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President's Message

Aimee DeLotto, NJEHA President

I'd like to thank all of our NJEHA members for giving me the opportunity to serve as incoming President of this Association. It's an honor, and a responsibility that I take very seriously.

I extend my sincere thanks to Bill Dotts, for all of his hard work as President on behalf of the Association for the last two years. Under his leadership and guidance, NJEHA has continued to grow as the leading association in New Jersey for public and environmental health professionals. I look forward to his guidance and support over the next two years as our Immediate Past President.

I also look forward to working with the Executive Council, which includes long-time veterans, as well as some new recruits. NJEHA conducts many activities and events throughout the year for the benefit of our members, such as our annual Conference, lead training, newsletters, special training events, and maintaining our website with news and job postings (just to name a few). Only the hard work and dedication of the entire Executive Council allows all of these activities and events to take place.

Across the nation, and especially in New Jersey, both the private and public sectors are experiencing significant economic challenges. Public health funding is disappearing, and government budgets are dwindling. As a result, the public health workforce in New Jersey faces pay cuts, pay freezes, furloughs and layoffs. During these difficult times, NJEHA will persevere in its mission: "to support the professional growth of environmental health specialists, provide a unified and informed voice in the development of public health practice and policy, and enhance the ability of members to aptly promote environmental and public health locally, regionally and globally."

NJEHA will accomplish this by continuing to strengthen partnerships with other public health organizations such as PHACE, NJSOPHE and NJLBHA; by representing the interests of our members at public health

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policy meetings and hearings at the local, county, state and federal level; by keeping our members informed of important public health legislation; and by consistently promoting to legislators and the public the vital importance of public health, and the professionals who dedicate their careers to it.

Despite the uncertainties of the present, the future holds much promise. The challenges we face also offer unprecedented incentive for the broad spectrum of public health organizations in this state to “circle the wagons” and work together to promote public health. NJEHA will continue to be a part of this state-wide effort, and members are represented.

We will also continue to seek new and innovative benefits to our members. At our last annual educational conference we introduced NJDEP pesticide applicator license credits. At our upcoming conference, we will offer both CEU and pesticide credits once again, and for the first time, CHES credits. That’s three different types of credits, all at once conference, with no increase in registration fees from last year! We will also be adding online submission and payment options on our website for membership subscriptions, and look forward to announcing other exciting technological advances and member benefits as they become available.

These are challenging and exciting times for NJEHA. We are proud of the goals we have achieved in providing benefits to and representing the interests of our members. We are not content to rest on our laurels, but will continue to improve and expand upon these achievements, and to set new goals in the future. However, the Executive Council can’t do it alone. We ask that you, our members, help us to help you by getting involved.

Provide us with your input on public health issues that affect you by emailing us at info@njeha.org, submit articles for this newsletter, or volunteer on a committee. As Margaret Mead once said, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”

Sincerely,

Aimee DeLotto, R.E.H.S.
NJEHA President

Food Safety Legislation Takes a Step Forward

Submitted by Mary Lou Falco

On September 29, 2010, the U.S. Senate voted for a cloture motion to send the FDA food safety modernization bill forward for a vote. The cloture motion is a Senate maneuver to stop a filibuster attempt. It requires a vote of at least 60 senators to pass to law. The vote is expected to take place after the midterm elections. Senate bill 510 is the counterpart to a bill that passed the U.S. House last year.

Election Results

Submitted by Marconi Gapas

The results of the 2010 September Elections are in, and the newly elected NJEHA Executive Council Officers and Members-At-Large are listed on the front page of this newsletter.

Since the election, due to unforeseen circumstances, newly elected Member-At-Large Larry Finan of the Ocean County Health Department had to resign his position. We thank him for his brief service to the Association, and wish him the best of luck.

NJEHA sent out an email to our members asking for candidates to fill the remainder of his term, and was pleased to receive several responses. Dawn Prandi from the Somerset County Health Department, Virginia Wheatley from NJDHSS and Michael Raimo from the Livingston Health Department all expressed interest. All three candidates were interviewed, and their backgrounds and experience made all three a good choice as an addition to the Executive Council. However, according to our bylaws, only one could be chosen. An anonymous written ballot that was conducted at the Executive Council meeting on November 17th resulted in Virginia Wheatley being selected to join the Executive Council as a Member-At-Large. Congratulations, Virginia!

