President’s Message

Happy New Year!
I hope you are all well rested and ready for a very busy year ahead. With the adoption of the FDA Food Code this will be a major change for both operators and regulators in Connecticut. Certified food inspectors will need to be recertified under the FDA Food Code. With over 30 on-line courses to complete, classroom training and new risk based inspections forms with violations categorized as Priority, Priority Foundation and Core items, this is a tremendous undertaking for us. CEHA board members want you to know we are working on your behalf to assure you receive the training and guidance needed for a successful transition. Our members conducting the inspections need to be properly trained to successfully implement the FDA code effective July 1, 2018. I am certain we all have other daily activities within our respected profession in addition to the FDA training requirements and this has become a very challenging endeavor for most of us. Throughout my career this has never been a 9-5 job for me and most of my colleagues. I have spent many evenings and weekends continuing my education in our ever changing and challenging field of environmental health. I strongly believe we all have a personal and professional obligation to continue to educate ourselves on a daily basis. As I noted in my past president’s message to our membership, we must increase networking and sharing of best practices within our profession, related to not only the implementation of the FDA Food Code but including other aspects of the work we do within our health departments.

I would like to thank our Publicity Committee Chair, Heather Oatis for volunteering to represent CEHA on the Connecticut Public Health Association’s Board of Directors. We have not had a CEHA representative on the CPHA board for many years and this is a great opportunity for CEHA to build relationships with other similar organizations within our field or work.

I am pleased to inform our membership that within our Housing and Lead Technical committee we have formed a subcommittee for cosmetology and body art issues. Related to this topic the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) has formed a committee, to create a Body Art Model Code. The Model Code is designed to serve as a professional advisory document for health officials who wish to regulate the body art industry in their jurisdictions. It also establishes public health criteria (Continued on page 2)
CEHA Merchandise, Facebook, and Twitter

Are you active on social media? CEHA is now on Facebook. Be sure to visit:  
[www.facebook.com/conneha](http://www.facebook.com/conneha)

We are also on Twitter. Find us at:  
[https://twitter.com/CTSanitarian](https://twitter.com/CTSanitarian)

This is where we’ll be sharing the most up to date information about our organization and upcoming events for your participation.

We’d also love to share your photos from CEHA events and field work. Send to [heather.oatis@southwindson.org](mailto:heather.oatis@southwindson.org) with a description to be shared!

President’s Message (Continued)

and recommendations for operators so that they can safely provide body art services to the general public. NEHA anticipates the code to be completed and presented at the NEHA 2018 Annual Educational Conference (AEC) & Exhibition and HUD Healthy Homes Conference in June of 2018.

I will continue to encourage those working in our profession to become active members and kindly ask that you support CEHA through posting and sharing relevant information on our facebook and twitter sites.

Contact information for our board members can be found on the CEHA website at www.cteha.org.

In closing, there is a great article titled “Staying Great in 21st Century” in the January issue of the Journal of Environmental Health. I especially like this quote from the author “We should welcome opportunities to demonstrate the ongoing value of environmental health in the 21st “

Phyllis Amodio, MPH, RS, REHS
The Time to Get Involved is Now!

Election season for the CEHA Executive Board is here and we are looking for the support of our Membership! Elections are a critical part of the democratic process and provide members a voice in running our organization. Whether you are a seasoned Sanitarian or new to the field, joining the CEHA Executive Board will be one of the best decisions of your career. The Public Health landscape is constantly evolving and there is no better way to stay informed and contribute to these changes than by serving on the CEHA Executive Board.

We are now accepting nominations for the positions of Vice President and Treasurer for 2018-2019. The position of Vice President is a 3 year commitment. If this is your first experience serving on the CEHA board, this term would be used to become acquainted with what CEHA does and how it operates. The second year you will serve as President-Elect, and the third year you will serve as President. The Treasurer position is a 2 year term and is responsible for maintaining the financial records of the Association and keeping the Executive Board apprised in regards to the Association’s financial status. The deadline for submitting a nomination form for the Office of Vice President and Secretary is May 8, 2018.

