

### **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 2019-2020 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 accomplish our 2020-2021 goals, please let me know.

I hope everyone is staying safe and well during this unprecedented time. We are all affected in more ways than one, but know we are all in this together. Unfortunately, we lost much of 2020 to COVID-19 but we are hoping to continue moving forward with outside of the box opportunities for our members! We are also open to all ideas to assist our members, so please let us know your thoughts!

We started the Spring of 2019 off with an in-person meeting to welcome new Board members, establish committees per the by-laws and review the master calendar which helps us to identify roles and responsibilities. In the last year, we focused on providing professional advancement and continuing educational opportunities to our members. NCAEHA successfully hosted two educational conferences, in Maryland in October 2019 and in Virginia in January 2020. Sadly, our April conference in DC was cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The conferences offered a diverse range of presentation topics to cover different aspects of environmental health. We are currently working on a potential virtual Fall conference and hope to continue to offer presentations that are interesting and relevant to membership. If you have suggestions for presentation topics or speakers, please let me know and I will ensure that your suggestions are passed onto the Regional Representatives.

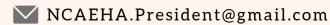
This year we launched our new membership platform and website, which changed the face of NCAEHA. Several of the benefits afforded to our members are members can now create a user profile where they can manage their own membership, renewals are hassle free and event registration can occur prior to an event and excitedly much more.

NCAEHA is a non-profit organization. As such, we work hard to be fiscally responsible. We have re-filed our non-profit status and the fiscal health of the organization is still going strong.

We hope to keep our members informed and constantly update our social media outlets. Please check us out on our webpage: https://www.ncaeha.org/, Facebook and Twitter.

Unfortunately, we had to postpone the Annual Dinner and awards ceremony. On a positive note, the Annual Dinner is tentatively rescheduled for early next year and we are still taking applications for many awards. Applications and award opportunities can be found within this report.

It was an interesting year to say the least! Lots of firsts to navigate. The Board is highly motivated to continue to bring its members what they want and need! Success is important to us all. As always, if you are interested in assisting the Board in any capacity, please let me know. We thank you for choosing to be a member of NCAEHA and for all the valuable input and feedback. We look forward to a better year! Stay safe and healthy!



### Vice President of Membership/ Director of Communications

year along with newly welcomed regulatory, industry and student memberships!

Nicole Gragasin

Hello NCAEHA Members! I'ts been an incredible year serving as your VP of Membership this year! I've made some big changes to NCAEHA this year by creating and designing our new Membership Platform and Website that was launched earlier this January. Working on this new platform has been a yearlong challenge, but it has pushed me to accomplish a vast amount of technical skills that have proven to be worth the extra work! My ultimate goal was to ease the way we handle membership records internally as well as revamping registration, paying dues, and communication correspondence to provide the upmost convenience for our members. With this, members were able to register and pay for our 2020 Winter Conference and Happy Hour for the first time from their own phones and computers. In addition, membership dues were also renewed and paid for online using the new system with the same ease. With this, we have a current standing of 66 renewed members for the 2020

Simultaneously this 2019-2020 year, I have taken on the role of Director of Communications. Each email that you receive monthly and weekly notifying you about updates, Conferences, Job Postings, etc. is created and sent out by an actual person...not a robot!:) Behind the scenes, I have also been part of the creative design behind each flyer, brochure, and poster that you see that also include Educational Conference Agendas, our quarterly newsletter, "The Preventative Measure," and finally, this Annual Report! I also manage all of our Social Media Accounts including Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram. Add us! Links below!

I've held 2 Events since last July 2019. Following our last Winter Conference held this January 2020, I planned and hosted the first Happy Hour of the century! We had a great time at Ramparts Tavern and Grill in Alexandria as members were able to socialize and build networks. Looking forward to the day we can socialize again!

