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*National Capital Area  
Environmental Health  
Association*

# Annual Report 2021-2022

## 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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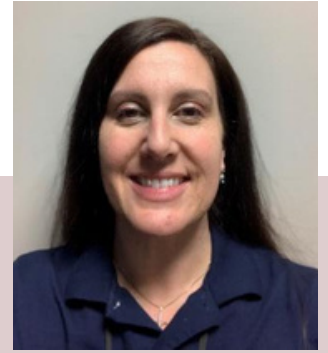
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# President

## *Julia Balsley*



Welcome to the 2021-2022 Annual Report. The purpose of this report is to give a yearly update on the health of our organization, to inform members about the work the Board members perform, 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 2022-2023 goals, please contact me at [NCAEHA.President@gmail.com](mailto:NCAEHA.President@gmail.com). I'd love to hear from you, as some our best ideas come straight from our members!

As President I have worked hard to keep NCAEHA a non-profit organization, in Washington, D.C., continuing a mailing address, registered agent and completing tax forms to keep that status. Our bank name has changed from BB&T to Truist where we maintain a scholarship account and checking account. Our biggest expense this past year was sending our VP of Programs & Professional Development to attend NEHA's AEC in Spokane, Washington to network and gain experience to help our organization. Our next biggest expenses were our Wild Apricot membership software for our website at [www.ncaeha.org](http://www.ncaeha.org) and our professional Zoom account to host our virtual meetings.

This year our main goals were on providing professional advancement and continuing educational opportunities to our members by having educational conferences. This past year we were back to having three conferences albeit virtually. One in the Fall, one in the Winter and one in the Spring. Save the date of Monday, October 17, 2022, for our next virtual educational conference. We hope to continue to offer presentations that are interesting and relevant to membership, like from the NEHA AEC, if you have suggestions for presentation topics or speakers, please let us know.

This past March the board met in-person for the first time in two years for a meeting and it was nice to meet with our newest board members. This summer we will be back to having an in-person Annual Awards Dinner! We are excited that Mr. Wordsworth will continue with his Scholarship and are grateful that he has connected us with Gary Cohen, Executive VP of Glory Days Grill Corporate, VRTA Immediate Past State Chairman, long term member of RAMW & RAM, 2022 Chairman of Visit Fairfax Board of Directors who be hosting our Annual Awards Dinner.

We hope to keep our members informed with job announcements and upcoming events through our website, email blasts and our social media pages. We thank you for choosing to be a member of NCAEHA and hope you invite your colleagues to check us out!

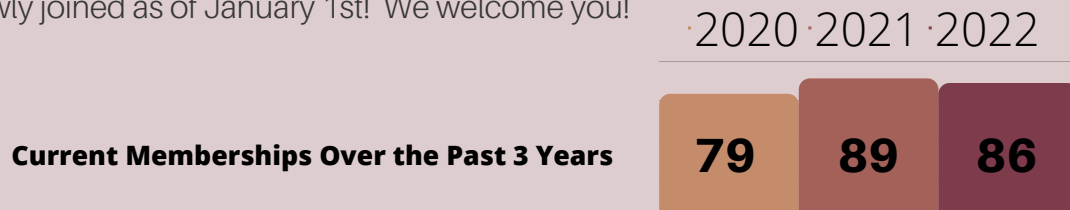
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# Vice President of Membership/ Director of Communications

## Nicole Gragasin



Hello NCAEHA Members! Thank you for your continued support and keeping our Membership numbers up again this year! Currently, we have 86 Active Members that have current memberships for 2022. Of those 86, there are 68 of you that have renewed this year and 18 newly joined as of January 1st! We welcome you!







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!

This July 21st, I will be hosting our first in-person event in two years! Our 2022 Annual Awards Ceremony will be held at a new location as our former J.R.'s Stockyards venue has now permanently closed. We do thank J.R.'s Stockyards for hosting our Annual Awards Dinner for all these years and will cherish the memories made with their wonderful staff! As we move forward, we are very excited to hold this year's Annual Awards Dinner at Glory Days Grill @ Barcroft! I would like to personally thank Mr. Gary Cohen of Glory Days Corporate for the opportunity to host us this year! We look forward to presenting our NCAEHA awardees for the James M. Wordsworth Scholarship, Jerrold M. Michael Award, NEHA Certificate of Merit, Dedicated Service Award, Environmental Health Innovation Award, NCAEHA Industry Award, and Members of the Year for each Representative District- DC, MD, VA. The ceremony will conclude with a prize raffle drawings for NCAEHA apparel, and a whole selection full of goodies! Take a look at pages 11-12 for a list of our winners!

