



MEHA Spring Education Conference

May 8-9, 2025

Radisson Harborview, Duluth, MN

Thursday, May 8th, 2025		
7:00 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast <i>Viking and Tiki Room</i>	
8:00 am – 8:30 am	Registration and Networking <i>Great Hall Foyer</i>	
8:30 am – 8:45 am	<i>MEHA President's Message</i> Amy Saupe	
8:45 am – 9:00 am	NEHA Updates: Kim Carlton Exhibitor Introductions: Tom Moran	
9:00 am – 9:50 am	<i>Environmental Health Strategies: A Multi-Agency Roundtable</i> Workshop	
9:50 am – 10:40 am	<i>MDH Update</i> Kirk Smith Minnesota Department of Health	
10:40 am – 11:10 am	BREAK: Exhibitors and Networking <i>Great Hall Foyer</i>	
	FOOD <i>Great Hall 1</i>	GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH <i>Great Hall 2</i>
11:10 am – 12:00 pm	<i>Food Waste Reduction</i> Nick Koreen Minneapolis	<i>Radon in Schools & Childcare</i> Dan Tranter Minnesota Department of Health
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	LUNCH <i>Viking and Tiki Room</i>	
1:00 pm – 1:50 pm	<i>Emerging Issues in Food Safety</i> Craig Hedberg U of M	<i>Code Issues in Lodging</i> Tony Clifton MN Dept of Public Safety
1:50 pm – 2:40 pm	<i>Water and Produce Safety</i> Don Stoeckel Organization	<i>Mosquito Control</i> Dan Huff and Andrea Lectka Metropolitan Mosquito Control District
2:40 pm – 3:10 pm	BREAK: Vendors and Networking <i>Great Hall Foyer</i>	
3:10 pm – 4:00 pm	<i>Taro Flour in Food</i> Melanie Firestone University of Minnesota	<i>Volunteering with the Red Cross</i> Denise Schumacher MDH/ Red Cross
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	AWARDS DINNER <i>Great Hall</i> Frank A. Staffenson Environmental Health Professional of the Year Award Emerging Professional Award & Merit Award Prize Raffle benefiting the Mary Lauren Olson and Northstar Scholarship Funds	
8 pm – 11:00 pm	Bean Bag Tournament <i>Great Hall</i>	

Friday, May 9th, 2025		
7:00 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast <i>Viking and Tiki Room</i>	
8:30 am – 9:15 am	MEHA Annual Business Meeting Members Encouraged to Attend and Participate in Your Organization <i>Great Hall 1</i>	
	FOOD <i>Great Hall 1</i>	GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH <i>Great Hall 2</i>
9:15 am – 10:05 am	<i>MDA Showcase</i> Jacob Schmidt and Chris O'Neil Minnesota Dept. of Agriculture	<i>Nitrates</i> Sophia Walsh MDH Wells
10:05-10:25	BREAK: Exhibitors and Networking <i>Great Hall Foyer</i>	
10:25-11:25 am	<i>Adult Beverage Panel</i> Emily Vikre, Benjamin Hugus Vikre Distillery, Ursa Minor Brewery	
11:25 am - 12:15 pm	<i>Herocrats</i> Allison Bell Bellweather Consulting, Author	

Interested in helping plan future MEHA Conferences?

- We would love your help! Email Kelly Smeltzer (kelly.smeltzer@state.mn.us) to join the conference planning committee.
- Have speaker ideas? Working on something interesting that would be a great topic for next year? Send them our way!
- Watch your email for a post-conference survey. We use the feedback to help plan the next meeting.

Volunteer for MEHA committees

Many committees are looking for volunteers. Scan the QR code and go to the committees page for descriptions of volunteer opportunities.

