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*National Capital Area  
Environmental Health  
Association*

# Annual Report 2020-2021

## 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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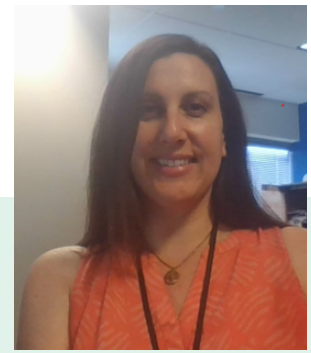
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# President

## *Julia Balsley*



Welcome to the 2020-2021 Annual Report. The purpose of this report is to give a yearly update on the health of our organization and to inform members about the work the Board members perform. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this report.

We started off strong with our 2020 Winter Educational in Arlington until COVID hit us. We cancelled our Spring Conference for many of us were busy responding to the outbreak in addition to cancelling our Annual Awards Dinner in the Summer. We did manage to have our first Virtual Educational Conference in the Fall of 2020.

After preparing to have another virtual conference in January 2021, most of us were then thrown into supporting vaccination clinics/pods, so we delayed that conference until the Spring. I had to make some hard decisions like not having an in-person annual awards dinner this year and the winners being for a combined two years of 2020-2021. All award winners were provided with \$25 restaurant gift cards. We are currently working on another virtual conference this Fall after surveying our members on if they would like to have in-person or virtual conference. The results came back 60% for virtual and 40% in-person. All our virtual conferences have been free to current members. Our yearly membership cost of \$20 is still one of the lowest nationwide. We want to offer presentations that are interesting and relevant to our members. If you have suggestions for presentation topics or would like to present at one of our conferences, please let me know.

NCAEHA continues to be a non-profit organization. We have re-filed our non-profit status and we try to be fiscally responsible. The Board is incomplete, and we need help. We are looking to fill the vacant positions of Vice President of Programs & Professional Development and Treasurer. I have learned so much this year taking over the Presidential as well as Treasurer duties. I want to encourage you all to broaden your horizons and one way is to join us. If you are interested in assisting the Board in any capacity, please let me know.

We hope to keep our members informed and constantly updated through our website and social media outlets. Please bookmark our webpage: [www.ncaeha.org](http://www.ncaeha.org) and like us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. We thank you for choosing to be a member of NCAEHA and appreciate your participation. We look forward to seeing everyone back in person!

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# Vice President of Membership/ Director of Communications

## *Nicole Gragasin*



Hello NCAEHA Members! It's been quite a year! Despite our pandemic restrictions last year, we tried our best to provide our members with monthly email updates, virtual conferences, and up-to-date communication. After a brief hiatus earlier this year while on maternity leave, I am continuing my role as Director of Communications and am working hard to provide members with the latest updates and upcoming event notifications in addition to putting together our quarterly newsletter, "The Preventative Measure" and this Annual Report. Please continue to follow us on our Social Media Accounts including Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram. Add us! Links below!


Last month I hosted our very first *virtual* 2021 Annual Awards Ceremony where we recognized our 2020 awardees for the James M. Wordsworth Scholarship (Debra Brown), along with brand new awards including the Dedicated Service Award (Santos Ayala), Environmental Health Innovation Award (Alexandria Health Team), NCAEHA Industry Award (Farmers Restaurant Group), and Members of the Year for each Representative District- DC (Mouhaman Kola), MD (Bishaw Woldemariam), VA (tie between Candice Wooden and Chelsea Klatte). We had a great turnout and were able to hear from each of our awardees as they accepted their awards. The ceremony concluded with a 5-prize raffle drawing at the end for NCAEHA apparel, restaurant Gift Cards, and big Membership Fee discounts! Thank you to everyone for attending, and also, a special thanks to my Awards Committee Members, Evan Loher and Miranda Clifford! Please keep a look out next year for more award opportunities!

Please feel free to email me if you have any ideas or suggestions to improve your membership! I look forward to serving you another year!

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# Secretary

## *Kendra Washington*

As a returning member of the board, I am proud to serve in my new role as Secretary and continue to work with our other board members in a new capacity. I attend and provide recordkeeping for our monthly minutes to provide transparency for both our board and annual members. Did you know that members are able to review the board planning process by taking a look at our minutes on the website? It is a great way to see how our conferences and events take shape over time, and to see other updates within the organization.

I also am happy to be able to assist our board members in planning new strategies for our seasonal meetings and outreach. During our seasonal meetings I assist with checking the chatrooms for Q&A and mail out CEUs for attending. Hopefully in the future I will be able to meet more of our members at an upcoming conference but until then, please continue to be safe and I will see you virtually!

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### *Seeking: Treasurer*

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR BOARD? ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH FINANCES AND RECORD KEEPING? ARE YOU WILLING TO LEARN NEW SKILLS?

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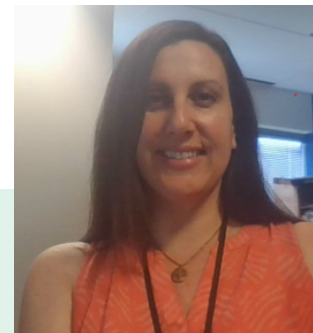
### *Vacant Position: VP of Programs and Professional Development*

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR BOARD? DO YOU HAVE STRONG LEADERSHIP SKILLS? ARE YOU GREAT AT NETWORKING AND WORKING WITH OTHERS?

