

Summer 2022

CEHA Newsletter

President's Message

Greetings friends and colleagues!

It was good to see most of you at the summer meeting! What a beautiful day it was right! Some of you brought your family with you; a welcome sight, reminded me of why we do what we do.

In this year's summer meeting, we talked about the National Environmental Health Association's (NEHA) recognition for Steve Yenco (CRADH-retired) and the CEHA board for the outstanding work we did in food protection and professional development via the Yankee Conference, despite the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic. This recognition at the national level is an affirmation of the quality of public health work we all perform in Connecticut and a testament to our competent skill set and knowledge base. In line with skills, knowledge and networking, this year's Yankee Conference will be held in Massachusetts on September 28th – 30th. I hope to see you all there.

President's Message Cont.

I was so pleased to see old friends and new faces at this year's meeting. I am humbled by your dedication to keep the profession growing and to inspire the future generations of Environmental Health Specialist. As your president, I do not take this lightly, therefore I am asking you to go a little further. I am challenging all of you to conduct one career-oriented educational visit to one high school in your health department or health district to spread the word about the environmental health profession. Send CEHA pictures so we can add it to the November newsletter.

Finally, I want to urge everyone to remember to take a mental health day or two, to reset and re-center.

All my best,

Christopher Buter
President, CEHA





CEHA Members enjoying the picnic



A big thank you to Matthew Payne of the Food Protection Program for providing an interactive and fun way to learn and earn contact hours.



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My attendance at the NEHA AEC in Spokane, Washington was a long time coming! When I was your CEHA President in 2019-2020 the national conference that was to be held in NYC was canceled because of COVID. I was thrilled at the opportunity to represent

Connecticut, gain knowledge and share experiences with my peers, while I advocated for workforce development with national leadership.

If you have not attended this conference in the past, I encourage you to do so! There is so much to learn and I always leave energized, with new professional contacts, and a feeling of pride. The selection of topics to hear presentations on is unmatched and one session I attended had a presenter who participated remotely via zoom. A few of these interesting topics included virtual cannabis food production compliance inspections, biofilms, a large salmonella outbreak case investigation, the Kay Hagan Tick Act (2019-2020), and advanced treatment septic system installations in Seattle, WA.

Thank you to the CEHA Executive Board for allowing me to attend, better late than never. And congratulations to my fellow NEHA award recipients listed below!



2022 Award Winners from Connecticut

- CT - Yankee Conference Organizers – Kevin Elak, Dianne Harding, Mariam Hosseini and Scott Cook
- NEHA Affiliate Certificate of Merit - Stephen Yenco
- Mindy Chambrelli, NEHA/AAS Graduate Scholarship Recipient



Upcoming Events:



60th Annual **YANKEE** **CONFERENCE**



Environmental Health: Meeting the Challenge

September 28-30, 2022

9/28: 10am - 5pm
9/29: 8:30am - 5pm
9/30: 9am - 1pm

Hotel 1620
180 Water Street
Plymouth, MA 02360

Four Tracks

1. Food
2. Title 5/Water/Sewage
3. General Environmental
4. Lead determinator

Full agenda coming soon!

Contact Hours

MA RS/MA CHO
SE/SI CP-FS
REHS/RS
RN

Registration

(Deadline September 16)

Click Here

or visit maeha.org/2022-yankee-conference

Credit/check payments accepted.

Registration Fees

Wednesday only - \$105 members / \$125 non-members

Thursday only - \$175 members / \$195 non-members

Friday only - \$90 members / \$110 non-members

Full Conference - \$295 members / \$350 non-members

Lead Determinator Course - \$295 members / \$350 non-members

- **Lead Determinator Course Information:** Priority signup for MEHA members through 8/31/22. Registrants must be able to attend all three days of the conference. Spots are limited to 25 students. A waitlist will be available. Payment (check or credit card) must be received by September 9, 2022 or spots will be offered to those on the waitlist.
- **Social Opportunities:** Lantern tour (90 minutes - extra fee); social/networking hours; Thursday banquet (included) featuring Mike "Sarge" Riley from Sports Hub Radio (trivia) and DJ Bryan Griffin (dancing), from Kiss 108 & WBCN.

Lodging/Hotel Information

Hotel rooms are available for \$144/night. To receive this rate, call Hotel 1620 at 508-747-4900 or book online at hotel1620.com (promo code MEHA2022) by 8/28/2022.

Email admin@maeha.org with questions.

**2022 Annual CEHA meeting at St. Clement's Castle
November 4, 2022**

CEHA Word Search

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sanitarian food code sanitizer

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