Last summer, I held our 2019 Annual Awards Dinner Celebration where we recognized a number of awardees for the James M. Wordsworth Scholarship, Jerrold M. Michael Award, and NEHA Certificate of Merit Team Award. Unfortunately due to this year's turn in events with COVID-19, I've had to cancel and postpone our 2020 Awards and Annual Dinner. We will now be accepting awards and scholarship nominations until the end of the year. Please continue to submit your nominations for the previously mentioned awards, along with brand new Awards that I have also implemented this year including: Dedicated Service Award, Environmental Health Innovation Award, NCAEHA Industry Award, and Members of the Year for each Representative District-DC, MD, VA! Our members have done extraordinary work over the past year and deserve to be recognized for their achievements! Our recipients will be recognized during our postponed Annual Awards dinner scheduled for early next year.

Lastly, I am proud to announce the launch of our new NCAEHA online Store!! I have designed the print on our apparel and organized our online store, now available on our website. Take a look at page 10 for more information! Thanks to all our dedicated members for all your support this year!

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

www.instagram.com/ncaeha\_org



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# Vice President of Programs & Professional Development

Allison Olguin

As we are all aware, this year has been quite eventful and full of unique challenges and opportunities. We pulled off a very successful Winter Conference in January thanks to our Virginia representative, Amanda Losardo, with many wonderfully engaging and informative speakers. Unfortunately, COVID-19 required us to cancel our Spring Conference, and to work on planning a virtual Fall Conference to be held at the end of October. I would love to see all of our members in attendance for our inaugural virtual conference! We welcomed a new Maryland representative to the Board this year—thanks for volunteering Rahel Telahun! The Board has continued to meet virtually monthly to continue to represent our members, and we are exploring new and innovative ways to offer educational opportunities for our members. Be on the lookout for an upcoming opportunity this Fall to virtually tour the Hearn & Kirkwood (COASTAL) Produce Plant, courtesy of our Industry Liaison Janine Flaherty. More details to follow at a later date. As always, please reach out to me or any of the Board members with conference topic ideas, possible speakers, and suggestions for educational opportunities of interest to you. Wishing you all good health as we continue to deal with this public health crisis.

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Winter Educational Conference January 23, 2020 Fairlington Community Center Arlington, VA







### Secretary Julia Balsley

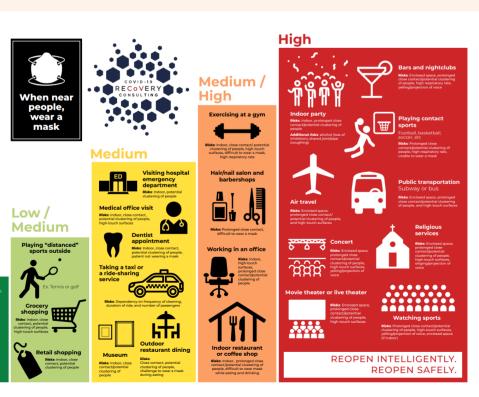
As Secretary in 2020, I secured our winter educational conference venue, Fairlington Community Center, in Arlington, VA. I received RSVPs and created the sign-in list for that conference. At the conference, I greeted and assisted with registration. After the conference, I attended our networking social afterwards at Ramparts Tavern & Grill in Alexandria. I then emailed out continuing education certificates to the membership who attended the conference as well as rethanked our speakers.

Most of my secretarial duties include attending monthly Board conference calls taking minutes and emailing them to the board members which are then posted to our website. The board met in-person in February to plan out the year. I send out calendar reminders of our upcoming board meetings to the board members and email any job announcements I receive to Nicole to add to our website.

I look forward to a vaccine for COVID19! Until then stay safe by social distancing, wearing face coverings, washing your hands frequently/limit touching common touched items with your hands (use your elbows) and avoid touching your face if you haven't just washed your hands. Hope to see you all as soon as we can safely at our next NCAEHA conference or event!