The excellent qualities of both Dawn Prandi and Michael Raimo led the Executive Council to invite both of them to join the Executive Council as committee volunteers. They will attend Executive Council meetings as non-voting members, and will be entered on the 2012 ballot. Welcome, Dawn and Michael!

NJEHA Financial Report for Second and Third Quarter 2010

Business Checking Account

Starting Balance: \$ 63,882.36
Plus Total Credits: \$ 35,187.96
Minus Total Debits: \$ 66,994.46
Ending Balance: \$ 32,075.86

Gary S. Strauss Scholarship Fund

Starting Balance: \$ 8,472.22
Plus Total Credits: \$ 92.12
Minus Total Debits: \$ 0.00
Ending Balance: \$ 8,564.34

Matthew S. Klein Scholarship Fund

Starting Balance: \$ 5,868.60
Plus Total Credits: \$.41
Minus Total Debits: \$ 0.00

Ending Balance: \$ 5,869.01

Online Membership Renewals and Payments

NJEHA is officially up and running with our new online membership renewal and payment process on our website!

You can now go to: <http://www.njeha.org/membership.html> to renew or join as a new member by submitting the online form and then securely being connected to the PayPal website to make payment via credit or debit cards.

NJEHA is now on Facebook

Check out our new NJEHA Facebook page and become a fan!

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/New-Jersey-Environmental-Health-Association/157983004220089?ref=sgmef=sgm>

Lead Safety Seminar Held by Lead and Environmental Hazards Association

Submitted by Kristin Reed

The "Lead Safety for Renovation, Repair and Painting" seminar was held on June 24, 2010 in Newark, NJ. This seminar was aimed towards the Staff and Contractors that disturbed paint in ALL pre-1978 residences and child occupied facilities. The class was sponsored by the Lead and Environmental Hazards Association and included the following speakers:

Steve Well & Ralph Scott, Lead and Environmental Hazards Association
Ronald J. Morony, Senior Environmental Engineer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Andrew McLellan, President, Environmental Education Associates
Dr. Jeanne Oswald, Director, Center for Energy & Environmental Testing, Isles, Inc.
Delia I. Marques, Manager, Gateway NW Maternal & Child Health Network
Matthew Chachere, JD, Northern Manhattan Improvement Corp.
Lee Wassermann, President, LEW Corporation
Greg Steinman, Vice President, Environmental Services, Crump Insurance Services, Inc.

This seminar was mainly directed towards contractors and what their responsibilities will be under the new guidelines. There were very few regulatory and enforcement agencies / representatives there. The basic summary was that the contractors should test for lead based paint hazards before they renovate, repair or paint a location in residential, child-care, and/or educational facilities built before 1978. If lead based paint hazards are identified then they will need to make sure that they follow all the guidelines under the regulation and are certified to do so.

Since April 22, 2010 contractors have been required by the EPA to follow these lead safe practices, however, there is a 2-year implementation period on this rule. Any type of lead issue that does not involve a Child EBL is to fall back onto EPA. I pointed out several times during the seminar that complaints from residents usually get called into the local health departments and they would like to know how they should handle the enforcement. I do not think that involuntary compliance occurrences were thought about before this regulation was passed. The moderators stated that EPA has a call center hotline (1-800-424-Lead) in which people can call into with questions and that their website (<http://www.epa.gov/lead/>) has a list of certified contractors (http://cfpub.epa.gov/flpp/searchrrp_firm.htm). This law puts the regulation requirements into the hands of the homeowners. EPA is not going start to penalize companies until October 2010, and individuals until February 2011.

The moderators stated that any issue with compliance with this new regulation should be forwarded to the EPA representative. After inquiring a little bit more about how to forward these complaints, I was able to obtain a direct phone number for our Region's EPA representative. For any potential violations with this new regulation you may call John Gorman, Acting Team Leader, at 732-321-6671. This number may be given out to the local health departments for use.

