansour Samadpour, the chief executive of the Institute of Environmental Health. Dr. Samadpour will give two presentations, one on food fraud and another, on pathogen and allergen and how his company performs these services. Dr. Samadpour and the Institute of Environmental Health were recently featured in this article in the New York Times. <http://www.nytimes.com/2015/04/05/business/private-eyes-in-the-grocery-aisles.html?emc=eta1&r=2>

We also have Rebecca Steiner speaking on two topics, food borne illness at Kaufmann Stadium during the World Series of 2014 and surveying food establishments' satisfaction with inspection programs. We also have Kevin Kennedy coming to speak about Healthy Homes. Diane Paisley of Schnucks Markets will be speaking about plans for extended power outages in food establishments.

These speakers and many more are going to make this the most informative Annual Education Conference we have had in recent years. For those of you who like BBQ, we will be serving up some at hospitality this year, Kansas City Style!

# President's Message Continued

**Question and Answer Session:** The fall conference would like to present a question and answer period. Send us your questions now and we will be prepared with answers and audience participation to find out jurisdictional differences. Why does Dollar General not have to have a sink where they can get water for cleaning out reach in coolers and wiping off shelves? Are the blue loose fitting gloves at McDonalds magical since they do not wash hands before putting them on? Does your pool ordinance extend to apartment complexes and housing divisions? These are questions that were asked at the last conference. Questions can be submitted to [dsees@jacksongov.org](mailto:dsees@jacksongov.org) or [drschnei@gocolumbiamo.com](mailto:drschnei@gocolumbiamo.com).

I hope this gives you all a glimpse into what we have in store for our conference this fall. I think it is going to be highly educational. Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you all in the fall.

Thank you,

Dan Schneiderjohn

## 2015 Missouri Environmental Health Association Officers:

President: Daniel Schneiderjohn      Vice President: Open  
Secretary: Karen Hunter Krueger      Treasurer: Steve Buck  
Past President: Laura Jahn



## Officer Bio's:

**Dan Schneiderjohn, EPHS, MPH** is an Environmental Public Health Specialist at the Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health. He has a bachelor of science in Forestry. He earned a Masters in Public Health from the University Of Missouri Columbia School Of Health Professions in May of 2014.

Dan began his public health career in 2006 at the Columbia/Boone County Health Department. Previously Dan worked as a Geographic Information Systems Specialist for the University of Missouri and the Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission. Dan has a 3 year old son who he enjoys taking on bike rides, to the library, playgrounds and to see trains, planes and fire trucks. He also enjoys cooking, gardening, biking, running, rock climbing and ice hockey.

**Laura Jahn, EPHS** has been working in Environmental Health for 8 years. She started at the City of Branson, Environmental Health Department in January 2007 and then stayed with the program as it merged with Taney County Health Department.

Laura graduated in December 2006 from Missouri Southern State University in Joplin with a degree in Environmental Health. Laura has been married for three years March 26<sup>th</sup>. Laura and her husband play co-ed softball each season and that is how they met. They also enjoy floating in the summer and spending time outdoors with their dog Honey, family and friends.

**Karen Hunter Krueger** has been the EPHS for the Dunklin County Health Department since 1990, working a multi-county position with Pemiscot County for the first 5 years. Prior to her employment in the public health field, her work experience included being a Kennett City Police Dispatcher, a copywriter and "on-air" radio programmer.

Karen holds a B.A. in vocal music with a biology minor from the University of Central Missouri, was a scholarship attendee of the New England Broadcasting Institute, earned a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Black belt in Tae-Kwon-Do and is still active in local theatre and choral groups.



**Steve R. Buck, M.Ed** has been employed with the Jefferson County Health Department as an Environmental Health Specialist III and a Computer Specialist since February 2000. Mr. Buck retired from the Army in 1995. Stephen was employed by the Missouri Department of Health for five years before coming to work for Jefferson County. He received his Masters of Education from

Lincoln University in 1997.



## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Membership: Dan Schneiderjohn    Hospitality: Deb Sees    Audit: **Open**

Program: Dan Schneiderjohn    Awards: Laura Jahn    Nominations: Laura Jahn

Necrology/History: **Open**    Exhibitors: Lisa Brenneman and Brandi Moritz

Certification/Registration: Janet Murray    Webmaster: Steve Crawford    Scholarships: Kala Wekenborg-Tomka

Education & Public Relations, By-laws/Resolution: **Open**    Legislative: Ellen Dettman

**The Missouri Board of Certification will be giving the Missouri Certification Exam again this fall, October 6, 2015.**

In order to be qualified to become certified to take the exam you must be able to meet the following:

1. Have a BS in Environmental Health from an accredited Environmental Health Program OR
2. Hold a BS or BA which includes an algebra or higher level of math course: 30 credit hours in the basic sciences or related courses such as Food Science, etc and have two or more years of experience in environmental health or related field.

Those desiring to take the exam need to contact Janet Murray via e-mail, [murraj1@lpha.mopublic.org](mailto:murraj1@lpha.mopublic.org) or 660-263- 6643 Ext. 3043 for the application package and study guide. You must submit a copy of your transcripts, with all science courses highlighted with the application package and a check made out to MO Board of Certification for \$75.00. These must be post marked no later than September 1, 2015.



## **2014 MEHA AWARD WINNERS**

Rookie Environmental Health Specialist of the Year –

Environmental Health Specialist of the Year –

To nominate a colleague for an award for the 2015 conference please contact Dan Schneiderjohn at (573) 441-5508

[drschnei@gocolumbiamo.com](mailto:drschnei@gocolumbiamo.com)

or visit the MEHA website at [www.mmfeha.org](http://www.mmfeha.org)

### Missouri Environmental Health Association **AWARD NOMINATION FORM**

Environmental Health Specialist of the Year  
&  
Rookie Environmental Health Specialist of the Year

WHICH AWARD ARE YOU NOMINATING FOR:

NAME OF NOMINEE:

JOB TITLE:

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT:

ADDRESS:

CITY: ZIP CODE:

LENGTH OF EMPLOYMENT:

PERSON MAKING THE NOMINATION:

JOB TITLE:

PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIP TO NOMINEE:

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT:

ADDRESS:

CITY: ZIP CODE:

PHONE: EMAIL ADDRESS:

WHY ARE YOU SUBMITTING THIS PERSON FOR THE AWARD (You may attach narrative):

# Scholarships Available

The MEHA conference offers a variety of topics. It is a great learning experience that will help you when confronted with situations or questions in the field. The MEHA board would like to offer two scholarships to agencies that have **never** had the opportunity to attend a MEHA Educational Conference. Please fill out attached application, send to Steve Buck at [bucks@lpha.mopublic.org](mailto:bucks@lpha.mopublic.org) or 636-282-1010.

## Missouri Environmental Health Association

### 2015 Annual Education Conference Attendance Scholarship Application

October 7-9, 2015 Country Club Hotel and Spa

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AGENCY: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever attended the MEHA annual education conference?  YES  NO

If yes, what year did you last attend? \_\_\_\_\_

What assistance would be most beneficial to you?  Conference Registration Fee  
 Overnight hotel lodging fee  both hotel fee and Registration fee

Please summarize why your agency should be awarded a MEHA annual education conference scholarship:

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# Country Club Hotel and Spa

Lake Ozark, MO