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# Treasurer (interim)

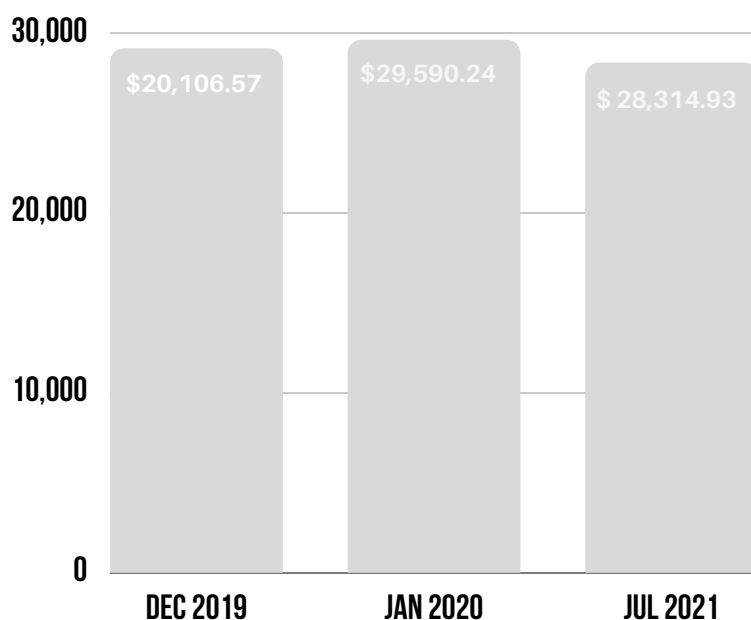
## Julia Balsley



### Treasurer's 2020-2021 Annual Report:

- Our checking account balance at the end of the year was \$9,129.23. It is down \$543.78 from last due to loss of income from conference fees. Our checking account as of 6/30/21 is \$8,395.06
- Our greatest expense was to Wild Apricot to maintain our NCAEHA.org website, which we just spent \$1020.00 in June for another two-year subscription. Our second is our UPS Store mailbox located in DC, which cost \$540.00.
- The January 2020 Winter conference fees and yearly memberships were the only income for the year.
- Our current scholarship fund \$19,879.87 is up \$2.64 from last year's report due to interest paid.
- No scholarship award was given out in 2020 since the awards dinner was not held, however, \$1000 will be given out this July 2021 during our virtual awards dinner.
- Petty cash fund of \$40.00
- Checking Account, Scholarship Fund and Cash total is \$28,314.93 down \$1,275.31 from last year's report
- We hope to increase membership & return to in-person events for 2022!

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\* 2021

**CHECKING ACCOUNT: \$ 8,395.06**

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND: \$19,879.87**

**CASH \$ 40.00**

\*AS OF JULY 2021

# VA Representative

*Amanda Colletti*



Hello everyone! Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Virginia Representative for a second year. The 2021 Spring Conference was held virtually this year. We had some awesome speakers on a variety of topics. Some of the topics included ice cream food safety, COVID-19, drinking wells, and more. We had some fun trivia during the breaks as well. Overall, it was a great time and I cannot wait for the next conference.

## *Winter 2021*

- **ice cream food safety and Regulation of Yogurt Parfaits** By John Allan, International Dairy Foods Association ●
- **Jefferson County Study on Bacterial contamination of Drinking Water Wells** By Carissa Caruso-DiPaolo, NEHA / CDC Intern; Josh Griffin, Sanitarian, Jefferson County HD; Bob custard, Environmental Health Leadership Partners, LLC ●
- **COVID-19 and Food Safety at Retail, A National Perspective** By Patrick Guzzle, National Restaurant Association ●
- **An Overview of Spices and Public Health: Ensuring Health and Safety Throughout the Spice Supply Chain** By Laura Shumow, American Spice Trade Association ●
- **Aquatics and Summer Camps: Executive Order Requirements and Best Practices** By Olivia McCormick, Division Director, Food and General Environmental Services, VDH ●

My goals for this year include working with the board to come up with great ideas for conference speakers, 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! Don't forget to check out our store as well where you can purchase some awesome NCAEHA gear.

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# MD Representative

*Joe Morin*



Currently serving as a NCAEHA Maryland Representative working on organizing a Quarterly virtual training in the fall of 2021. I look forward to serving in this position and working with membership to address their needs.

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## *Fall 2020*

- **Home Delivery Service** By Bill Hallman, Professor/Chair, Department of Human Ecology Rutgers University - School of Environmental and Biological Sciences
- **Cottage Food Industry** By Kim Burns Chief, Center for Facility and Process Review, Office of Food Protection, MD Dept. of Health
- **Multistate Yuma Outbreak**  
By Michelle Boyle Epidemiologist, FoodNet Program, Maryland DOH
- **Interviewing Food Workers in an Outbreak Investigation** By Martin Wiedmann, Dr. med. vet, Ph.D. NY Integrated Food Safety Center of Excellence
- **COVID-19 Best Practices**  
By Betsy Campos Manager, Managed Services in North America for NSF International

## *Seeking: Conference Speakers*

DO YOU HAVE ANY SPEAKER INTEREST / RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OUR NEXT CONFERENCE? IF SO, WE'D LOVE YOUR SUGGESTIONS!

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# DC Representative

## *Lanita Carpenter*

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Lanita she has graciously volunteered to fill our DC Representative vacancy after a brief hiatus the last Board Year. She has previously represented DC as our DC Representative back in 2018-2019. We look forward to having a 2022 Educational Conference in DC next year. Please keep a lookout for future details!



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# Upcoming Events/Announcements



**YOU REQUESTED, WE LISTENED!**  
**OUR NEXT FALL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE**  
IS *Virtual* !

## SAVE THE DATE!

**FALL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 25TH**

**AGENDA COMING SOON**

**Calling all  
Public Health  
Professionals!**



**Interested in  
speaking at one of  
our conferences?**

Contact Joe at  
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