President’s Message
Submitted by Jeff Luedeman

Greetings, MEHA Members.

You know, the strength of MEHA comes from its members and the time that many of our very skilled colleagues selflessly give to the association. I cannot tell you how grateful I am to those who serve on the Board and committees and to their employers who make it possible. I can tell you that we are very fortunate to have such excellent stewards committed to the future of MEHA, to the professional education, mentorship, and development of our members, and to keeping MEHA financially sound.

About 16 years ago the Board created a strategic plan, now called strategic direction, for the benefit of MEHA and its members. This is a living document and you can find it in the MEHA website library. The Board and committees have worked diligently over the past several years to refine and meet the strategic direction goals and objectives and collectively they have excelled.

The evidence of this work is found in our many outreach activities, scholarships, outstanding educational conferences that include student poster sessions and mentorship, our new website, logo, and banners, our membership (387 as of August), awards, and in the routine communications (e-blasts) to members, to name a few.

Our current strategic direction goals are:
• Increase the visibility of the environmental health profession
• Enhance the quality of a MEHA membership
• Increase the number and participation of membership

In the months ahead we will continue to focus on key topics within these goals, namely mission and vision, recognizing service to MEHA, and increasing membership. I want to encourage you to participate and to share your thoughts and ideas.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our Winter Conference in St. Paul at the University of MN Continuing Education Center on January 26, 2017! You are the best, and thank you very much for your work in the many fields of environmental health.
NEHA News for Affiliate Environmental Health Associations

NEHA is planning a pre-conference workshop for affiliate officers at the 2017 NEHA AEC in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Affiliate officers can make plans to attend a pre-conference workshop on Sunday, July 9, 2017 specifically designed to share information and tools that will help affiliate officers manage their associations.

Affiliate Support - Do You Have an Event You Would like to Share? Posting your events on NEHA’s online Community Calendar is very easy, and it is a great way to share your event with environmental health professionals across the country. Just fill out the simple online form to submit your event for posting consideration.

Professional Development – NEHA 2016 AEC and HUD Healthy Homes Conference Recorded Sessions. For those unable to attend the NEHA 2016 AEC and HUD Healthy Homes Conference, presented by Green & Healthy Homes Initiative in San Antonio, continuing education hours can be earned by viewing the recorded sessions from the conference. View the recorded sessions anytime or any place from your desktop and choose those of interest to you to meet the education requirements you need. Attendees of the conference automatically get FREE access to all recorded sessions to view sessions they may have missed. The sessions are also available to individuals who did not attend the conference. More than 24 hours of continuing education is available for only $149/member or $249/nonmember. - See more at: http://neha.org/aec/recorded-sessions#sthash.hmsrf4wR.dpuf

Advocacy - New NEHA Blog Entry: Health Impact Assessment and Environmental Health. Did you know that we have a blog dedicated to the environmental health professional? NEHA’s “A Day in the Life of an EH Professional Blog” is a place to share ideas and cultivate discussion on the work and topics important to the profession. The most recently posted blog, Health Impact Assessment: A New Way to Look at EH, is authored by NEHA’s Dr. Sandra Whitehead and discusses a new tool that can help the profession. Check it out and share your thoughts!

NEHA Praises Proposed Environmental Health Bill Introduced by Rep. Brenda Lawrence (D-MI). NEHA fully supports proposed landmark legislation, the Environmental Health Workforce Act of 2016, H.R. 5543, https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/5543, introduced by Representative Brenda L. Lawrence (D-MI), and co-sponsored by Representatives Conyers (D-MI), and Kildee (D-MI). This bill will ensure that there is a consistent set of guidelines and standards for the training and education of environmental health professionals across the nation.

Currently, only 28 states require a credential for environmental health workers. “Credentialed environmental health practitioners, where they exist, have strong science degrees, routinely partner with the regulated community, and understand cultural sensitivities because they live in the communities in which they serve. These valuable workforce characteristics help ensure a healthy and prosperous society,” said David Dyjack, NEHA Executive Director and CEO. “We are thrilled that Reps. Lawrence, Kildee, and Conyers recognize the incredibly important work of environmental health professionals for the health of our nation’s citizens. This legislation will save money, save lives, and protect our children’s future.” Given the diversity and complexity of recent environmental health issues that have been a high priority for public safety – lead contaminated drinking water, food tainted with E. coli, and potential outbreaks of Zika virus, this legislation is a key component to ensuring a highly skilled workforce to find the best solutions and protect future generations of Americans.

