



WEHA NEWSLETTER

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President's Message By Stephanie Styvar



Hopefully this message finds you all starting to warm up and thaw out just a little bit after the past few cold months. Spring and summer are just around the corner, which brings busy months for us as environmental health professionals full of temporary food events, inspections, farmers markets, community gatherings and all of the busy that comes with it. Another legislative session has passed with minor changes to how we do business; continuity in the regulations is always welcomed.

The AEC planning committee is busy lining out the details to make this a terrific conference for all of us! The 2019 WEHA AEC "Gathering in the Green River Basin" will be held September 16-19 in Pinedale. We are excited about hosting in a new location this year and look forward to an agenda packed with dynamic speakers.

As we travel through 2019 remember that the Wyoming Environmental Health Association is your organization as environmental health professionals. If ever there are ideas or suggestion for the association please feel free to discuss them with myself or another board member.

Best wishes in 2019.

NEHA Updates



Rachelle Blackham is
NEHA Region 3 vice
president.

PLAN TO ATTEND NEHA'S 2019 AEC

Registration is open for the National Environmental Health Association Annual Educational Conference & Exhibition in Nashville, TN. The AEC will be held **July 9-July 12th**, with preconference workshops beginning on Sunday July 7, at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center.

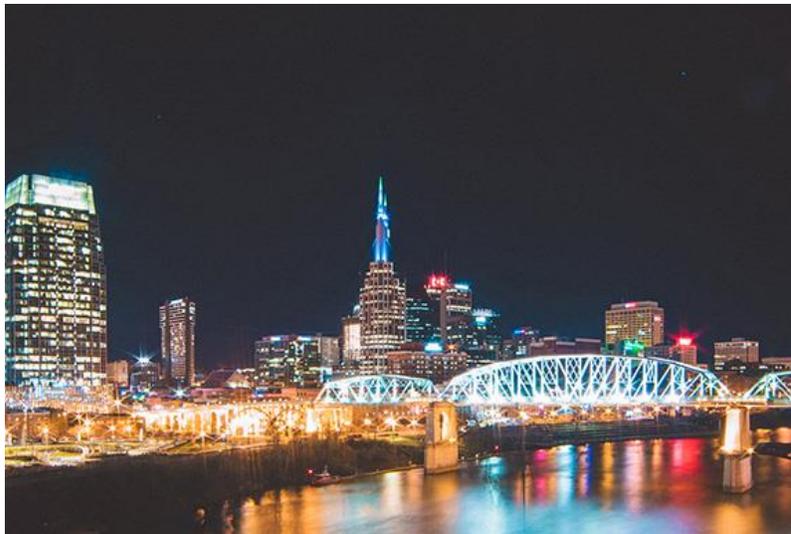
The theme of the 2019 AEC is **Local Voices. Universal Language.** Celebrating the local voices of agencies and industries and how they fit into the universal language of environmental health. Learn how these "voices" ensure the safety of the public and environment, and how they contribute to the advancement of the environmental health profession.

In addition to gaining real world skills and expertise, you can earn up to 24 CE contact hours (enough to meet your full two-year NEHA professional credential requirement) by attending and participating in the NEHA AEC.

The 2019 Affiliate Leadership Workshop will take place on Monday, July 8 from 1-5 PM. The workshop will focus on providing affiliate leaders with tools to advocate for environmental health at the local level. Every NEHA affiliate is invited to register one or two people for this free preconference workshop.

Looking for more reasons to attend? Check out NEHA's new [Why Attend?](#) webpage, which includes a sample justification letter to make the case to your employer. If this will be your first time attending the AEC you may find our 2019 NEHA AEC First Timers' Guide & Orientation Tips page helpful.

Hope to see you Nashville!



2018 WEHA AEC in Cheyenne, WY





AND THE
WINNER IS!....



Congratulations!

NEHA Hurricane Response Training in the USVI

The National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) is working on a series of post-hurricane projects in the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and parts of the U.S. mainland intended to improve public health, child care and building safety.