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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-  [www.twitter.com/ncaeha](https://www.twitter.com/ncaeha) - @NCAEHA
-  [www.instagram.com/ncaeha\\_org](https://www.instagram.com/ncaeha_org)

# Vice President of Programs and Professional Development

## *Amanda Coletti*



As we all know, the past couple years have been quite a wild ride. However, we have been able to overcome many challenges and have been presented with unique opportunities to come together virtually. Our last few virtual conferences have been very successful with a wide variety of speakers and topics. We continue to keep the conferences virtual for now, as we know many of you are unable to make it otherwise. We love the huge turnout the virtual conferences are having and hope to continue to have success in the future with them.

I was able to represent NCAEHA at the 2022 National Environmental Health Association's Annual Educational Conference (NEHA AEC) in Spokane, Washington this year. There, I was able to connect with peers from different areas of Environmental Health and learn about many new topics. I was also able to explore the beauty that Spokane, Washington has to offer.



Please join us July 21st for our 2022 Annual Awards Dinner at the Glory Days Grill in Falls Church. We hope to see you all there!

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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# Secretary *Kendra Washington*

As a returning member of the board, I am proud to serve in my role as Secretary and continue to work with our other board members in a new capacity. I attend and provide record keeping 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 at the Awards Dinner!

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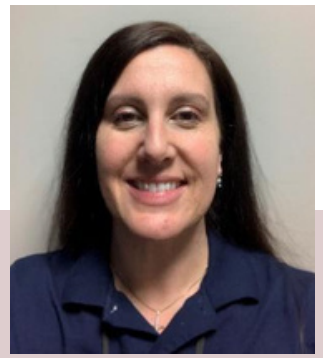
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SHIRTS AVAILABLE IN 2 COLORS!  
SWEATSHIRT HOODIES AVAILABLE!

# Treasurer (interim)

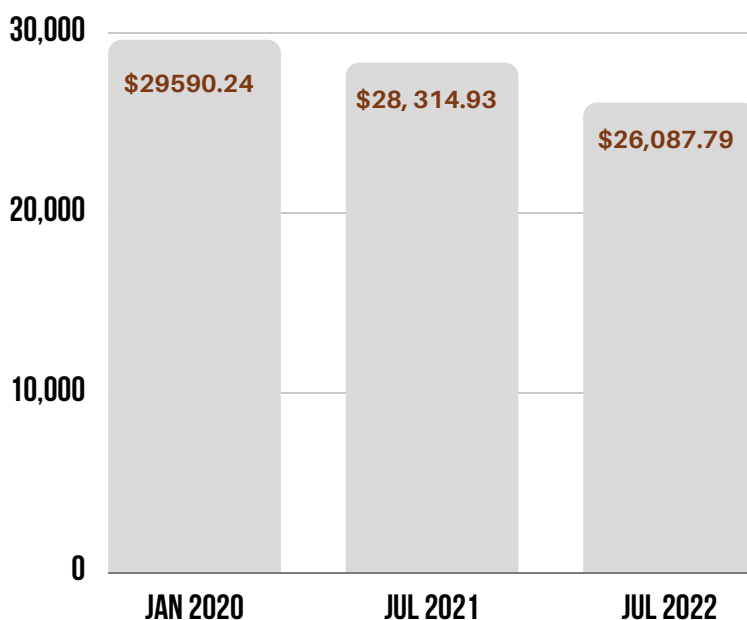
## Julia Balsley



### Treasurer's 2021-2022 Annual Report:

- Our checking account balance as of May 31, 2022 is \$8,205.52.
- Our greatest expense this year was to send our VP of Programs and Professional Development to the NEHA AEC held in Spokane, WA which covered \$1,057.19 for airfare and boarding costs.
- The yearly memberships fees were the prime income for the year as we continued with free virtual educational conferences this Winter and Spring. Additional income received from attendees for the Annual Awards Dinner.
- Our current scholarship fund \$17,822.27 after awarding last year's scholarship and a transfer to our checking account to cover the NEHA AEC fees.
- A \$1000 Scholarship will be given out this July 2022 during our Annual Awards Dinner this upcoming July 21st.
- Petty cash fund of \$60.00 as of May 2022.
- Checking Account, Scholarship Fund and Cash total is \$26,087.79 down \$2,277.14 from last year's report.
- We hope to increase membership & return to in-person events for 2023!

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* 2022	CHECKING ACCOUNT:	\$ 8,205.52
	SCHOLARSHIP FUND:	\$ 17,822.27
	CASH	\$ 60.00

\*AS OF MAY 2022

# VA Representative

*Marcella Sikon*



Hello NCAEHA members! Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as the Virginia representative. My goal this year is to work collaboratively with the board and NCAEHA members to bring educational and engaging presenters to our conferences. Have a topic you would like to see at the next conference? Want to do a presentation perhaps or know someone who would? Reach out, let us bring you what you want to see at the next conference! Feel free to send your ideas to my NCAEHA email!

