



*National Capital Area
Environmental Health
Association*

Annual Report 2017-2018

NCAEHA Objectives

- ★ To promote an association of Environmental Health Specialists and other Environmental Health practitioners
- ★ To provide an opportunity and stimulus for professional growth through educational programs
- ★ To promote high standards of qualifications and professional ethics for Environmental Health practitioners
- ★ To strive for increased recognition of Environmental Health practitioners as a professional group rendering services vital to the health and well-being of the public
- ★ To encourage cooperation between the private and public sectors in activities directed toward the improvement of public health and the environment
- ★ To promote, through educational means, public awareness of environmental factors which affect the general well-being of the populace; and to otherwise promote the objectives of the National Environmental Health Association (hereinafter known as NEHA)



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President

Kristen Pybus



Welcome to the 2017-2018 Annual Report! The goal of this report is to provide members with an insider view of the activities of Board members, a summary of the accomplishments for the year and a list of goals for the upcoming year. If you have any feedback regarding this report, how we may better serve you, or specific ideas on how we may better serve you, or specific ideas on how we may accomplish our 2018-2019 goals, please contact us. We'd love to hear from you, as some of our greatest ideas come straight from the membership!

This year, we started the year off with an in-person meeting to discuss the upcoming year and to plan our three educational conferences. So please keep your eyes out for the Fall and Winter conference agendas, and other fun, informative, and exciting opportunities. In the last year, we focused on providing professional advancement and continuing educational opportunities to our members. So far this year, NCAEHA has successfully hosted two educational conferences, in Virginia in January, and in DC in April. The conferences offered a diverse range of presentation topics to cover different aspects of environmental health. We hope to continue to offer presentations that are interesting and relevant to membership. If you have suggestions for presentation topics, speakers, or conference locations, please let me know and I will ensure that your suggestions are passed onto the Regional Representatives.

In March, NCAEHA also hosted the REHS and CP-FS exams. We offered the CPO course and exam in May, but due to low interest, we had to close this opportunity. We plan to offer the REHS and CP-FS exams in 2020 in hopes of more participation. This will hopefully give our interested members the time they need to study and prepare. So look out for our credentialing opportunities! Let us know if you are interested in obtaining any of these credentials or have another credential in mind that you would like for us to host. We hope to provide you with what you both want and need.

In October, we hosted a social event at the Virginia Wine Festival to provide a networking opportunity for our members. Our VP's are working together to offer both networking and educational opportunities over the course of the next year. Potential ideas include: a processing plant tour, a water plant tour, as well as a joint conference with CASA.

As a non-profit organization, we work hard to be fiscally responsible and I am happy to say that the fiscal health of the organization remains well. We also hope you have seen the new and exciting benefits of being a NCAEHA member, our re-designed website, newsletter and annual report, as well as our improved presence on social media. Check us out on Facebook, Twitter, and bookmark us on www.NCAEHA.org!

Finally included in this Annual Report, are introductions to our 2018 Scholarship and Award recipients. This year was highly competitive, and we're honored to recognize our awardees and congratulate them on their many achievements!

It was an amazing year with NCAEHA! The Board is highly motivated to provide the members with more of what they want. We are change agents in hopes of making things better, more efficient, and beneficial for our members. I have enjoyed the last 1.5 years serving as President, being a part of this organization and I am thankful for the opportunity. As always, if you are interested in assisting the Board in any capacity, please contact us. We thank you for choosing to be a member of NCAEHA and for all of your valuable feedback. We look forward to another great year in 2019!

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Vice President of Programs & Professional Development

Isaac Robertson

In March 2018, NCAEHA offered the Certified Professional - Food Safety (CP-FS) exam and the Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS) in Fairfax, Virginia. With that, there were five candidates that took the exam.

We are happy to be able to provide training opportunities for our members, so that they can expand their knowledge and credentials!

I am currently looking into other educational opportunities that will benefit our members.

Please contact Isaac Robertson by email if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions.

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Left: Thank you to members for attending the Fall Educational Conference on October 19, 2017 at the US FDA in College Park, MD - See pg.8 for the list of speakers



Thank you for attending the WINTER 2018 EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

Right: Thank you to members for attending the Winter Educational Conference on January 18, 2018 at Fairlington Community Center in Arlington, VA - See ncaeha.com/conferencematerials for the list of Fall 2017 speakers

Vice President of Membership

Laura Wildey



Hello NCAEHA Members! 2017 flew by and 2018 is going just as fast! As you all are aware, our members are pretty awesome. We are made up of regulators, industry partners, and individuals from academia. We have seen a big increase in membership this year and are working hard to boost that number even higher! Currently, we have 174 members who have paid their dues for 2017 and/or 2018. WOW!!! That's HUGE!