These projects are funded through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR).



The two-year, \$4.7 million agreement directs NEHA to conduct its work in jurisdictions impacted by the 2017 hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria – notably the U.S.V.I. and



P.R., but some project work will be done in parts of Louisiana, Texas and Florida.

Roy Kroeger from the Cheyenne-Laramie County Health Department had the opportunity to participate in the first two week training presented in St Thomas, USVI in January and February of this year. The training was presented to two existing EH staff; ten newly hired EH staff and the Deputy Health Commissioner.

That training focused on developing and maintaining a trained, skilled environmental health workforce, essential for hurricane recovery efforts. Through this cooperative agreement, NEHA'S goal is to better prepare our communities for when the storm hits and for the aftermath, when conditions can be just as deadly.

Roy will present his experiences, stories and pictures this fall at the 2019 Wyoming Environmental Health Associations AEC.



Meet the Members of WEHA!



WEHA has many new faces, so we thought we would reintroduce everyone throughout the next few newsletter editions. We started with the most accessible but will be pestering everyone eventually. — Thank You for your participation!

The Cheyenne-Laramie County Health Department:



Gary M Hickman

I am currently the Deputy Director of the Cheyenne-Laramie County Health Department, Director of Environmental Health CLCHD. I have been a member of W.E.H.A. since 1976. I have held all elected offices of W.E.H.A. I was the recipient of the Outstanding Sanitarians Award and Arthur Williamson Award. I have been a member of N.E.H.A. since 1977. I am currently the chairman of two W.E.H.A. Committees; By-Laws & Policy and Procedure Committee and Elections Committee. I have a B.S. in Biology from the University of Wyoming. I am married with one married daughter and a brand new grandson.

Kimmie Burgess

My name is Kimmie Burgess and I will be starting my fifth year at Cheyenne-Laramie County this September. I have a Bachelor's in Environmental Health and a Master's in Food Safety. I moved here from Dickinson, North Dakota. I love traveling and exploring new places. I've been lucky enough to visit at least 9 countries on 4 continents.

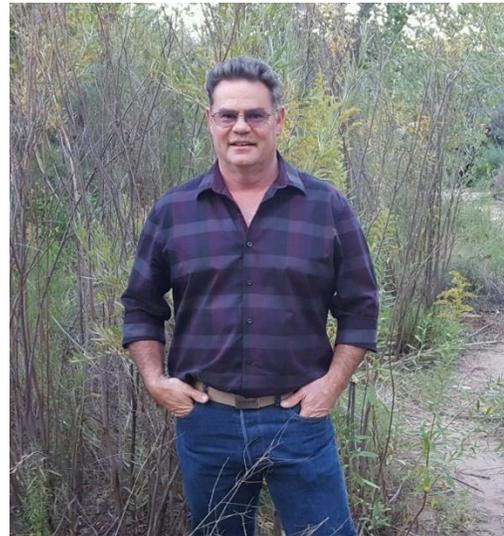


Roy Kroeger

Roy Kroeger is the Supervisor for the Cheyenne/Laramie County Division of Environmental Health in Cheyenne, Wyoming. He has been employed with the health department since August 1993.

Roy received his B.S. in Environmental Health from Colorado State University in 1993 and has over twenty five years of experience in the environmental public health profession. He received his Registered Environmental Health Specialist credential in June 2000 and has been a member of the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) since 1993. Roy is also active in the Colorado, Montana, Utah and Wyoming Environmental Health Associations.

He has served on the National Environmental Health Associations Board of Directors since 2007 and is currently the 2nd Vice President. During his term on the Board he has been active with many projects including updating both the REHS Credential and the CP-FS Credential. Roy is also working with the FDA, NEHA, AFDO and the International Food Protection Training Institute (IFPTI) to create a retail food safety training curriculum for Retail Food Inspectors nationwide. Roy is also representing both NEHA and local public health on the FDA's Partnership for Food Protection's (PFP) Governing Council and on the Council to Improve Foodborne Outbreak Response (CIFOR).