NCAEHA.Secretary@gmail.com





### Treasurer

### Courtney Hale

The current 2020 Treasurer's Annual Report is as follows:

- Actual income for 2019 came in higher than projected at \$9,697. This increase was made possible by the receipt of \$4,747 of FDA money.
- The January 2019 Winter conference fees totaled \$675 which was lower than projected due to a substantial decrease in the number of attendees to 45 from the projected 66.
- Membership revenue was down to \$1,265 from the projected \$3,000 largely due to a lower number of Regular and Associate membership dues.
- Expenses came in \$2,379 lower than projected at \$4,920. The largest reduction was due to the lack of the pool training and other fees.
- The scholarship winner was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship as budgeted.
- The largest expenditure for the year was the NEHA Trip at \$1,969.
- Annual net income increased from \$1,271 in 2018 to \$4,767 in 2019.
- The PayPal account is being zeroed out after each meeting and within a certain timeframe with the FDA meeting registrations.

  NCAEHA.Treasurer@gmail.com

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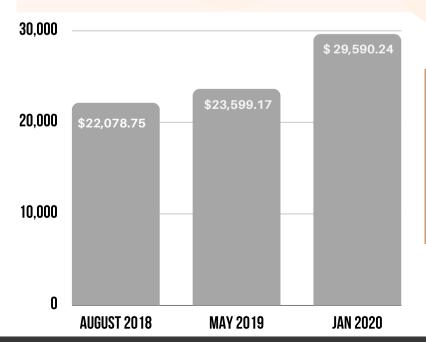
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\*AS OF JAN 2020

### VA Representative

### Amanda Losardo

Hi everyone. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Virginia Representative. The 2020 Winter Conference was held this year in Arlington, VA at the Fairlington Community Center. We had an amazing turnout and great speakers. Some of the topics discussed included food delivery services, clean water, public health laboratories, and much more! We swore in our new board members and did some networking. Overall, it was a great time and I cannot wait for the next conference.

7 Winter 2020

- The intersection of Art & Science: The Path to Food Safety Excellence for the Artisan Meal Delivery Chef By Patrick Buchan, Frank Curto, CFS - Territory Foods
- Challenges in Estimating Environmental Exposures for Human Health Dr. Jenna Krall, Assistant Professor Department of Global and Community Health - GMU
- Inside ASTHO's Environmental Health Program: Key Activities to Support State and Territorial Health Departments By Kerry Wyss, Ali Aslam, Courtney Youngbar, Abe Kulungara - ASTHO
- Keeping it Clean: How Public Health Laboratories Protect Us from Environmental Threats By Dr. Anthony Tran, Director - Public Health Laboratory | DC Department of Forensic Sciences (DFS)
- Food Safety An Operator's Perspective Ann Marie Escobar, COO - Legal Sea Foods Inc.
- Protecting Public and Environmental Health Through Clean Water By Monica Billger, Community Outreach & Education - Alexandria Renew Enterprises

My goals for this year include working with Allison and the other state representatives to come up with great ideas for a virtual conference amidst the ongoing pandemic, professional development opportunities for members, and virtual networking. I would love to hear from some of our members about different ideas for virtual networking and if they have any ideas for topics/speakers for future conferences. Please feel free to reach out to me via my NCAEHA email or LinkedIn if you have any questions, comments, or concerns!



NCAEHA.VA.Rep@gmail.com

### MD Representative Rahel Telahun

Currently serving as a NCAEHA Maryland Representative working on organizing a Quarterly virtual training in the fall of 2020. Also, planning on sharing my experience and knowledge of working in the Environmental Health field of about 20 years with members of NCAEHA. NCAEHA.MD.Rep@gmail.com

### Fall 2019

Edible Cannabis Products By Jason Soroosh, Cannabis-Infused Product Safety Analyst, Maryland Department of Health

Tick-Borne Diseases

By Andy Lima, EHS III, Fairfax County Health Department

Interstate Travel Program

By Austin Appler, Investigator, FDA

Harnessing the Power of Community to Advance the Good Food Movement By Danielle Vogel, Owner/Founder, Glen's Garden Market

State's Perspective and Role in the Regulation of Dairy Products By Kyle Shannon L.E.H.S Chief, Center for Milk and Dairy Product Safety Office of Food Protection Maryland Department of Health (MDH)











Fall Educational Conference October 24, 2019 Giant Headquarters, Landover, MD

### Announcements

New!



