President’s Message

On October 1st, 2015, The Connecticut Department of Public Health (environmental section) was awarded a grant through CDC titled, “Environmental Health Services for Public Health Drinking Water Exposures.” The purpose of this grant is to fund initiatives related with small drinking water systems such as private wells that are not covered under the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act. In conjunction with this grant, DPH decided to create a Private Well Task Force. The major goals of the task force is to expand & strengthen collaborative private well program initiatives; provide a forum to discuss private well laws, regulations, policies and technical issues; identify educational needs and increase educational and outreach to private well owners.

Last month, Tiziana Shea extended a welcome for CEHA members to take part in this task force. With an overwhelming amount of interested members, DPH had to cut the limit to just two representatives from CEHA to allow members from other organizations to take part in the task force. Some organizations that may be represented are CT Water Well Association, CADH, DPH Drinking Water and CT DEEP. The two representatives from CEHA are John Deckert and Don Kendrick from the water committee. The task force plans to meet once every three months for the first year and on an agreed upon frequency thereafter. I appreciate everyone’s interest and support in regards to the task force. Anyone who wants to learn about the progress of the task force, feel free to contact me.

I would also like to take this time to thank the board for all of their continuing hard work and dedication to CEHA. Without all of your help, CEHA would not be a successful organization.

Sincerely,

Stacey Herbette
CEHA President
Save the Dates

9/21 & 9/22 Yanke Conference – Mystic Hilton - Mystic, CT

Announcing Special Election for Vice President

By Phyllis Amodio, Nominations & Elections Chair

The Connecticut Environmental Health Association (CEHA) is holding a special election for a vacancy in the office of Vice President. CEHA is accepting nominations for Vice President for the 2016 election period.

The deadline for submitting a nomination form is February 17, 2016.

Nominations must be made by a CEHA member and nominees must be CEHA members in good standing. CEHA members may nominate themselves for elective office if they so desire.

Nomination form can be found on page 4 & 5 of this newsletter!

Membership & Updating Your Information

By Maryam Hosseini, Membership Chair

Dear CEHA Members,

It seems that you are doing well familiarizing yourself with the new CEHA website and renewing your membership. During the data transition from the old system to the new website, only basic information for each member was entered. Please log in to your account and review your personal information and complete the other information such as: the place of employment, your credentials, your committee interests, etc. Please update the information as needed. If you have moved or changed employer please contact Matt Payne by email mattpayne24@gmail.com so we can update your email address. Some memberships are not being renewed and emails are bouncing back.

Just a reminder, that you would not be able to change your membership status online. Any changes to the membership status must be approved by the membership chair. Thank you all!

Sincerely
Maryam Hosseini
Annual Meeting
By Matthew Payne

This past November we had our annual meeting at Anthony’s Ocean View in New Haven, CT. We heard from the Commissioner of Public Health, Dr. Mullen; Assistant State’s Attorney Judith Dicine, State Representative Mary Mushinsky; Regional FDA Retail Food Specialist, Steven Nattrass; and Environmental Analyst 3, Kristin DeRosia-Banick from the Bureau of Aquaculture. This event is well attended every year and for any of our members whom haven’t attended yet we highly encourage you to come to the next one. For those unable to attend a brief recap:

- Stacey Herbette was sworn in as the President and awarded the M.L. Smith scholarship
- Zoe Smiarowski was awarded the Yankee Conference Scholarship
- Past President Stephen Civitelli was honored with the 2015 Sanitarian of the Year Award
- David Boone was presented with an honorary membership

The board is always seeking input from our members and welcomes your attendance at the board meetings, your input helps shape our events. For more photos from the event please visit our website, www.cteha.org. If you have any ideas or requests for the board to better serve you our members please submit it to any board members or through the survey on the website.
The Connecticut Environmental Health Association (CEHA) is holding a special election for a vacancy in the office of Vice President. CEHA is accepting nominations for Vice President for the 2016 election period. The deadline for submitting a nomination form is February 17, 2016. Nominations must be made by a CEHA member and nominees must be CEHA members in good standing. CEHA members may nominate themselves for elective office if they so desire.