2011 NJEHA Membership Application

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name: _____

Title: _____

Agency: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail Address: _____

***PLEASE NOTE: e-mail address is now required.**

Mailing Address (Address at which you wish to receive NJEHA mailings)

Directory Address (Address to be included in NJEHA Membership Directory)

I would like to receive the NJEHA Newsletter by: _____mail _____email (please choose one)

REHS License/Registration #: B - _____ Health Officer License/Registration #: A - _____

NEW MEMBERSHIP: _____ **or** **RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP:** _____

RENEWALS MUST BE RECEIVED DECEMBER 31, 2010 TO AVOID A LAPSE IN MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:

Active: \$50.00 _____ **Life:** \$1000.00 _____ Year Paid: _____ (one-time only fee)

Student: \$10.00 _____ (written proof of full time matriculation must be submitted with application)

Retired: Waived _____ **Life (Past President):** Waived _____

Please complete application in its entirety, and return it to NJEHA with check or government purchase order made payable to "NJ Environmental Health Association" to:

NJEHA, One Dag Hammarskjold Blvd, Suite 6, Freehold NJ 07728

Confirmation of membership will be sent via email.

The 2010 National Environmental Health Association Conference - An Overview

Submitted by: Kristin Reed

This year's NEHA conference, held June 6th-9th, 2010 in Albuquerque, New Mexico was an exciting and informative event with many memories. Each year, the NJEHA President or another NJEHA officer on the Executive Council attends the NEHA conference to represent NJEHA. I can say it was an opportunity not to have been missed, since as your NJEHA Treasurer, I attended the conference myself as your NJEHA Affiliate representative. What I learned from the conference was invaluable for the NJEHA board, NJEHA membership, and for my own personal knowledge and education.

As a NEHA Affiliate representative, I attended the yearly NEHA Affiliates meeting. This meeting was an opportunity to meet and mingle with all the other state NEHA affiliate representatives and discuss a variety of issues. We covered topics from membership levels, educational needs, sharing database information, lobbying legislators, costs of hiring staff, student resources, duty of conduct, technology outlets, board activity and others that were highlighted. It was very interesting to hear from the other affiliates with their input and their approaches to these topics of concern. In listening to the other states, it appears that these issues of concern are also impacting most of the affiliates and that New Jersey will not be alone in tackling these tough issues, because NEHA hears us.

This year I was able to choose from a variety of educational topics. I tried to make a conscious effort to attend different classes and other events to be able to bring back to the membership a wide variety of what the conference had to offer. Some of the class topics I went to were: Pharmaceuticals and Organic Wastewater Compounds in Surface Water and Ground Water, Lessons Learned from Pandemic Planning and the 2009 H1N1 Influenza Pandemic, Conducting Effective Food Handler Training, Work-Related Asthma, Smoke Free Housing in Apartments and Condos, Aquatic War with Recreational Water Illnesses, Control of Vectors and Public Health Pests, Dealing with Bed Bugs in an Urban Environment, Using Web-Based Mapping Applications to Issue Boil Water Advisories, Environmental Health Passion, Cultivating our Leaders of Tomorrow, Best Practices-Cleaning and Disinfection in Schools, Mold and Moisture Solutions in Residential and Commercial Buildings. I bet at least one of those topics is of interest to you! If you were not able to attend, and you are a NEHA member, many of the presentations are available on the NEHA website. Also, remember that NEHA now offers a virtual learning option so you can attend the conference without leaving your own office.

In closing, with all these great topics and the virtual learning option, I only hope that more people from New Jersey will have the opportunity to attend future NEHA conferences. As to my own personal education, I did learn a few things from the conference about myself. The first is, that even with bronchitis I could address the members at the affiliates meeting with the help of a great person and fellow NJEHA Executive Council member Paschal Nwako backing me up. Thank you Paschal! The second is, that no matter what state someone is from, or what type of job they have, within the environmental public health profession we all share a common goal of protecting the public, but we fail greatly by not promoting our profession or speaking up for our own necessity and worth. And the final thing I learned was, that I am not afraid of hot air balloons and that I could make it up and down on one with a great big smile on my face! I would like to thank the NJEHA Executive Council, the NJEHA membership, and my employer, the Mercer County Division of Public Health, for allowing me this opportunity, and I do hope that this overview has you intrigued enough to try to attend next year's NEHA conference.

WORD SEARCH*Search up, down and across - Good Luck!*

CAMPYLOBACTER	ENVIRONMENTAL
HANDWASH	HEALTH
KENNEL	KITCHEN
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NORWALK	POOL
PUBLIC	RODENT
SALMONELLA	SANITIZER
SPA	TANNING
TATTOO	

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