Our Social Committee hosted an event at the 42 nd Virginia Wine Festival in Alexandria. It was a great success! There were plenty of wines to sample and foods to eat. It was great for networking! We hope you can join us on our next adventure. We are looking into manufacturing facilities to see if we can find a place that will offer us an educational tour. Stay tuned for more information!

I want to thank Jordonna Hailey, Erin Miller, and Keysi Torres for their participation on the Awards Committee. They had several great nomination letters to choose from when voting for the winners. It's amazing to see all the work our members do on a day-to-day basis. Great job to all the nominees! We can't wait to honor our winners at the Annual Awards Dinner!

We want you to get the most out of your membership, so please don't hesitate to reach out with your ideas! Want to be on a committee? Our committees are open to all members! Email me at my email any time with comments, suggestions, dreams, and aspirations.

I'm looking forward to another successful year with NCAEHA!

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Left to Middle: The Wordsworths honoring 2017 NCAEHA Award recipients - Lana Buckles, Denise Lucas, and Paul Bilowus **Right:** 2017 NCAEHA Board of Directors

Secretary *Julia Balsley*



As Secretary in 2018, I secured our winter conference venue in Arlington, VA and provided a couple of the speakers.

I sent out monthly Board meeting Outlook calendar meeting requests to my fellow Board members. As I attended each of the month Board meetings, I was able to record meeting minutes and later disseminate them to the Board for approval. The meeting minutes are then posted by our Director of Communications on our website which can be viewed at NCAEHA.org.

For our educational conferences, I received RSVPs and created sign-in lists.

On the days of the conferences I helped greet and assist attendees sign-in. Following the conferences, I produced and emailed continuing education certificates to those who attended the conference.

I look forward to seeing you all soon at our next NCAEHA event!

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Left: Thank you to members for attending the Spring Educational Conference on April 27, 2018 at DC Health - See pg.9 for the list of speakers
Right: Laura, Kristen, and Chuti attending the 42nd Annual Virginia Wine Festival on October 14, 2017 in Arlington, VA

Treasurer

Victoria Griffith

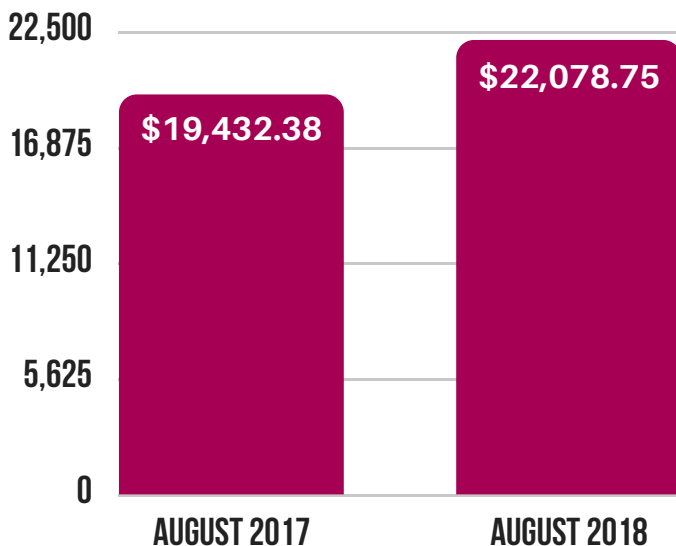
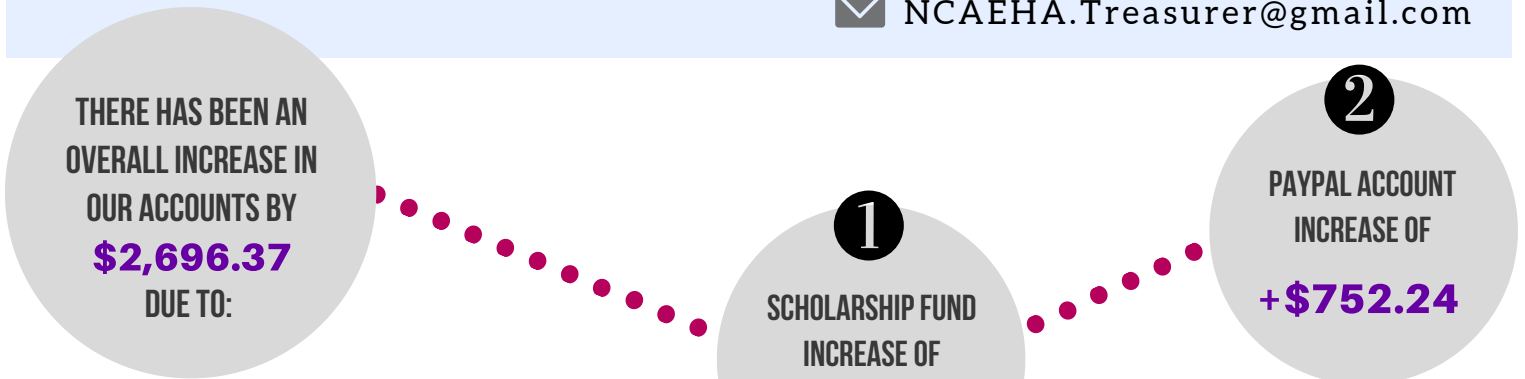