NEHA Membership - Join NEHA and be part of an organization that fosters cooperation and understanding among environmental health professionals. Receive 10 issues of the Journal of Environmental Health (JEH) and find out why subscribers from some 53 countries around the world go to the Journal to stay current on the latest technological, legal, and research-based advancements in environmental health. Be proficient in the current and emerging issues with NEHA credentials, which signify a level of expertise and competency based on education and experience that is nationally recognized. NEHA members receive discounts on credential exam and renewal fees, have access to free NEHA e-Learning sessions, receive discounts for the NEHA AEC, the premiere environmental health education conference where you can network and learn with the best in your field. Advance Your Career with a NEHA Credential
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FDA Retail Food Protection Seminar
September 19-21, 2017

NEHA Region 4 Conference
September 20-21, 2017

The Commons Hotel
Minneapolis, MN

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Invitation to submit presentation proposal

2017 FDA Regional Retail Food Safety Seminar & NEHA Region 4 Conference
September 19-21, 2017
The Commons Hotel- Minneapolis, MN

The Minnesota Environmental Health Association (MEHA) would like to invite you to submit a presentation proposal for the 2017 FDA Regional Retail Food Safety Seminar & NEHA Region 4 Conference. We would like to hear about your area of environmental expertise in relation to one of the following topics:

- Food safety
- Drinking water
- Waste water treatment
- Swimming pools and/or beaches
- Manufactured home parks
- Epidemiology
- Zoonotic Diseases
- Public Health or Environmental Health policies
- Solid & hazardous waste
- Children's environmental health
- Indoor air quality
- Emerging environmental health issues
- Emergency preparedness

If your presentation is not related to one of the above topic areas, in your proposal, describe how it is related to Environmental Health and/or to food safety/NEHA Regional Affiliate members.

How to submit proposals
Please complete the presentation proposal form and submit to:
Jessica Jutz
jiutz@BloomingtonMN.gov

About the presentations
The length of the presentation should be about 50 minutes. Exceptions can be made regarding panel presentations or training sessions.
If you require travel reimbursement, include this on your proposal form and MEHA will determine which presenters will be reimbursed.

Proposal submission timeline:
April 1, 2017  Deadline to submit proposal.
May 1, 2017  Applicants notified if their proposal status.
September 19-21, 2017  FDA Regional Retail Food Safety Seminar & NEHA Region 4 Conference- Minneapolis, MN
| Name:       |       |
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| Organization: |     |
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**PRESENTATION TITLE & DESCRIPTION**
Describe the session in 50 words or less to include 1) a descriptive title 2) an outline of the information that will be presented, 2) objectives, and 3) how it relates to the audience. This title & description will be printed in the program.

**PRESENTATION LENGTH**
List the amount of time the speaker will need for the presentation.

**SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY**
Include a one paragraph biography describing the speaker’s professional background.

Reimbursement for travel expenses required (mileage/overnight accommodations, etc.)?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, amount requested $________

*Deadline for proposal submission*
*April 1, 2017*
State Science Fair

The MN State Science Fair was held earlier this year and four MEHA members had the honor of being special award judges for the event. These members include Nicole Hedeen, Jessica Jutz, Valerie Gamble and Amy Saupe.

Award Winners for High School include:

1st ($200): Abigail Butler (9008)
   Glencoe, Glencoe Sibley East High School
   “Assessing the Efficiency of Native Plants in Inactivating Escherichia coli (E. coli) in the Lower MM River Watershed”

2nd ($100): Emily Carlson (1115)
   Burnsville High School
   “Effects of Short-Term Temperature Abuse on the Bacterial Content of Raw Ground Beef”

3rd ($50): Josie Pickar & Norah Waldorf (1033)
   Cloquet, Cloquet High School
   “BPS and Cashiers: What Effect does Bisphenol S (BPS) have on Escherichia-coli (E. coli) Bacteria Growth?”
Award Winners for Middle School include:

1st ($100): Vanessa Farrell & Katie Braaten (163)  
Duluth, Holy Rosary School  
“Inactivation of Amoeba Proteus as a Model for Prevention of Infection with Naegleria Fowleri, the Brain Eating Amoeba”

2nd ($50): Jack Peterson & Sohil Patel (238)  
Minneapolis, Plymouth Breck School  
“The Pure solution: A Portable Water Filter for Third World Countries”
Honorable Mention includes:

Angelina Dodge (288)
Duluth, Holy Rosary School
“How much Ultraviolet Light is Needed to Fully Kill all Bacteria”