Candidates must discuss their nomination with their employer and get approval to ensure that they will be permitted to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the Office (see pg 2). Each nominee must submit a short biographical description along with an explanation of why they are interested in being elected to the office they seek and this information will be included with the Election Ballot. Prospective candidates are strongly encouraged to attend Executive Board meetings which are open to all members. They should review the by-laws and policies of the Association that are available on the CEHA website at www.cteha.org which provide an overview of the duties and responsibilities of each Officer of CEHA.

It is an honor and privilege to hold a CEHA elective office so please, get involved!

Candidate Nominated for the Position of:

☐ VICE PRESIDENT

Candidate Name: __________________________ e-mail: __________________________

Title: __________________________ Phone: __________________ Fax: __________________

Employer: __________________________

Mailing Address: _______________________________________________________________

City: __________________________ State: ________ Zip Code: __________

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Nomination submitted by: __________________________

Signature of Nominator: __________________________ Date: __________

CEHA Nomination for Elective Office

Mail Nomination Forms to: Phyllis Amodio, CEHA Nominations and Elections Committee
156 Peppermint Lane Bristol, CT 06010
CEHA Nomination for Special Election of Vice President to be completed by Nominee
(additional sheets may be attached)

Nominee __________________________________________

Elected Position Sought: __________________________________________

Employed by: __________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________

Candidate Biography:
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________________________________________

Reasons Why Candidate Is Seeking Elective Office:
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________________________________________
________________________________________
________________________________________

Candidate Signature: ___________________________ Date: __________

Please note:
The Vice President position is a multi-year commitment ultimately leading to President.

Statement by candidate’s supervisor:
I hereby acknowledge the candidacy of __________________________
Name of Candidate

for the office of __________________________

for the Connecticut Environmental Health Association.

Signed ___________________________ Date: __________

Mail Nomination Forms to: Phyllis Amodio, CEHA Nominations and Elections Committee
156 Peppermint Lane Bristol, CT 06010
The Connecticut Environmental Health Association (CEHA) is accepting nominations for elective office for this year’s election period. **The deadline for submitting a nomination form is May 1, 2016.** Nominations must be made by a CEHA member and nominees must be CEHA members in good standing. CEHA members may nominate themselves for elective office if they so desire.

Candidates **must** discuss their nomination with their employer and get approval to ensure that they will be permitted to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the Office (see pg 2). Each nominee must submit a short biographical description along with an explanation of why they are interested in being elected to the office they seek and this information will be included with the Election Ballot. Prospective candidates are strongly encouraged to attend Executive Board meetings which are open to all members. They should review the by-laws and policies of the Association that are available on the CEHA website at [www.cteha.org](http://www.cteha.org) which provide an overview of the duties and responsibilities of each Officer of CEHA.

**It is an honor and privilege to hold a CEHA elective office so please, get involved!**

Candidate Nominated for the Position of:

- **□** Vice President
  
  Candidate Name: ____________________________
  
  e-mail: ____________________________________
  
  Title: ____________________________ Phone: __________________ Fax: __________________
  
  Employer: ________________________________
  
  Mailing Address: __________________________
  
  City: _____________________________ State: __________ Zip Code: __________

- **□** Secretary
  
  Candidate Name: ____________________________
  
  e-mail: ____________________________________
  
  Title: ____________________________ Phone: __________________ Fax: __________________
  
  Employer: ________________________________
  
  Mailing Address: __________________________
  
  City: _____________________________ State: __________ Zip Code: __________

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Nomination submitted by: ____________________________

Signature of Nominator: ____________________________ Date: __________

**CEHA Nomination for Elective Office**

Mail Nomination Forms to: Phyllis Amodio, CEHA Nominations and Elections Committee

156 Peppermint Lane Bristol, CT 06010
CEHA Nomination for Elective Office to be completed by Nominee (additional sheets may be attached)

Nominee __________________________________________

Elected Position Sought: __________________________________________

Employed by: __________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________

Candidate Biography:
________________________________________
________________________________________
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Reasons Why Candidate Is Seeking Elective Office:
________________________________________
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Candidate Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________

Please note:
The Vice President position is a multi-year commitment ultimately leading to President.
The Secretary’s position is a two year elected commitment.

Statement by candidate’s supervisor:
I hereby acknowledge the candidacy of ____________

Name of Candidate

for the office of ____________

for the Connecticut Environmental Health Association.

Signed ____________________________ Date: ____________

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