Upcoming ServSafe Class at Mohegan

ServSafe Manager Class, using the latest, 7th edition course book
Taught by certified ServSafe instructors, Jessica Fletcher and Deborah Schober

Dates: Wednesday, March 21, 2018 8:30 AM-3:30 PM class
Thursday, March 22, 2018, 8:30 AM-Noon, review and exam
Lunch provided on Wednesday

Location: Mohegan Tribal Government Center, 13 Crow Hill Road, Uncasville, CT 06382
Cost: $125.00

Class size is limited to 25. This class is open to food inspectors and restaurant managers. Checks only, made payable to CEHA and sent to: Mohegan Tribal Health Department, 13 Crow Hill Road, Uncasville, CT 06382, Attention: Deborah Schober.
Technical Standards for Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems

The CT Department of Public Health has published the January 1, 2018 revisions to the Technical Standards for Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems. The revised standards are available on the Department’s website via the below link:

The Technical Standards training sessions around the state start February 27, 2018 with 9 sessions running through March. DPH will be conducting the seminars to update local health officials, engineers, and licensed sewage system professionals on the revisions.

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Get to Know the town of Darien Health Department

(L-R) David Knauf, Elaine Kilbourn, Mindy Chambrelli, Paula Sutcliffe

Not Pictured—Steve Brueski

David Knauf, Director of Health

David has been working in Darien since September of 2008, but his total time in public health is strictly confidential. Hint—his RS number is 270. David’s first real job after graduating from Uconn was at DPH in the Environmental Health Section. His first job in local health was assisting with the formation and growth of the Farmington Valley Health District as it grew from 3 to 10 towns. David is food certified, septic certified, and has his REHS/RS. David was the CEHA President in 2000, Sanitarian of the Year in 2001, and CADH President in 2013-14. He is most proud of his smart and wonderful daughter. David enjoys listening to and performing bass and acoustic guitar, you can enjoy a performance here—www.youtube.com/watch?v=6zNkf-fiINk.

Mindy Chambrelli, Registered Sanitarian

Mindy has a degree in Public Health from Southern Connecticut State University with a minor in Biology. Prior to the five years she’s worked in Darien, Mindy has worked for the West Haven Health Department, CRA Health District, and Meriden Health Department. Mindy has her RS/REHS, lead certification, subsurface phases 1 and 2 certifications, and extensive FEMA training; she participated in training in Anniston, Alabama at the Center for Domestic Preparedness. Mindy enjoys DIY projects, wine tasting, vegetable gardening, lazy summer days at the beach, and living room dance parties with her four year old to Bruno Mars. She is most proud of becoming a mother, completing her degree, and moving out of the heartland. Mindy also plays the saxophone and loves acoustic live music.
Get to Know the Darien Health Department (Con’t)

Paula Sutliffe, Public Health Nurse
Paula is new to public health, starting in her position as Public Health Nurse in August of 2017. She is a Registered Nurse, Board Certified, Certified Occupational Nurse Specialist/Case Manager, Certified Case Manager, Certified Health Coach, and has her Master of Arts in Integrative Health and Healing. Paula enjoys cooking, baking, gardening, and spending time with her five dogs. She is also a black belt in tae kwon do!

Elaine Kilbourn, Office Administrator
Elaine has worked with the Town of Darien for 33 years. She attended a junior college in Washington DC and previously worked at an accounting firm and at a photography store owned by her father. Elaine enjoys gardening, cooking, watching movies, traveling, sailing, dinner with friends, and attending her grandchildren’s activities. She is most proud of raising and educating five children while maintaining a household. Elaine has traveled extensively to many countries, with her favorite being England.

Steve Brueski, Part Time Sanitarian
Steve has been a part time food inspector for over four years in Darien; he also works for the City of Norwalk. He was formerly a deli owner. He is food certified and phase 1 subsurface sewage certified. He enjoys watching the Washington Redskins and Boston Red Sox. He is a long time football and baseball coach for Norwalk youth sports.

Would your department like to be featured in an upcoming Environmentalist in our “Local Health Spotlight”? Email Heather Oatis, heatheroatis@southwindsor.org!