Events





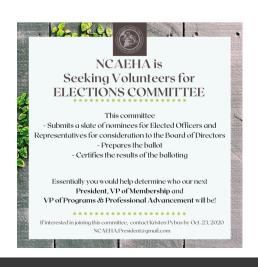




Committee Opportunities







# 2021 NCAEHA ELECTIONS

The National Capital Environmental Health Association would like to encourage its members to get more involved by joining the Board of Directors!

NCAEHA is holding elections for the positions of President, VP of Membership and VP of Programs & Professional Advancement for a term of 2 years beginning February 1, 2021

A full description of the qualification and duties for the positions in our bylaws at www.ncaeha.org. See the below information:

### President

#### **DUTIES**

- ☐ Presides over the Annual Meeting and business meetings of the Board of Directors
- Selects date and location for Board meetings and electronically notifies Officers, Representatives, appointees, and committee chairmen of Board
- meetings. Distributes meeting agendas electronically
- Confirms appointees to the Board of Directors with a majority vote of the Board of Directors
- Except during even-numbered years when the Board of Directors may designate a person to attend the NEHA Annual Education Conference (AEC); represents the Association at the NEHA Annual Educational Conference. Submits a written report/conference summary to the Board of Directors highlighting the sessions attended.
- Coordinates the work of all Association committees and Officers. Serves as an ex-officio member of all committees
- $ar{\ }$  Serves as the official public representative of the Association
- Serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the Association
- Chairs the Elections Committee
- TChairs the Bylaw Committee

### VP of Membership

#### **DUTIES**

- 🛮 Plans the Annual Awards Event. Selects the location, meal and entertainment
- Provides a current membership summary to the Board members
- $ar{f igl]}$  Assists with registration at educational conferences
- Coordinates membership drives and sets membership goals
- Develops and conducts membership satisfaction surveys
- 🛚 Issues membership notices
- $ar{\ }$  At the request of the President, presides over the Annual Meeting or Board meetings
- Maintains the membership list
- Chairs the Social Committee
- Plans and coordinates social events and activities
- 🛚 Chairs the Awards Committee
- Submits nominating criteria for all awards, scholarships and other honoraria to Board of Directors

### VP of Programs & Prof.

#### Advancement

#### **DUTIES**

- At the request of the President, presides over the Annual Meeting or Board meetings
- ☐ Chairs the Professional Development Committee
- $\label{thm:committee} \ \, \square \ \, \text{Leads this committee in promoting professional credentialing and career development of } Environmental \ \, \text{Health practitioners}$
- Chairs the Program & Education Committee
- ☐ Guides the Representatives in planning and coordinating educational conferences. Assists Representatives in
- recommending conference dates, locations, topics, and speakers to the Board of Directors
- ☐ In the absence of a Representative, plans the educational conference



## National Capital Area Environmental Health Association James M. Wordsworth Scholarship Application

**About the award**: James Wordsworth has been a long standing restaurateur and advocate for the work Environmental Health Professionals do to help keep the public safe. Mr. Wordsworth is a an Honorary Lifetime Member of NCAEHA and every year helps make a scholarship available to a candidate that is seeking higher education in a field related to Environmental Health.

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Send completed application by Dec. 31, 2020 to: NCAEHA.VP.Membership@gmail.com

ber, or a current or past supervisor

12. Provide one letter of recommendation from either the school in which you are currently enrolled, an active NCAEHA mem-



# National Capital Area Environmental Health Association Nomination Form for: Jerrold M. Michael Award (Environmental Health Professional of the Year)

**About the award**: Jerrold Michael was the Founding President of NCAEHA. He was a true leader and pioneer in the field of Environmental Health. This award is to recognize a professional in the field of environmental health that has contributed to his or her employer's environmental health mission, to the goals of the National Capital Area Environmental Health Association, and to the advancement of the environmental health profession.