MacKenzie Brummer & Payten Schneberger (1076)
Cloquet, Cloquet High School
“Ominous Ozone: What Effect do Topography, Atmospheric Conditions, and Urbanization have on Ozone Levels in Northeastern Minnesota”

Julia Motl (915)
Dakota La Crescent Middle School
“Triclosan. Is it Needed?”
NEHA 2016 AEC and HUD Healthy Homes Conference

Submitted by Denise Schumacher

Environmental health professionals face many challenges on a day-to-day basis. When new challenges arise, environmental health professionals in Minnesota are innovative and think out of the box to find solutions. This year’s NEHA AEC and HUD Healthy Home Conference pushed the envelope with big ideas moving environmental health outside the box not just focusing on public health, but the health of environmental health professionals.

Hi MEHA colleagues. I am Denise Schumacher and have been a member of MEHA since 2000. I was selected as the MEHA scholarship recipient to attend the NEHA 2016 AEC and HUD Healthy Home Conference in San Antonio, Texas. I want to share with you my experiences at the conference and encourage you to apply for the scholarship in the future.

Attending the AEC Conference encouraged participation and leadership with environmental health professionals from all walks of life. The conference gave me networking opportunities with other professional and vendors in the industry to get a pulse on what is happening for new tools, technologies, and processes. The sense of renewal that I had after I attended the conference was as important as the new information and the opportunities to connect with colleagues.

I attended numerous education sessions starting with the opening session and keynote speaker Julian Castro, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). He focused on how “health is local”, it is where we live, play and work. Because it is our home, we take back what we learned from this conference to build partnerships and make a difference in our communities.

Not only did we hear experts talk about the latest practices and innovations, it was the perfect mix of education and fun, which included the UL Event, Minnesota Delegates Luncheon, and the Texas social with some great BBQ. The last day Nicole Hedeen and I brought the Poo Fighters Diarrhea and Vomit Tour starring Norovirus to a sold out crowd at the conference.

The closing session panel “From Sandy to San Bernardino: Risk, Response, and Resiliency” focused on their discussion of mental health care for environmental health professionals. It is important to recognize the emotional toll the work we do in environmental health takes on us, our families and the organization, and how important it is to offer supportive services before, during, and after disasters or emergencies. I feel fortunate to have so many colleagues who have come to the aid of the communities and environmental health professions during disasters or emergencies. You are not only there to lend a hand to those in the community, but you provide support to your colleagues.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to MEHA for giving me with the opportunity to attend the conference in San Antonio, Texas through the scholarship program. The experiences I had at the
conference are valuable to my professional development and to my life because they expanding my knowledge in the environmental health field. I am proud to be a member of such an incredible, enriching, and upright organization. Fellow MEHA members, consider what this opportunity could do for you and for our organization. Remember to apply for the opportunity to attend the NEHA 2017 AEC in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Delegates from MDH and Bloomington touring the Alamo - Jessica Jutz, Loreena Hilton, Kim Carlton, Nicole Hedeen and Denise Schumacher

Poo Fighters Diarrhea and Vomit Tour starring Norovirus presented by Nicole Hedeen and Denise Schumacher
What makes MEHA so Awesome?
Submitted by Kim Carlton

As a MEHA past president, I had the pleasure of representing MEHA at the affiliate presidents’ meeting at this year’s NEHA AEC in San Antonio. At the meeting, attendees were invited to share their associations’ successes and challenges of the previous year.

I shared that MEHA continues to have strong membership numbers and strong student engagement (success!) and that we are looking at how we have started to put the brakes on spending down our comfortable cash reserves in order to be sustainable for the future (challenge!). Our experiences are the opposite of most of the states that reported. The more typical stories were those of states that were struggling to retain and recruit members, and were running budget deficits.

I was stopped several times throughout that afternoon and evening, and was asked how we managed to do it. Mostly I just shrugged and said generic things about how we try to be engaging with our members, we provide timely information, we have amazing conferences... But beyond that – It got me thinking about what really sets MEHA apart? I checked in with our Board of Directors as well as our committee chairs, and here’s what we came up with:

♦ Active recruiting of new hires in environmental health to become members
♦ Monthly RS/REHS study sessions
♦ 1 year free membership after passing RS/REHS exam
♦ $5 student membership
♦ Student-professional mentoring program
♦ Inviting students to present research posters at our winter conference
♦ Nontraditional networking such as volunteer events and bean bags tournaments
♦ Regular e-blast news dissemination
♦ Targeted outreach to potential board and committee members
♦ Diverse membership (state-local-federal regulatory, student, industry, retired)
♦ Active committees
♦ Scholarships offered to U of MN School of Public Health, as well as undergrad students
♦ A heavily engaged Board of Directors and a progressive presidential term to allow time to learn the ropes, as well as to share knowledge before stepping down.
♦ Widespread recognition that environmental health is an integral part of Minnesota’s public health system
♦ Support and recognition by employers and family members that volunteer time with MEHA is valuable
♦ Celebrating and recognizing milestones of individual members, related to weddings, births, retirements, or new jobs
♦ Passionate leadership
♦ And last but definitely not least: we have amazing conferences that provide a great opportunity for continuing education as well as networking.

