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President's Message

Stephan Ruckman, MPH, REHS Ohio Environmental Health Association President 2020-2022

In July of 2020, I authored my first entry for this term as your President. At the time none of us could have imagined what the next three years would bring. Our Association like many



throughout Ohio became very limited in how we could promote environmental health and advance our mission due to the Covid 19 Pandemic. We struggled to have Board Meetings, offer training to members, and provide a formal voice on legislation. That year we also cancelled our District and Annual Conferences. The hope was that we would return to an assemblage of normal by Spring of 2021.

When that didn't occur we pressed on. The AEC Planning Committee led by Matt Tyler developed and made online training available to members. The Board of Directors also worked with Hicks Partners to protect REHS licensure and continued the conversation on how we would address deficiencies with the Food Program Survey process. In the Fall of that year, many of Districts returned to a limited Fall Conference. Membership also approved a Bylaw change, allowing virtual Board Meetings and authorizing Digital Signatures for Association Business. In the toughest of times the groundwork was laid for one of the most successful years in the history of the Ohio Environmental Health Association.

To say that 2022 was a return to business as usual would be an understatement. We not only saw a restoration of what was before, we saw a resurgence in membership, successful conferences, and a landmark victory

in the legislative process. As I reported in previous entries the 2022 Annual Education conference was outstanding. District Planning Committees followed it with equally notable Fall Conferences. Membership numbers climbed to pre-pandemic levels and a new committee to Promote Professional Development and Membership was formed. 2022 would have been an extremely successful year with these accomplishments alone. Then came the passage of HB 507 which contained language of SB338.

You will recall that SB 338 was the Bill that the OEHA Board of Directors and Hicks Partners worked with Senator Lang to introduce in an effort to provide a better review of local health department food safety inspection programs by the Ohio Department of Health and Ohio Department of Agriculture. This Bill was signed into law by Governor Dewine on January 6, 2023. It will become effective on April 7 of this year and marks one of the Ohio Environmental Health Association's greatest legislative successes. Our membership approached the Board of Directors with the food survey issue many years ago. The resolve of many Boards, many Presidents, and Hicks Partners finally persevered. There truly are no words that I can come up with to describe just how thankful I am for the work of so many in improving this very important process for Registered Environmental Health Specialists and our industry partners.

Three years were certainly marked with many struggles, but also many accomplishments as you've read above. I consider myself extremely blessed to be surrounded by so many talented individuals on this Board and the past Boards I was a part of.

Soon I will be transitioning to Past President and passing the gavel to Sarah Burkholder. OEHA will be in great hands for sure!

As I transition to a different role I am pleased to report that our Association is strong. As strong as I've ever seen it in the 25 plus years I've been a member. That is a credit to visionary leadership by the Board of Directors and Technical Committees. But, also due to a commitment from our membership to be the best. The future truly is bright!

I look forward to watching the expansion and promotion of our association's mission into Middle Schools, High Schools, and Colleges throughout Ohio. I also look forward to revitalization of leadership training and other technical training outside of our Annual Educational Conference and District Conferences. Initial steps are already

underway to assure that happens and ask you to become involved if you aren't already. You can reach out to a member of the Board of Directors or myself at any time. We would be happy to get you connected.

Thank you again for the opportunity to be your President! Also, thank you for the support and friendship over the years! Some of my greatest friendships were formed as part of OEHA and will continue for the rest of my life. I'm not sure what the next chapter in my story will be, but I know that much of what is included in my book comes from the many wonderful memories I've created as an environmental health professional. My hope for all of you is that you have the chance to gain as much from it as I have.

Until next time we meet stay strong, be healthy, and support those around you!



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Recognizing Ohio's Newest Registered Environmental Health Specialists

In this section we recognize those individuals who successfully met the standards to earn the title Registered Environmental Health Specialist in the State of Ohio. This year we congratulate the following who achieved the status of Registration from January 1, 2022—December 31, 2022.

- MaryBeth Brown
- Kevin Ayers
- Stephanie Sutila
- Jan-Phillip Wesley
- Paige Reinhart-Anez
- Adelaide Goodrich
- Yanwei Li
- Brooke Biedron
- Stephen Brent
- Grace Hall
- Megan Hayes
- Steve Wiesen
- Tracie Hitchcock
- Michelle Genetin
- Atticus Kenny
- Hannah Zaciewski
- Grant Hochstetler
- Caitlin Molina
- Scherika Brinson
- Duane Cribley
- Megan Mementowski
- Roy Kolbinsky
- Alexander Dayton
- Molly Brownell
- Daniel Lynch
- Rachel Woodruff
- Kaitlin McNally
- Jenna Thompson
- Rebecca Woods
- Nevin Nettey
- Kelly Ray
- Kayla Crowl

- Ross Combs
- Natalie Menke
- Zachary Perry
- Lauren Facer
- Colton Tennant
- Amal Idrissi-Mojib
- Erin Theile
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So Much Work, So Much Payoff! The Annual Education Conference Planning Matt Tyler, M Public Health Dayton & More

Matt Tyler, MPH, REHS Public Health Dayton & Montgomery County

Late winter and early spring, we are at the height of planning and organization for OEHA's Annual Education Conference (AEC). It is an enormous task to coordinate a two-day event with over 40 speakers each year. The planning starts around July and culminates in April with around 200 members coming together to network, listen to great speakers, eat some good food and enjoy some time away from the field and office.