Hello all! The current 2018 Treasurer's Annual Report is as follows:

The largest expense so far this year has been on membership giveaways to create more value for members and affinity for the association.

- Dues were increased by \$5.00 to \$20.00 and we still remain one of the lowest fees of all the NEHA affiliates in the country.
- The last three conferences have been trending upward in attendance to an average of 40 people per conference a 14% increase.
- A petty cash fund of \$50.00 has been set up to make it easier to make change for members at conferences.
- We have updated our technology with payment taking and chip reading credit card processing to be compliant with new security feature chip cards.

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2018

CHECKING ACCOUNT:	\$5,433.36
SCHOLARSHIP FUND:	\$12,200.68
PAYPAL ACCOUNT:	\$4,444.71

VA Representative

Erin Miller



Hello everyone! First I want to say thank you for allowing me to serve as your Virginia Representative for another term. It is an honor to represent such a great group of Environmental Health professionals. Our current Board is one of the most excited and engaged groups that I've worked with. I really hope that we are able to present our members with great conferences, and opportunities throughout the next year. As always, the Virginia Representative is responsible for hosting the Winter Educational Conference. This January we hosted the conference at the Fairlington Community Center in Arlington. We had a great group of speakers on a variety of topics and swore in new and returning Board Members that were elected. It was a great conference, so thank you to everyone who came out. I hope you all enjoyed it.

Winter 2018

The Effect of Breweries on the Environment
By Jasper Akerboom, PhD, Co-Owner - Jasper's East

the issue

Produce Safety Network and the Produce Safety Rule
By Socrates Trujillo, PhD, Consumer Safety Officer
Produce Safety Network (Northeast Region) - FDA-CFSAN

the issue

How to Achieve the Health Department STAMP of Approval: A Commitment to Active Managerial Control
By Shannon McKeon, Environmental Health Specialist III and Chuti Nakronsri, MPH, FDA Grant Project Coordinator - Fairfax Co. HD

the issue

Overview of Virginia ABC Compliance
By Katie Kelly, Senior Special Agent - Virginia Dept. of Alcoholic Beverage Control

the issue

Outreach Outside-the-Box: [Rap] Battling Zika with Hip Hop in Fairfax County, VA
By Andy Lima aka MCBugg-2, Environmental Health Specialist III - Fairfax Co. HD

the issue

My goals have not changed very much from the previous two years. I still want to work with Virginia members to bring topics that interest them to our conferences. If there is something that you want to see, or if you know someone who you think would make an excellent speaker, let me (or any other board member) know. I can't wait to see you all at future conferences. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions, concerns or comments. Also the next time you see me at a conference, come up and say hi!

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DC Representative *Lanita Carpenter*

Hi NCAEHA members! It has been an honor serving as Representative for the Washington DC area. This was my first year with my fellow board members and I'm excited to be a part of this team.

In the Spring, we were able to gather six great speakers. Several officials from DC Health wanted to participate in the DC Spring Educational Conference, so we were very lucky to have some of my colleagues volunteer this year and present a variety of environmental health topics. In addition to DC Health, we had FDA CFSAN and American Pest join us and successfully close out the conference. We had the opportunity to hear about a local Salmonella outbreak, medical marijuana, food defense activities, aquatic facilities in the city, the new 2017 Food Code, and technology for pest management!