So thank you to each and every one of you. Your involvement – whether it’s as a conference attendee, a volunteer event participant, a mentor, a student, a committee or board member, or simply as a member who stays up to date via the e-blasts and newsletters – is integral to what continues to make MEHA awesome. We couldn’t do it without you.
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Four Community Health Boards Awarded National Accreditation

Health departments newly accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board include four from Minnesota. The nonprofit, nongovernmental board announced the accreditation this week of 16 governmental public health departments nationwide. Minnesota’s four departments are:

- Bloomington, Edina and Richfield Public Health Departments (accredited as a multi-jurisdictional agency)
- Dakota County Public Health Department
- City of Minneapolis Health Department
- St. Paul-Ramsey County Public Health

These four departments join Hennepin County Public Health, Washington County Public Health and the Minnesota Department of Health to bring Minnesota’s accredited health departments to seven.

Notably, Cherokee Nation Health Services, in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, is the first Tribal public health department in the nation to earn accreditation.

The national public health accreditation program measures health department performance against a set of nationally recognized standards. The aim is to improve and protect the health of people by improving the quality and performance of the nation’s state, Tribal, local and territorial public health departments.

MEHA is on Facebook! Visit our page and join the group! Please “Like” us so we can share MEHA news and other interesting Environmental Health info with you in a timely manner.
Certified Food Manager’s Workshop Photos- April 2016
A fairy tale of a day was had by all!
Save the Date!

MEHA Winter Conference
Thursday, January 26th

Continuing Education and Conference Center
University of Minnesota St. Paul Campus

Features:
- Presentation from Dr. Ed Ehlinger, MN Commissioner of Health
- Conflict resolution and communication from Jody Janati, U of M
- Great advice for delivering effective training from Emilee Follett, StateFoodSafety.com
- 4th Annual Poster Session with research from students
- Mentor program
- More topics to come!

More information on registration will be posted on the website as it becomes available. Please visit us at www.mehaonline.org
Congratulations to Shannon Rohr, City of Bloomington, recipient of the 2016 Frank A. Staffenson Environmental Health Professional of the Year Award!

Excerpts from Shannon’s nomination letter: “Shannon is not only an asset for the City of Bloomington, but for Minnesota on both the state and national level. Her approach to work is that of a humanist and public servant able to communicate effectively achieving compliance results with our community’s most disadvantaged residents while helping them find services to improve their lives.”

“In true Shannon style, she engages every team member with her infectious sense of humor to improve programing for the community while protecting public’s health.”
Kim Carlton pictured with the 2016 MEHA Merit Award Recipients: Jim Topie, MDH, Ryan Lee, MDH and Lisa Schreifels, City of St. Cloud. Congratulations and thank you all for your service and dedication to MEHA!
MEHA members Karen Swenson, Bonnie Holz, and Erin Smilanich volunteered to represent the Association at the University of Minnesota Government and Non-Profit Career Fair on October 28th. Many students stopped by to discuss Environmental Health and signed up for student memberships. We may be seeing many of these students at winter MEHA! Thanks so much for volunteering!
Congratulations to the following individuals listed below who passed the REHS/RS exam on April 22, 2016:

Sallie Bellefeuille – MDH Duluth
Kyle Johnsen-MDH Freeman
Jennifer Parnes – MDA
Erin Tibbitts – MDH Rochester
Sagar Chowdhury-Olmsted County Public Health Services

Also, the individuals listed below passed the REHS/RS online exam in 2016:
Jennifer Lansing – City of Minneapolis
Fardowza Omar – City of Minneapolis
Andrew Nicolin – Le Sueur Public Health

Congratulations to Dave Reimann on receiving the first annual Carol Selman Award for all of his hard work with S-Net. Dave has worked in conjunction with the CDC in the EHS-Net Program doing various studies and working with operators after food-borne outbreaks. Here is a picture of Dave in action when he first started with EHS-NET. He is one of the very few who have been with EHS-NET since its inception in 2000! Thanks for all your hard work and dedication Dave!
EH Professional Credentials

Credentialing is a process by which a government or non-government agency validates, based upon predetermined standards, an individual’s qualifications and knowledge for practice in environmental health and food protection.