Luckily, the AEC Planning Committee helps with getting everything accomplished. The current Planning Committee is made up of around 20 members headed by the OEHA Vice President/AEC Committee Chair and Vice President-Elect. Some of these members have specific roles like organizing the exhibitors or heading up the audio/visual efforts. Others help with obtaining speakers, putting together the brochure or working the day of the conference. OEHA's administrative aide is on the committee too and is essential to the process... receiving all the registration forms, communicating with and helping members with registering online or by mail and also organizing and helping crew the registration table during the conference. The committee meets once a month from July through March and communicates in between to keep things on track. It takes a large crew and hard work throughout the year to put on a good conference.

There are so many reasons to come to the AEC such as continuing education (CEUs), networking, & food. The biggest draw of the conference is the speakers by far. Deciding on the venue and negotiating that contract can be a lengthy process but finding and securing quality speakers is the most time-consuming part of each year's process. In a normal year, there are about 44 sessions. This includes 4 keynotes, 32 breakouts and 8 REHSIT Test Prep Course sessions. The sessions desired are based on factors such as the conference theme, availability of speakers, new and interesting things going on in the field of environmental health, successful/popular sessions at the district conferences, and comments from our members.

Another big part of the conference are the exhibitors. Not only do they pay a sponsorship to be there (and the district conferences) which adds to the financial success of the organization, but they provide members valuable information and sometimes free stuff! Some exhibitors are there as speakers as well. Both the speakers and exhibitors devote their time to make our conferences a success.

Other things that go into the process are creating documents, updating the website, and making sure the needed information gets out to members such as Save the Date, welcome letter, agenda, and registration forms. In addition, raffle and door prizes are acquired and organized. These raffle items raise money for the George Eagle Memorial Scholarship for those undergraduates and graduates in the EH field. Other items to organize are the EHSIT course, conference brochure, the meet and greet, golf outing the night before the conference, conference packets and nametags, CEU approvals, and more.

During the conference everyone, from the planning committee to the OEHA Board and District Directors, works hard to bring it all together so it runs smoothly. Some introduce the speakers and moderate the rooms, others monitor audio/visual needs, cover the registration & raffle tables, meet the needs of the exhibitors, and still others like the President and Awards Chair are in the room giving updates, awards or raffle prizes. After the conference, the CEU information is gathered and sent to the appropriate agencies so

members can get credit for attending. A survey is also sent out to members to gather their feedback so the next conference can be even better. The planning committee gets a short break of a few months but then it starts all over again to plan another great conference for our members to learn, network and have some fun.





2023 Annual Educational Conference

2023 OEHA Annual Education Conference Agenda

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8:45 — 8:50		OEHA VP Follow-up	Matthew Tyler, MPH, REHS	Ballroom		
8:50 – 9:50	Leadership	Leadership in Public Health	Sarah Worthington	Ballroom		
9:50 – 10:00	ROOM CH	IANGE				
	Vector	Pest Management Protecting the Sanitation	Bob McGee	Dublin I		
10:00 - 11:00	Technology	Integrity of Food Establishments Drone Applications for Environmental Health	Paul Chasco	Dublin II		
Concurrent	Leadership	Mentoring and Performance Management	Sarah Worthington	Ballroom		
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	Water	Plumbing	David Driggs	Dublin V/VI		
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	Vectors	Mosquito Control, history, basics & future	Brian Deenihan	Dublin I		
11:10 – 12:10	Tech	Using ArcGIS Online and other ESRI Apps	Sarah Fink & Zach Holbert- Watson	Dublin II		
Concurrent	Solid Waste	Correct Recycling	Adam Cassi	Ballroom		
Sessions	Water	Bayesian Belief Networks and Statistical Machine Learning: An Analytical Tool for Water Resources and Sanitation	Dr. Nicholas Scott	Dublin V/VI		
	REHSIT	REHSIT Class – prior registration required		Franklin		
12:10 – 1:25	Buffet Lunch Exhibitors	n, Wrap Up Awards, Close of Business, Voting Res	sults, Raffle Prizes & Visit	Ballroom		
1:25 – 2:25	Food	On how food soils and improper cleaning render sanitizers ineffective	Juan Goncalves	Dublin I		
Concurrent	Water	PFAS	ODH	Dublin II		
Session	General	Experience in PH	Oscar Hernandez	Ballroom		
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	Leadership	Leading through Conflict	Sarah Worthington	Dublin II		
	Food	Food Safety Program: Enforcement	Ken Sharkey	Ballroom		
	Law	Environmental Law	Joe Durham	Dublin V/VI		
	REHSIT	REHSIT Class – prior registration required		Franklin		
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3:45 - 4:45	Leadership	Leadership Wrap Up	Rob Kollins	Ballroom		
4:45 - 5:00		Closing remarks	Steve Ruckman	Ballroom		