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## *Winter 2022*

- **Fairfax County Wastewater Management** By Austyn Ries, Outreach Specialist & ●  
● Melissa Atwood, Outreach Coordinator, Fairfax County Wastewater Management
- **PFAS Lessons from the Field & SERCAP Services** ●  
Vikki Prettyman, DE/MD State Manager of SerCap, INC. ●
- **Making Public Toilets Safer for Everyone** By Kimberly Worsham, MPA, MIWM, ●  
Founder & Principal of FLUSH & Roberta Hammond, PhD, RS, Sanitarian, ●  
● Independent Consultant ●
- **A Brief History and Introduction to USDA FSIS** By Stevie Hretz, Acting ●  
Director, Office of Policy, FSIS USDA ●

## *Seeking: Conference Speakers*

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

CONTACT US AT [NCAEHA.MD.REP@GMAIL.COM](mailto:NCAEHA.MD.REP@GMAIL.COM)





# DC Representative

*Amanda Barto*

I was so excited to be chosen for my role as the Washington DC Representative last year! Our Spring Conference was virtual this year and we had a wide variety of speakers. Some of the topics were about third party auditing, monitoring SARS-COV-2 in the Chesapeake area, shared kitchens, and many more.

## *Spring 2022*

- **Moving Towards A Values - Driven Practice of Environmental Health** By Bob Custard, Environmental Health Leadership Partners, LLC

- **Fairfax County OS&W Overview**  
Eric Hoppis, ENvironmental Health Specialist III, Fairfax county Health Department

- **Driving Food Safety In Retail and Foodservice Operations Through Third-Party Auditing**  
● By Chris Boyles, Vice president, Food Safety, Steritech

- **An Environmental Health Specialist's 3-Pronged Approach For The Improved Diagnosis, Treatment and Prevention of Campylobacter Foodborne Illness Infections** By Debora Brown, Fairfax County Health Department

- **AFDO/IFPTI Research Project On Shared Kitchens** By Jemal Yasin, Sanitarian, Division of food, DC Health

- **Driving Food Safety In Retail and Foodservice Operations Through Third-Party Auditing**  
● By Chris Boyles, Vice president, Food Safety, Steritech

My goals for this year include assisting with future conferences, networking more so we can continue to have interesting and diverse speakers and trying to find new ways for our members to have professional growth. Please feel free to reach out to me or another member with any ideas or comments, we would love to hear from everyone!

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# MD Representative

*Erin Miller*



Hi everyone! I appreciate the opportunity to serve as your Maryland Representative. I stepped into this role as a volunteer to fill the vacancy the Board had, and look forward to curating a great Fall Conference to be held virtually for you this October. Please feel free to reach out to myself or another member of the Board if you have any topics or presenters you'd like to see, or if you would like an opportunity to present. I look forward to seeing you all soon!


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A graphic with a white central box on a background of pink and orange watercolor washes. The text inside the box reads: 'SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR UPCOMING IN-PERSON NCAEHA FALL 2022 EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE Monday, October 17, 2022 More details to follow'. To the right of the text is the NCAEHA logo, a circular seal with a tree and a building, surrounded by the text 'NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA NOTIATION ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION'.

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# 2022 Award Recipients

## *James M. Wordsworth Scholarship*

Debora  
Brown

Debora Brown currently attends George Mason University and is on her last semester to attaining a Masters of Science degree with a major in Microbiology and Infectious diseases, achieving a 3.96 GPA and expected to graduate this fall. Debora has worked with the Fairfax County Health Department for almost 14 years, currently as an Environmental Health Specialist II. Within the last two years, she has had the opportunity to participate on various COVID response teams, wearing various hats, such as the Facilities Unit Manager and Environmental Health Specialist for the Outbreak team. In addition, she has also gained experience working at the Fairfax County vaccination clinics. As she continues her career as an EHS, she is able to carry the gained knowledge over the past few years and connect them to what she is learning in her graduate journey. As for future goals, Debora continues to obtain additional insight, shadowing the public health laboratory, and will work towards assisting in the usage of quicker testing methodology for the detection of food borne illness bacteria, as described during her presentation on an "Environmental Health Specialists' 3-Pronged Approach For The Improved Diagnosis, Treatment and Prevention of Campylobacter Foodborne Illness", presented to NCAEHA members this past Spring.