Spring 2018

A Truffling Situation: Multi-State Salmonella Enteritidis Outbreak
By Ivory Gene Cooper, Sanitarian - DC Health

Medical Marijuana in the District
By Arian Gibson, Program Manager (Medical Marijuana Division) - DC Health

Food Defense in Retail Establishments; Vulnerability Assessments
By Lanita Carpenter, Sanitarian - DC Health

DC Aquatic Facility Regulations
By Jemal Yasin, MS, REHS, CP-FS, AFO, Environmental Health Officer, Sanitarian - DC Health

2017 FDA Food Code Update
By Kenya Moon, CP-FS, Retail Food Specialist - FDA/CFSAN

SMART Rodent Management Technology
By Devonn Shuford, District Manager - American Pest

Lastly, I wanted to say thank you to all of our fantastic speakers and our NCAEHA for attending our Spring Educational Conference. I am excited for the upcoming 2019 year and for what is to come. If you have any speaker suggestions or questions, feel free to contact me at the email listed below!

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MD Representative *Michelle Wilson*

As one of the newest board members, I am excited to serve as your Maryland representative. It is my goal to increase representation and engagement from our Maryland professionals to help widen our impact as a whole in the capital area.

Most recently, I have been working on organizing the 2018 Fall Educational Conference being held Thursday, November 1st, 2018 at the FDA College Park location. We have a host of great experts and topics such as, "What is Organic?" to EH mission trips, scheduled to speak at the conference.

We are looking forward to record-breaking attendance numbers. Can't wait to see you there!

November 1st, 2018, 9:00am - TBD
Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Building
Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN)
5001 Campus Drive, College Park, MD 20740

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Left: NCAEHA's new social media presence on Facebook. Follow us at: www.facebook.com/ncaeha



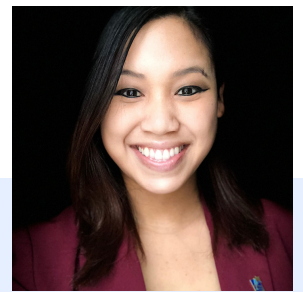
Right: NCAEHA's newly redesigned website. Bookmark us at: www.ncaeha.org

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter: www.twitter.com/NCAEHA



Director of Communications

Chuti Nakronsri



Hi all, I cannot believe that I'm in my mid-2nd year of serving on NCAEHA's Board of Directors as Director of Communications! It has been a journey with this team. Although my employment is ever evolving, I feel compelled to stay with my NCAEHA team. I have enjoyed managing communications for our environmental health professionals in this association and hope to stay involved long-term.

This year, we saw a lot of social media reach. Though our presence has increased digitally, we are still facing challenges. While NCAEHA's Twitter has been on hiatus in the past, we've dove into interactions beginning last year with members, neighboring jurisdictions, health organizations, federal agencies, and other community members.. With Facebook, our challenge has been gaining numbers, but on this platform, we plan to communicate our biggest announcements and reminders to members. For a continuous goal, I hope to keep on boosting up the website's visuals, add more pages, and provide more detail on our activities.

2018 Activities:

Consideration of upgrading existing design tools for content development

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Distribution of the triennial newsletter and Annual Report publications

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Increased interaction with the environmental health community on Twitter

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Increased presence on the Facebook page to gain reach

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Improvement of email communications with better visuals/templates

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Improvement of the website such as navigation, provision of NCAEHA history and conferences, the photo gallery, and increased inclusion of employment opportunities

My second year as Director of Communications has been enjoyable. Our team has more ideas and we plan on sharing more of those in the upcoming year. NCAEHA communications is always in need of improvement. If you have any questions, comments, or ideas you would like to share, please contact me via email provided below!

Don't forget to please follow us and bookmark the following:

 www.ncaeha.com

 www.facebook.com/ncaeha - @National Capital Area Environmental Health Association

 www.twitter.com/ncaeha - @NCAEHA

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2018 Award Recipients

Jerrold M. Michael Award



Ivory Cooper

Sanitarian,
DC Health

Ivory is a Sanitarian with DC Health's Food Safety & Hygiene Inspection Services Division (FSHISD). Originally from Hemingway, South Carolina and graduated from Howard University with a B.S. in Zoology. Ivory has been conducting regulatory inspections of food establishments for the Department since 2006. He also inspects aquatic facilities and serves on both the DC Food Protection Task Force Committee and the DC Health-DC Public Health Laboratory's Enteric Disease Team.