Prior to serving on the NEHA Board of Directors Roy served eight years on the Wyoming Environmental Health Association's Board of Directors including two years as President and concurrently served as President of the Wyoming Food Safety Coalition in 1991. Roy received the Wyoming Outstanding Environmental Health Professional's Award in 2002 and the Arthur Williamson Award in 2012.

Roy is married to Cecilia and has three adult Children: Tiffany, Gary and Dallas.



Josie Prince

Hi there! I'm Josie Prince and I've been with the Cheyenne-Laramie County Health Department for two years now, and I'm loving every minute of it. I graduated from Western Carolina University with a degree in Environmental Health. My husband, two kids, and I spend our free time outdoors hiking, dirt biking and exploring. I've recently taken up running and I'm hoping it helps balance out my junk food addiction.

Shelby Reinert

I'm Shelby Reinert with the Cheyenne-Laramie County Health Department, and I've been employed with this department for a year and a half now. I graduated from the University of Wyoming with a degree in Microbiology. My husband is an aspiring walleye fisherman in his spare time, so we tend to spend lots of time on the lake with our two Mini Aussies. When not on the lake or at work, Josie and I have a claim to fame as "The world's most okayest runners" and we spend our Saturday mornings "competing" in 5ks.



Noel Udell

Hello! My name is Noel Udell and I began my journey with the Cheyenne-Laramie County Health Department just over six months ago. I graduated from the University of Wyoming with a bachelor's degree in microbiology and a minor in physiology. I love the outdoors, and enjoy exploring new places, which lead me on a solo back-country trip to Iceland in 2015 to learn about renewable energy and the impact humans and the environment have on one another. I can't wait to see where I end up next. When I'm not outdoors, I can be found binge-watching (or binge-re-watching) a great series on Netflix!

Tiffany Gaertner

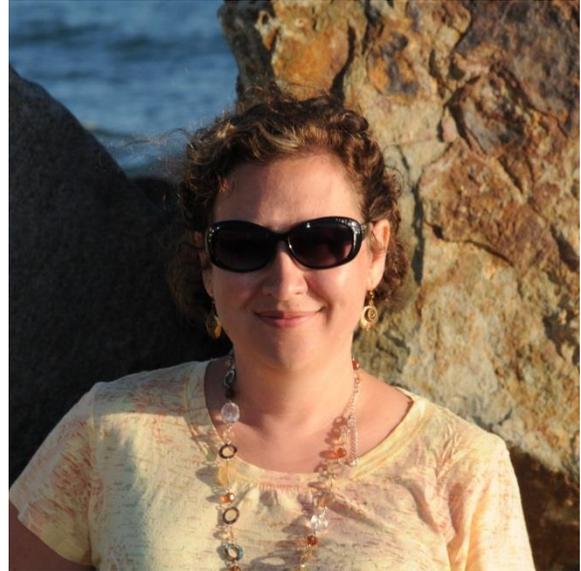
Howdy, I am Tiffany Gaertner, and I am a Western Nebraska farm kid. I did 4-H and FFA projects when not doing chores and went to college in Chadron. I started with the Cheyenne Laramie County Health Department in 2005 and served on the WEHA Board from 2008-2018. I have been married 10 years and have two kids, Emily (almost 6) and Madelyn (almost 3). We also have two dogs Tiki (almost 15) and Daisy (7 Months). I mostly do kid stuff but sometimes can be found snooping around on Facebook or Pinterest and then convincing hubs to make my new very necessary project happen.



WEHA Members cont.