## *Jerrold M. Michael Award*

Jan  
Jaminal

Jan Jaminal has worked for the DC Department of Health as a Sanitarian for the Division of Community Hygiene since 2021 and has been promoted to serve the Department as a Public Health Analyst. Prior, he has gained over 5 years experience in the field of Environmental Health and Emergency Preparedness with the Virginia Department of Health and United States Army. During his time with DC Health, Jan has made several accomplishments that have helped to enhance the public health services provided to residents, visitors, and those conducting business in the Nation's Capital. A few notable accomplishments include:

- Creating an GIS map of all the aquatic and cosmetology facilities regulated by the Division of Community Hygiene with public access to the most recent inspection reports.
- Established an online complaint application for facilities regulated by the Division of Community Hygiene and the Division of Food.
- Creating the Office of Food, Drug, Radiation and Community Hygiene Online Inspection Request Platform.

just to name a few. He is committed to service, and has made a great impact on this community of Environmental Health Professionals, and community at-large.

## *NEHA Certificate of Merit*

Ilda  
Bengui

Ilda Bengui currently works as a food sanitarian at the District of Columbia Department of Health. She worked as a lab technician for Microgen Inc. located in Rockville for over 5 years. Her passion for the health field started when caring for her sick grandfather. Since then, she started a career as a care giver and later attended nursing school in Luanda/Angola where she is originally from. Ms. Bengui is currently enlisted with the military where she will serve as a reservist, and enhance a new skill as a logistic specialist. Along with other extracurricular activities, Ms. Bengui is a member of a children's foundation where she serves as a counselor and godmother to many orphans who have lost their parents during the war in Angola. Serving the public is her passion.

# 2020 Award Recipients

## *Dedicated Service Award*

Cassandra Mitchell

Cassandra Mitchell has graced the Fairfax County Health Department with an outstanding 35 years of service before retiring this past April as an Environmental Health Supervisor for the Consumer Protection Program. Cassandra has become a widely influential and valuable contributor to the field leaving behind a legacy of milestones. A few accomplishments include:

- Served as a past Northern VA Representative to the Virginia Food Safety Task Force
- 1st EHS Sr in the State to be Certified as a District Standardization Officer by FDA on the new model Food Code (then the 1995 FDA Food Code)
- Past service on the Conference for Food Safety (CFP) Executive Board as the Local Mid Atlantic Representative (12 years)
- Prior service on CFP Council III - Science & Technology at CFP AEC and service on several Council I, Council II and Council III Committees
- Member of NO VA (Arlington, Alexandria and Fairfax) Committee to review new Model FDA Food Code and draft local ordinance for adoption of the FDA Food Code.

just to name a few. In addition, Cassandra has also dedicated 8+ years to NCAEHA serving as Past Treasurer and moving onto Past President.

## *NCAEHA Industry Award*

J.R.'s Custom Catering

J.R.'s Custom Catering has offered people all across the Washington Metro Area with J.R.'s signature fine cuisine for more than 48 years. The J.R.'s Catering story began with Jim Wordsworth opening his first restaurant in Virginia, called J.R.'s Steak House at Fairfax Circle, named after his father J.R. Wordsworth, who also has a history in the food service industry, providing customers with fine meats as a food supplier from his own Meadowbrook Meat Company in North Carolina. Mr. Wordsworth was able to use his experience at his father's meat supply company to eventually pave the way for J.R.'s Custom Catering (1976), J.R.'s Stockyards Inn (1978), J.R.'s Festival Lakes (1982), The Pavilions of Turkey Run (1997), J.R.'s Allsportz Concessions (2000) and the Fairfax Hunt Club (2011). With various locations across the area, they were able to cater outdoor events, intimate and upscale events, and more! J.R.'s Stockyards Inn has been a longtime venue for our NCAEHA Annual Awards Dinner. In addition to holding our NCAEHA Annual Awards Dinners, Mr. Wordsworth has been a dedicated sponsor to our James M. Wordsworth Scholarship fund. Through collaborative food service industry education and awareness, Mr. Wordsworth and his team have been invaluable to our field and organization.

## *NCAEHA Members of the Year*

Joyce Moore  
DC

Kenneth Clare  
MD

Jennifer Lineback  
VA

The following have been selected as this year's Members of the Year for their time dedicated to NCAEHA, reflected through conference attendance, and years of active membership.

Joyce Moore, Supervisory Sanitarian, DC Health

Recent Years of Active Membership: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

Recent Events Attended: Virtual Educational Conferences- Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022

Kenneth Clare, Registered Environmental Health Specialist, Prince George's County Health Dept.

Recent Years of Active Membership: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

Recent Events Attended: Virtual Educational Conferences- Winter 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Winter 2022, Spring 2022

Jennifer Lineback, Environmental Health Technical Specialist, Alexandria Health Department

Recent Years of Active Membership: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

Recent Events Attended: Virtual Educational Conferences- Winter 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Winter 2020, Spring 2022