MEHA was incorporated in 1961 as a professional society for environmental health practitioners with the desire to establish a standard of excellence for the developing profession. This standard, the Registered Environmental Health Specialist/Registered Sanitarian (REHS/RS) credential, signifies a level of expertise and competence based on education and experience that is nationally recognized within the environmental health profession. Examination has the primary purpose of protecting the public by eliminating the unqualified from professional practice. It is not designed to identify the most competent members of the profession, but to assure a minimum level of competence among all practitioners. Credentialed individuals are viewed as leaders, mentors, and role models in environmental health and food protection.

There are two routes for credentialing:

A) through a state that has set rule requirements (in the state of Minnesota we have rules for REHS/RS), and/or

B) through NEHA for REHS/RS, CP-FS, CCFS, HHS and CIOWTS.

The Minnesota Environmental Health Specialist/Registered Sanitarian Advisory Council was established to advise the Commissioner of Health regarding registration standards, and enforcement of the REHS/RS rules, to provide for the dissemination of information, and review applicants for registration or registration renewal.

There are a variety of environmental health credentials offered by the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA). Founded in 1937 by practitioners who wanted to establish a standard of excellence for the profession, that standard has come to be known as the Registered Environmental Health Specialist or Registered Sanitarian credential. Since that time, NEHA has developed additional credentials that evidence mastery of specialized knowledge.

As of September 15, 2016, in Minnesota we have the following:

Credentialed by Minnesota:

34 - Registered Environmental Health Specialist/Registered Sanitarian (REHS/RS).

Minnesota credentialing site: http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/san/index.html

Credentialed by NEHA, and listing a Minnesota contact address:

34 - Registered Environmental Health Specialist/Registered Sanitarian (REHS/RS) (these are independent of Minnesota credentialing listed above)

1 - Certified in Comprehensive Food Safety (CCFS)

66 - Certified Professional - Food Safety (CP-FS)

12 - Healthy Homes Specialist (HHS) Credential

0 - Certified Installers of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (CIOWTS)

NEHA credentialing site: http://www.neha.org/professional-development/credentials

Thank you to all EH professionals and our members that are advancing environmental public health. You are EH awesome!

Best regards,

Jim Topie REHS/RS
Minnesota Environmental Health Specialist/Sanitarian Advisory Council Coordinator
UPCOMING EVENTS

MEHA Winter Conference
U of M Continuing Education Center
January 26, 2017

2017 Regional FDA Food Safety Seminar & NEHA Region 4 Conference
Minneapolis, MN
September 19-21, 2017

MEHA Spring Conference
Ruttger’s Bay Lake Lodge
Deerwood, MN
May 11-12, 2017

RS Study Session
The next RS Study session is scheduled for December 7, 2016 at the Fridley Community Center located at 6085 7th Street NE in Fridley. Guest speaker is Hannah Davis, Ramsey County, and the topic is swimming pools.

MEHA Northstar Scholarship
This scholarship was established using MEHA funds and is intended to attract top tier students to seek internship and employment in the State of MN in the field of environmental/public health. This year’s award is $1,000. Applications must be submitted by December 1, 2016.

Mary Lauren Olson Scholarship
The MEHA Scholarship Trustees, in concert with the Division of Environmental Health Sciences Awards Committee at the University of MN School of Public Health, is seeking qualified candidates for this scholarship. This year’s award will be $1,750 and applications are due by December 1, 2016.
Congratulations Larry Carlson—Former MEHA President

Effective October 1, 2016, Larry Carlson retired from his position as Environmental Health Supervisor after 33 years with Ramsey County. During his time with the county, Larry worked as a sanitarian, inspecting food, beverage and lodging facilities, swimming pools, manufactured home parks, public wells, and public health nuisances (7 years); as a solid waste inspector and supervisor, licensing and inspecting transfer stations, solid waste haulers, waste processing facilities (7 years); and lastly as an Environmental Health Supervisor, leading the Solid and Hazardous Waste Compliance program for the past 19 years. Larry's personality, attitude, knowledge, and all-around presence will be missed! Join us in wishing him well in his retirement.

