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MEHA News

Spring 2016 Newsletter



President's Message

Hello MEHA members! Spring has sprung in full force. My apologies for the tardiness of this newsletter, seems there is no longer a "slow" season, rather we go from busy, to busier and we have more public health issues to learn about and be aware of.

The Missouri Environmental Health Association annual education conference is always a great opportunity to keep abreast of emerging environmental public health issues. The 2016 annual conference will be October 5 – 7, 2016 at the Inn at the Grand Glaize – Lake of the Ozarks, MO. The Executive Board and I have been hard at work lining up speakers for the conference. We are excited to announce that our speaker list includes topics on: HACCP presented by Paster Training, Risk Based Inspections presented by Cindy Kunkel with the FDA, USDA Meat Inspections, the Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture – Sustainable Farming, a panel discussion on the Voluntary National Retail Food Program Standards with discussion on the MO mentor/mentee initiative, Integrated Pest Management presented by Michael Swoyer with the Kansas City Health Department, innovative methods to handle poor performing operators and inspection results dashboard presented by the Lincoln-Lancaster County Nebraska Health Department, mosquitoes and Zika presented by Steve Crawford of the Jefferson County Health Department. Additionally, our fingers are crossed that we will skype with Foodini, a 3D food company based in Spain. As you can see, we have a variety of topics, if you have additional suggestions, we welcome your input. This conference is for our members. We want to provide you with the educational experience you are seeking! Feel free to email me at michala.wekenborg@como.gov!

See you in October!

Kala Wekenborg-Tomka

MEHA President

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

MEMBERSHIP: Kala Wekenborg-Tomka

HOSPITALITY: Deb Sees

NOMINATIONS: Dan Schneiderjohn

AWARDS: Dan Schneiderjohn

PROGRAM: Kala Wekenborg-Tomka

AUDIT: vacant

NECROLOGY/HISTORY: vacant

EXHIBITORS: Brandi Moritz

LEGISLATIVE: Ellen Dettman

CERTIFICATION/REGISTRATION: Liz Mack

WEBMASTER: Steve Crawford

EDUCATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS: vacant

BY-LAWS/RESOLUTION: Steve Buck/Kala Wekenborg-Tomka

If you are interested in one of the vacant committee chairs, please email Kala Wekenborg-Tomka at michala.wekenborg@como.gov

Officer Bio's:

Kala Wekenborg-Tomka, MHA is the Environmental Public Health Supervisor at the Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health. Kala graduated from the University of Missouri Columbia College of Agriculture Food and Natural Resources in 2001 with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science and minor in Agriculture Economics and earned a Masters in Health Administration from the University of Missouri Columbia School of Medicine Department of Health Management and Informatics in 2005. Kala began her public health career in 2001 at the Columbia/Boone County Health Department.

Kala has a 13 year old son, a 10 month old daughter. She enjoys gardening, biking, running, horseback riding and listening to her son and Dad play gospel tunes on their guitar and banjo! Kala's second love is working with her husband, children and parents on the family farm she grew up on.

Kristi Ressel, MPH is the Administrative Officer for the Environmental Health Services Division of the Kansas City Health Department. Kristi graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia with a bachelors in Biology and a minor in Spanish before obtaining her Masters of Public Health degree. Kristi began her career at the Kansas City Health Department as a Field Inspector in the Environmental program in 2013.

Kristi enjoys teaching agility tricks to her dog Millie, long hikes, exploring wine country, and traveling with her husband Grant.

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, copywriter and “on-air” radio programmer. Karen holds a B.A. in vocal music with a biology minor from the now University of Central Missouri, was a scholarship attendee of the New England Broadcasting Institute, earned a 2nd Degree Black belt in Tae-Kwon-Do and is still very active in local theatre and choral groups.

Molly Fox is an Environmental Public Health Specialist III/REHS for Jefferson County Health Department. She graduated from the University of Missouri – Columbia in 1988 with a BS in Animal Science. Molly began her career in Environmental Public Health in 1989 as an Environmental Sanitarian for St. Louis County Health Department. In 1993, after 4 years with St. Louis County, she began working for Jefferson County Health Department and is currently employed there. During her time with Jefferson County she earned a Distinguished Service Award in 2004 and the Wilbur S Feagan Award in 2011 at the MMFEHA conferences. She also earned a Registered Environmental Health Association Certification in 2008.

Molly currently lives in Cedar Hill, MO with her husband, Dale and their daughter, Sally Jean. Molly enjoys her horses and trail riding, planting flowers and plants in the yard, and stained glass art in her spare time.

Dan Schneiderjohn, 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 has worked on numerous grants including the Advancing Conformance with the Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards grant. Dan is also FDA Standardized and standardizes other Environmental Public Health Specialists.

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 4 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.

Mo Board of Certification for Environmental Health Professionals Spring Update 2016

Greetings from the certification board! We have a few exciting updates for the board. Laura Whiffen, from Springfield-Greene County Health Department has been the Treasurer since June of 2015 and we also welcome Steve Sikes, from Jefferson County Health Department as our newest board member. The board has been busy conducting a survey that was sent out to local public health agencies to help ensure that all local agencies know about our certification program that can help with FDA Standards and PHAB Accreditation. Did you know the board currently offers 4 scholarships for the Missouri examination? The board also offers 2 NEHA-REHS exam scholarships. Scholarship information and forms and CEU forms and board contact information can be found at the link below on the mmfeha.org website. Please take a few minutes to visit the page and help spread the word! We still offer the Missouri Certified Environmental Health Specialist examination at the fall MEHA and spring MMFEHA conferences. Board members are also available to proctor the examination for special circumstances so please reach out to us if you cannot make either conference. It is our goal to continue to grow our membership and better serve you.

Certification Board link: <http://www.mmfeha.org/index.php/about-of-board-of-certification>

Wishing all of our MEHA members a healthy spring and summer!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Mack, CEHS
President, Mo Board of Certification for EH Professionals

Many times a job with regulatory authority comes with little thanks. That does not mean that the job we do is not important or that a colleague performs at a high level and does not deserve recognition for their efforts. Every year MEHA recognizes those efforts with the “Rookie Environmental Public Health Specialist of the Year” and “Environmental Public Health Specialist of the Year” awards. Please consider nominating a coworker or colleague to recognize them for their efforts and dedication to public health!



Missouri Environmental Health Association
Annual Education Conference
October 5-7, 2016

The Inn at the Grand Glaize
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):

PLEASE EMAIL THIS FORM TO: Dan Schneiderjohn 573-441-5508

DanSchneiderjohn@com.gov

Nomination deadline is September 1, 2016



The MEHA board would like to offer two scholarships to attend our 2016 MEHA Educational Conference. Priority will be given to individuals and agencies that have never attended an annual Education Conference or have not attended in recent years. Please email application to Molly Fox at molly.fox@jeffcohealth.org.

Missouri Environmental Health Association

2016 Annual Education Conference

Attendance Scholarship Application

October 5-7, 2016 Inn at Grand Glaize

NAME: _____ AGENCY: _____

Business Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email address: _____ Fax Number : _____

PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO INDIVIDUALS AND AGENCIES THAT HAVE NEVER ATTENDED AN ANNUAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE OR HAVE NOT ATTENDED IN RECENT YEARS

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

Has anyone from your agency ever attended a MEHA annual education conference? YES NO

If yes, what year did your agency 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:

Please submit your completed scholarship application to Molly Fox: molly.fox@jeffcohealth.org

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY AUGUST 30, 2016