Jennifer Escobedo

Hello all, I am Jennifer Escobedo and I have been working at Environmental Health here in Cheyenne for going on 18 years. After dabbling in Botany and contemplating Education, Art, Marine Biology and Entomology I finally decided I just needed to graduate and got a Biology degree from the University of Wyoming in 2000. Most days, I really enjoy what I do and find it super challenging and interesting. On the bad days, I lose my keys, my hair and my mind! Luckily for me, I have amazing co-workers who work hard to keep me sane every day. In my spare time, I love hanging out with my husband George and two kids Aidan (who is 16 and driving!!!) and Olivia (who is 13 going on 25 and has green hair!!!!). I also love exploring and taking pictures of new places and nature, reading, being creative, listening to music, being a homebody and re-arranging my house or watching movies and binge worthy TV shows, gardening, the beach and continually pursuing my Zen. I have 2 dogs, a rabbit, an ancient but adventurous 10-year old hermit crab and many houseplants that keep me busy.



Membership Dues

Don't forget to turn in your membership dues! The date for our annual dues is April 30th, 2019. Membership applications were sent out earlier this year, but just in case a copy of the current application can be found on page 13 of this newsletter. \$20. If you know of someone who is interested in joining WEHA, please send them the copy of the application. Please be sure to return your application and dues as soon as possible.



WEHA scholarship Fund

PURPOSE: To provide stipends for WEHA Members to attend conferences, meetings, seminars, symposiums etc. which are beneficial to WEHA.

POLICY: \$1000 in scholarship funding for the purpose of stipends is available per year, with a maximum stipend of \$250.00, per WEHA member per calendar.

PROCEDURE:

1. Applicants must include a meeting agenda, registration form, and a written explanation of how WEHA and the member attending will benefit.
2. All applications will be reviewed by the Executive Board prior to approval.

Following the conference etc. a written report must be submitted for publication in the WEHA.

From the Field.....



Standardization: Observing pH meter calibration



Well chlorinator



Cockroach laying eggs



Dry Storage



Reach in Cooler Storage



Walk In Freezer



CPO Training Schedule



City	Start Date	End Date	Course Type	Contact	Email	Phone
Cheyenne	04/24/2019	04/25/2019	English	Pat Kirk	Patkirk67@yahoo.com	(307) 680-7946
Cheyenne	05/17/2019	05/15/2019	English	Pat Kirk	Patkirk67@yahoo.com	(307) 680-7946

The classes listed above are only for those offered in Wyoming. For more information on where to find classes in other states, such as Colorado, visit the NSPF website at <http://nspf.org/en/CPO/CPOSchedule.aspx>.

Upcoming Training & Conferences

- **Environmental Health Training in Emergency Response Operations** March 24-29, June 23-28, June 14-19 Anniston, AL
- **NACCHO 2019 Preparedness Summit** March 26-29 St. Louis, MO
- **Rocky Mountain Food Safety Conference 2019** June 12-13 Arvada, CO
- **NEHA AEC 2019** July 9-12 Nashville, TN
- **NACCHO Annual 2019** July 9-12 Orlando, FL
- **WEHA AEC 2019** September 16-19 Pinedale, WY
- **World Aquatic Health Conference** October 16-18 Williamsburg, VA

SAVE THE DATE:

Wyoming Environmental Health Association
Wyoming Food Safety Coalition

Presents the

2019 ANNUAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE



Gannett Peak- Photograph courtesy of Paul Ng©

SEPTEMBER 16-19, 2019
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307-367-6700
REGISTRATION PENDING





Annual Award Nominations

It's that time again! Get those nominations in for the annual awards presented at the AEC each year. Descriptions of each award and the nomination form are provided below.

Outstanding Environmental Health Professional

Nomination can include the following:

- Performance of assigned duties and job description
- Cooperation with fellow workers and peers
- Willingness to take constructive criticism and offer the same to others in a tactful manner
- Educational background including special training or education
- Published articles written or presented by the nominee relating to his/her profession
- Outline the areas in which the candidate has made a significant recognizable contribution to WEHA. Recommendations should be signed by the individual or individuals recommending the candidate.

Arthur Williamson

Arthur Williamson was the director of water quality before the Department of Environmental Quality became an agency. He did outstanding work in the State of Wyoming from 1960 throughout the 1970s. He was a well-educated and versed engineer working worldwide in the Centers of Disease Control on catastrophes in foreign countries, while always promoting public health.