NOMINATED BY:	
Name:	_
Job Title:	
Address:	-
Phone:	
E-Mail:	
NOMINEE:	
Name:	_
Job Title:	
Employer:	_

Please attach a brief (one page or less) explanation of the reasons you believe that the above named individual should be selected as this year's **Jerrold M. Michael Award** recipient. Specifically describe how this person has contributed to his or her employer's environmental health mission, to the goals of the National Capital Area Environmental Health Association, and to the advancement of the environmental health profession.

THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE MAY CONTACT YOU FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

Nominations may be sent by email to

NCAEHA Vice President of Membership NCAEHA.VP.Membership@gmail.com



## National Capital Area Environmental Health Association Nomination Form for: NCAEHA Industry Award

**About the award**: This award is presented to a Company or Industry which has demonstrated support and has made a significant contribution to the field of environmental health and/or to NCAEHA.

**Egibility**: Company or Industry must

- Be an employer of at least one current NCAEHA member(s) in good standing
- Have performed duties in the field of environmental health above and beyond the usual requirements so as to elevate the professional status of the profession and/or NCAEHA
- Exemplify the characteristics of excellence, leadership, organization and dedication to the environment

#### **NOMINATED BY:**

Name:		
Job Title:		
Phone:		
E-Mail:		
NOMINEE:		
Company/Industry:		
Region (if applicable):		
Phone:		
E-Mail:		

Please attach a brief (one page or less) explanation of the reasons you believe that the above named company should be selected as this year's **NCAEHA Industry Award** recipient. Specifically describe how this company has significantly contributed to the field of environmental health and/or to NCAEHA.

#### THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE MAY CONTACT YOU FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

Nominations may be sent by email to

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#### National Capital Area Environmental Health Association Nomination Form for: Dedicated Service Award

**About the award**: This recognition is awarded to Long-term members who are retiring this year. Candidates can be nominated by any member of NCAEHA.

**Eligibility**: to be eligible a nominee must be

- 1. An Environmental Health Professional that is approaching retirement within the next year.
- 2. A member in good standing of NCAEHA for a minimum of 2 years.
- 3. Actively engaged in the field of environmental health.
- 4. Have performed professional duties in the field of environmental health above and beyond the usual employment requirements so as to elevate the professional status of the Environmental Health Professional.

#### NOMINATED BY:

Name:
lob Title:
Phone:
E-Mail:
NOMINEE:
Name:
lob Title:
Retirement Date and Years of Service:
Employer:

Please attach a brief (one page or less) explanation of the reasons you believe that the above named individual should be selected as this year's **Dedicated Service Award** recipient.

THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE MAY CONTACT YOU FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

Nominations may be sent by email to

NCAEHA Vice President of Membership NCAEHA.VP.Membership@gmail.com



## National Capital Area Environmental Health Association Nomination Form for: Environmental Health Innovation Award

**About the award**: This award is presented to a NCAEHA member or organization for creating a new idea, practice or product that has had a positive impact on improving the environment or public health and quality of life. The purpose of this award is to recognize these individuals and to encourage others to search for creative solutions.

#### Recognized for:

- A new idea
- A new practice
- A new product
- or similar

NOMINATED BY:		
Name:		
Job Title:		
Phone:		
E-Mail:		
NOMINEE:		
Name:		
Job Title:		
Employer:		
Innovation:		

Please attach a brief (one page or less) explanation of the reasons you believe that the above named individual should be selected as this year's **Environmental Health Innovation Award** recipient. Specifically describe how this person has impacted the environment or public health and quality of life through their new health innovation.

#### THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE MAY CONTACT YOU FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

Nominations may be sent by email to

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