Featured District Director's Message: Northwest

Molly Brownell, REHS Erie County Health Department

Hello environmental health professionals! It is a privilege to write to you as the 2023-2024 Northwest District Director. My name is Molly Brownell and I am from Castalia, OH. If you've never heard of it, you should know it's home of The Blue Hole! (and it's about 20



minutes away from Cedar Point)

My interest in environmental health began when I was a student at Bowling Green State University. I landed a summer job with the Erie County Health Department as an intern in their Recreational Water Sampling Program. I spent every summer traveling to beaches to collect water samples for bacteria analysis. I remember feeling like a scientist when I used the laboratory equipment for the first time. This was an awesome job for a college student, and it opened my eyes to a career I never considered beforehand. It only took one summer as an intern for me to change my degree to public health.

I graduated from BGSU in 2020, which was an interesting time to enter the environmental health field. I was thankful to return to a familiar place at the Erie County Health Department as an EHSIT. Most days were challenging, because I was learning about my new role while contacting tracing and helping with vaccine clinics. I owe it to my coworkers for pushing me through hard times! COVID-19 was a true test of resilience, and I am proud to say it didn't stop me from reaching

my career goals. I am now a REHS with Erie County working primarily in food, pools, and body art. I am also an analyst in our Regional Response Water Laboratory.



Being elected as
the Northwest District Director came as a shock
to me. I joined the planning committee only a
year prior, so I had no idea what to expect.
Although I did not picture myself in this
position, I am excited to learn more and meet
new people. I encourage others to join their
planning committees because it is a great way
to share ideas and expand your skill set. A lot
of teamwork and planning goes into
conferences, so the help is always welcome!
Feel free to contact me if you have questions or
interest in what we do.

Please join us for the Northwest Fall Educational Conference. The conference will be held on October 5-6, 2023 at Kalahari Resorts in Sandusky. Visit our page on the OEHA website for updates regarding registration, agenda, and more. Our planning committee is working hard to bring you new topics and dynamic speakers!





Announcements

Have a grant, educational opportunity, move, promotion, or other announcement you would like to share? Please email a member of the publications committee.

Open Positions (With an opening of 3/18/23. For current listing <u>click here</u>)

- REHS/EHST Williams County Health Department
- REHS Summit County Public Health
- REHS
 Perry County Health Department
- REHS/EHST Ross County Health District
- Environmental Health Director/EHST Conneaut City Health Department
- Plumbing Inspector
 Union County Health Department
- Mosquito Control Technician—Seasonal Ross County Health District
- Epidemiologist OEI
 Toledo-Lucas County Health Department
- REHS/EHST Henry County Health Department
- District Drainage Technician
 Union County Soil & Water Conservation
 District

Educational Opportunities

- AOHC Finance for Health Departments -March 21-22, 2023; Marysville, Ohio
- OEHA AEC April 13-14, 2023; Dublin, Ohio
- Public Health Combined Conference April 24-26, 2023
- AOHC Health Commissioner University -May 22-24, 2023
- AOHC LEHDS June 20-21, 2023; Marysville, Ohio
- AOHC Finance for Health Departments June 20-21, 2023; Marysville, Ohio
- AOHC New Employee Training July 18,

2023; Marysville, Ohio

- AOHC Fall Conference September 13-15, 2023
- AOHC LEHDS October 18-19, 2023; Marysville, Ohio
- AOHC Finance for Health Departments -October 18-19, 2023, Marysville, Ohio
- AOHC New Employee Training -November 1, 2023; Marysville, Ohio

We Remember

Leeann Wilson

OEHA recently lost one of its greatest members. Leeann Wilson passed away on Thursday, January 12, 2023. Leeann retired in June of 2021. She worked for over 38 years in environmental public health. The last 32 with the Ohio Department of Health. Those that had the pleasure of knowing Leeann would quickly recall her laugh and smile and her way to lift up those around her even when working on the most difficult of challenges. Leeann served in

leadership
positions for
Southeast OEHA
for over 25 years
and was
instrumental in the
success of many
conferences and
trainings. She
will certainly be
missed, but always
remembered as



a dedicated member and friend of OEHA.

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Awards & Recognition

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Membership

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Nominations & Elections

Open

Public Affairs

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Concentrated Animal Feed Facility

Jason Menchhofer, MPH, REHS Mercer County Health District

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