Congratulations to Karen Swenson

Karen Swenson, Director of Brown-Nicollet Environmental Health, received the Jack Koriath Partnership Award for her dedication to building and maintaining partnerships in the work she does. Karen has worked for Brown-Nicollet Environmental Health for 29 years. She has worked tirelessly for partnership between state and local environmental health programs through involvement in several committees and other efforts aimed at achieving better partnerships. Karen is well-respected and seen as a resources for state and local public health and environmental health professionals.
One of our longtime and respected colleagues, Harvey J. McPhee, passed away recently. He was 89 years old, entering into a public health career right out of college. He worked and lived in the same health department, in the same town - St. Louis Park - and raised his family here too! He was a stalwart public health official and we used him like we use Wikipedia!! But he was better, he not only gave his opinion but you knew he also did his thorough research on the topic. In the lingo of Harv, "That's no bull!!" And when he knew he was right, NOBODY could convince him otherwise! I was fortunate to work with him for at least 15 years and I saw many sides of Harvey! As my boss "If I hire you, will you cut your hair??!!" As my mentor "Take these public health reference books (1950's) home and study them, the brochures and handouts (16" tall stack!) As my friend "Hey Manny! You need to stop burning the candle at both ends! Get some sleep!"

Here's one story I know health inspectors understand and will appreciate: I once asked Harvey what these little spatulas he made us carry in our pocket protectors were for. He shook his head and said come with him. We went to a local bakery, (probably a strong "C" by California standards). He asked the operator to remove the kneading boards, revealing the mounds of flour in the channels. Taking the spatula, Harv began to sift through the flour, to which several flour beetles began to scurry about!! He just knew they’d be there and ordered the bakery cleaned and reinspected in 24 hours, or be shut down! I don’t even think the operators knew the bugs hatched in there! This was my teacher - knowledgeable, loud, demonstrative, visual, and did I say, Loud?? Sometimes, I think all Harvey needed to complement his Irish temperament was bright red hair and a beard!

Harvey was active in his church and many Mondays cursed the people who had approached him during church with city problems! In his retirement days, he spent many hours dedicated to his wife and his family. I’d drive by during my inspections to see him with his trademark grey train linesman cap working in his garage! He enjoyed his retirement!!

As his obituary succinctly stated, Harvey McPhee "dedicated his life to serve the citizens of the City of St. Louis Park as director of Public Health for 35 years." He impressed many people in all walks and levels of life when he was alive and people will cite bits and pieces of the "lore of Harvey J. McPhee" to be told at future MEHA conferences! You were tough, you were gruff, and deep down we all loved you for it!! You raised our profession in many ways! I raise my glass to you! Rest in peace, Harvey, and say hi to Sherry, Ernie, Eileen and other SLP Inspections department staff! I look forward to meeting you all up there one day!! (And I'll bring back your spatula to you!)

Submitted by Manny Camilon
MEMBER UPDATES

On the Move... Dan Disrud from MDH FPLS to Anoka County. Dan is the new Environmental Services Manager. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Scott Fryer, Olmsted County, on his retirement.

Congratulations to Connie Schwartau, U of M Extension, on her retirement. Thank you for your contribution to the MEHA newsletter over the years.

On the Move... Lesli Haines from Winona County to MDH Drinking Water Protection, Rochester.

On the Move... Kasey LaSota from Douglas County Public Health to MDH FPLS, Fergus Falls office.

On the Move... Jodie Burke from Winona County to MDA.

Congratulations to See Lee, MDH Metro, on the birth of her daughter.

On the Move... Bill Phillips from Scott County EH to Hennepin County.

Congratulations to Pam Foster, Hennepin County, on her retirement.

Congratulations to both Jessica Jutz and Shannon Rohr, City of Bloomington, on their promotions to Environmental Health Supervisors.

Congratulations to Joe Jurusik, Hennepin County, on his recent promotion.

Our sympathy to the family of Betty Staffenson. Betty was the wife of Frank Staffenson, formerly of the City of St. Paul. The MEHA Professional of the Year award is named in Frank’s honor.

Thank You to the following people who contributed to this edition: Tom Wilfahrt, Karen Casale, Jim Topie, Nicole Heeden, Lisa Marshall, Jessica Jutz, Angie Cyr, Manny Camilon, Sharon Smith, Denise and Schumacher, Sadie Pulk, Karen Reiley, Kim Carlton and Jeff Brown.

Request From The Editor

An important part of the newsletter is the human element—what is going on with MEHA members. Please let the editor know about any comings and goings, births, weddings, honors...

Deadline for the next issue is

March 1, 2017

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