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# MEHA News

## Spring 2014 Newsletter



## President's Message

Hello MEHA members!

I hope everyone survived the winter. Here in Branson, we had quite a bit of snow and the cold keeps sneaking back on us. I have been looking forward to spring and sunshine, and now I'm ready for some summer weather, the lake, and float trips!

What I am excited about right now is how hard our board is working to bring you a great fall MEHA conference. The conference is moving to a new location, the Country Club Hotel and Spa in Lake Ozark. It is a beautiful property that has some great views, and I encourage you to check out their accommodations at <http://www.countryclubhotel.com/index.asp>.

We have some great speakers lined up. All of the speakers from the federal government who unfortunately couldn't attend due to the furlough last fall have all committed again to the conference. Roxanne Sharp did a great job adjusting to those last minute absences last year. We have Jasen Kunz, with the CDC, who will be sharing about the new Model Aquatic Health Code that the CDC has been working on the last few years. When we spoke, he stated that it should be completed by August. We have been anxious for this new model code with all of our pools and water parks here in Branson. Alan Tart and Cindy Kunkle, with the FDA, will be at the conference. Wal-Mart attended our conference last year and they were very impressed and interested in becoming involved with us; so they will be sending a representative to talk about their new food safety monitoring system. Dan Bryngelson, with ServPro, will be another speaker out of the Springfield area.

Dr. Randy Miles volunteered to speak for two sessions. Dr. Miles is a soil scientist on the faculty of the University of Missouri Department of Soil Environmental and Atmospheric Sciences, he is the Director of the Missouri SmallFlows Wastewater Education/Research Training Center, and is involved with many other organizations. In one session he'll cover the Table Rock Lake Wastewater Demonstration Project and discuss 3 sites they studied with advanced drip systems with imported soils and in the other he'll review and compare the Missouri and Iowa programs for the certification of professionals to perform assessments of existing onsite wastewater systems at time of sale.

We have many more speakers lined up and we plan to have some fun, interactive activities for the exhibitors. For those of you who love the Price is Right, we'll have a Plinko game set up and have some giveaways. Who doesn't love some plinko! We will also give away drink koozies to everyone that comes.

I love the educational conferences. I get an opportunity to hear and learn something new about the profession that I love and that I am passionate about. I get to swap stories with colleagues

# President's Message Continued

who dedicate themselves to excelling at their job, who truly care about protecting the public, and some of you have endured and overcome some very adverse situations that are inspiring to me. I always have so much fun with co-workers that come, meeting up with friends, and meeting those of you new to the conference and new to Environmental Health.

My hope is that each of you who come to the conference not just learn something new, but are inspired by our speakers, by each other, that you are rejuvenated about this amazing profession we get to be a part of, and also that you have a ton of fun!

Hopefully this glimpse into what is planned for this fall has you excited and intrigued for joining us and look forward to the fall newsletter with the full schedule of speakers and events. I hope you each have a safe summer and look forward to seeing each of you this fall.

Thank you,

Laura Jahn

## 2014 Missouri Environmental Health Association Officers:

President: Laura Jahn

Vice President: Daniel Schneiderjohn

Secretary: Karen Hunter Krueger

Treasurer: Steve Buck

Past President: Roxanne Sharp

## Officer Bio's:

**Laura Jahn, EPHS** has been working in Environmental Health for 6 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.

**Daniel Schneiderjohn** is the 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 career 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 2 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.

**Roxanne Sharp, CEPHS**, has been with the Springfield/Greene County Health Department for 26 years. She is currently a Senior Public Health Investigator III and Food Division Supervisor.

Roxanne graduated from Valparaiso University, BS in Dietetics, Biology/Psychology minor.

Roxanne enjoys bowling in a mixed bowling league, boating and swimming at Table Rock Lake with her husband, sons, extended family and friends. She gives Platelets to Red Cross few times a month.



**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 Departmental 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: Laura Jahn	Hospitality: Deb Sees	Audit: John Smith
Program: Laura Jahn	Awards: Roxanne Sharp	Necrology/History: John Smith
Exhibitors: Lisa Brenneman and Brandi Moritz		Nominations: Roxanne Sharp
Legislative: Ellen Dettman	Certification/Registration: Janet Murray	
Webmaster: Steve Crawford	Education & Public Relations, By-laws/Resolution: <b>Open</b>	

### **The Missouri Board of Certification will be giving the Missouri Certification Exam again this fall, September 30, 2014.**

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, 2014.



## 2013 MEHA AWARD WINNERS

Rookie Environmental Health Specialist of the Year – *Carolyn White*

Environmental Health Specialist of the Year – *Lisa Brenneman*

To nominate a colleague for an award for the 2014 conference please contact Roxanne Sharp at 417-864-1424  
[RSharp@springfieldmo.gov](mailto:RSharp@springfieldmo.gov) 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

#### 2014 Annual Education Conference Attendance Scholarship Application

October 1-3, 2013 Country Club Spa and Hotel

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 Spa and Hotel

Lake Ozark, MO