The criteria for a nomination can include the same outline as the Outstanding Environmental Health professional except:

- Recipient need not be a member of our organization
- Candidate must be a person who has performed exemplary accomplishments in the Environmental Health Field

The Donkey Tail

This is a humorous award presented to any member of the association who is recommended in writing on the award form by another member. The written recommendation should include an account of an actual humorous incident which occurred during the year while in the line of duty.





WEHA Award Winners

Year	Art Williamson	Outstanding EH	Donkey Tail	Location
1975		Gus Lopez		
1976		Don Pack		
1977		Don Pack		
1981		Gary Hickman		
1985		Sandi Palmer		
1989		Paul Ng		
1990		Debbi Bonini		
1991				
1992		Bert Reinow		
1993	DJ Inman	Bud Anderson	Jon Cecil	Casper
1994		Laurie Leis	Bret Kraut	Sheridan
1995	Franklin Smith	Chuck Sykes	Stephanie Whitman	Laramie
1996	Howard Hutchings	Shirley Etzell	Jennifer Rucinski	Evanston
1997	Don Pack	Dean Finkenbinder	Roy Kroeger	Silver Creek Co
1998	Bill Locker	Neal Bloomenrader	Nola Evans/Sherry Maston	Thermopolis
1999	Chuck Higgins	Wayne Cook	Ron Ramsey	Casper
2000	Dick Worl	Linda Stratton	Neal Bloomenrader	Cheyenne
2001	Sandi Palmer	George Larsen	Jay Myers/Dean Finkenbinder	Casper
2002	<i>Not Given</i>	Roy Kroeger	Doug Krogman/Doug Evans	Gillette
2003	Gus Lopez	Doug Evans	Josh Sandlian	Cheyenne
2004		Doug Krogman	Sherry Maston	Breckenridge
2005		Jon Cecil	Rory McManus	Cody
2006	Jerry Olson		Joe Martinez	Saratoga
2007		Stephanie Malcolm	Dean Finkenbinder	Cheyenne
2008	None	None	None	Lander
2009	None	Jennifer Escobedo	Ben Metcalf	Sheridan
2010	None	Joe Martinez	Jennifer Escobedo	Mammoth
2011	Gary Hickman	Stephanie Styvar	Shane Thompson	Laramie
2012	Roy Kroeger	Sara Geoffre	Dawn Helms	Gillette
2013	None	Shawn Moore	Linda Stratton, Joe Martinez, and Jamie George	Teton Village
2014	Paul Ng	Tiffany Gaertner	Stephanie Styvar	Lander
2015	Dean Finkenbinder	Dru Haderlie	Todd Denny	Saratoga
2016				Sheridan
2017			Eric Avila	Cody
2018	Mario Seminara	Dawn Helms	Stephanie Styvar and Rebecca Dow	Cheyenne

**FOR ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS, PLEASE EMAIL TIFFANY GAERTNER AT tgaertner@laramiecounty.com. THANK YOU!

2019 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
WYOMING ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Home Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Work Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home: _____ Office: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Position/Title: _____

Agency: _____

Counties/Cities Assignment Area: _____

Position Duties/Specialty Areas: _____

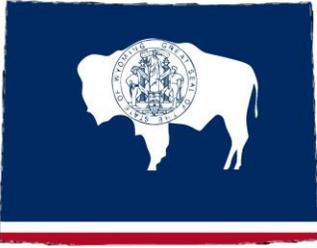
Are you a: Registered _____ Licensed _____ or Certified _____ Professional?

Are you a member of: NEHA _____ IAFP _____ Member of WEHA since: _____

Annual Dues: \$100.00 Sustaining Membership
\$20.00 Before April 30, 2019
\$20.00 New Members
\$30.00 May 1, 2019 or later
\$5.00 Student Membership

Please complete form and return applications with dues to:

Erica East
WEHA Treasurer
404 N Ste 103
Rock Springs, WY 82901
307-362-3331



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