James M. Wordsworth Scholarship



Hillary
Craddock
Kelbick, MPH

PhD Candidate,
UMD

Hillary A. Craddock (PhD Candidate in Environmental Health Science, University of Maryland, College Park) completed her BS in Biology at the Pennsylvania State University and her MPH in Epidemiology at the University of Michigan. For her doctoral work, she is investigating the microbial quality of non-traditional irrigation water sources, the persistence of antibiotics in small-scale wastewater treatment systems, and consumer perceptions regarding the use of treated wastewater for agricultural irrigation. Her work is part of the CONSERVE Center of Excellence at the Nexus of Sustainable Water Reuse, Food, and Health, and she works in the United States, Israel, and Palestine. She is also a Graduate Fellow for the UMD National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center, where she supports initiatives to improve the teaching and learning of socio-environmental synthesis. She is passionate about using interdisciplinary science and environmental health research to improve food safety and tackle issues of environmental justice.

NEHA Certificate of Merit Award, Individual Recipient



Temesgen
Jemaneh, PhD

Sanitarian,
DC Health

I graduated from Jimma University Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Health. I studied my MSc. at University of Salford in Occupational Health and Safety and Doctor of Public Health specialization in Epidemiology from Capella University. I worked as registered Environmental Health Specialist for Prince George's county Health department. I am currently working in District of Columbia Department of Health in FSHIS division. I have several years of experiences in investigating, inspecting and monitoring environmental impacts, food borne illnesses and Occupational Safety and Health supervision of institutions. I contributed my knowledge and expertise in different researches, classes and peer reviewed journals. I found myself becoming interested in a career in public health especially in environmental determinants, food safety, health equity, emerging infectious diseases and global health. I am determined to make a difference in public health. My goal is to be part of public health to promote and protect the health safety and quality of life of the community in my assigned areas. I enjoy educating others about components of public health in collaboration with all stakeholders in the field.

2018 Award Recipients (continued)

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In 2015 to 2017, I conducted the research titled "The Relationship between Priority Violations, Foodborne Illness and Patron Complaints in Washington DC Restaurants (2013-2015). This research studied the relationship between foodborne illness complaints reported by patrons and observed priority violations in food establishments. This study used a non-experimental quantitative methodology that relied on pre-existing data, including food establishment inspection reports and health statistics. The results showed that observed priority violations in food establishment inspections in the District of Columbia were positively correlated with two Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-identified foodborne illness risk factors: poor personal hygiene and contaminated equipment. The study results showed that patron-generated foodborne illness complaints were significantly correlated with improper holding temperatures and contaminated equipment. This study can act as a motivator to reevaluate existing food safety inspection enforcement practices and thereby reduce foodborne illnesses in the District of Columbia. This article was published in April 2018 NEHA Journal of Environmental Health.

NEHA Certificate of Merit Award, Team Recipient



STAMP
Program
Team,
Fairfax County
Health
Department

STAMP [Safety Through Actively Managing Practices] is a voluntary enrollment program aimed at assessing a restaurant's Active Managerial Control and recognizing restaurants with proactive food safety management systems. STAMP enrollees demonstrate that they have strong policies, robust food safety training, active monitoring procedures and corrective actions that allow the operators to establish control over foodborne illness risk factors. To enroll in STAMP, a facility must have food safety policies and staff training, good inspection history, certified food managers, a passing score on a self-assessment and must be in good standing with the Health Department. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/food/awards-programs

Shannon McKeon, REHS, is a Senior Environmental Health Specialist with the Consumer Protection Program (CPP) of the Fairfax County Health Department (FCHD), where she has worked in various capacities since 2004. Ms. McKeon is tasked with administering the Water Recreation Facilities program, conducting quality assurance reviews of Health Department staff and serving as the Environmental Health Liaison to the Communicable Disease and Epidemiology Unit. Shannon holds a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Sciences and Spanish from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia. Ms. McKeon has served on the NCAEHA Board since 2006 and now serves as Past President.

Chuti Nakronsri, MPH, is the former Management Analyst / FDA Grant Project Coordinator in the Consumer Protection Program (CPP), where she served at FCHD for about three years. Chuti has previously collaborated on a variety of food safety projects over the years leading a 2015-2018 FDA grant opportunity. She was able to coordinate program planning/development activities on the grant involving technical writing, content development, research, data analysis, reporting, and more. She holds a BS in psychology from VCU and MPH in global & community health. Chuti has been with NCAEHA for 1.5+ years.