President’s Message: by Neal Bloomenrader

Well, by the time you read this the annual education conference is right around the corner. As I mentioned in the past, this coming AEC will be quite different. The first two days of the conference will be the FDA 218 Risk Based Inspections course. I am excited about this presentation after monitoring this course in April. The final day will end with a coal mine tour, and it should be interesting to see another aspect of environmental health.

The FDA course has six modules and some modules take more time than others. The beginning of this course is a review of microbiology, basic public health laws, HACCP principles, and preparing for an inspection. The next module is about communication techniques and what works best for various situations. Module three provides strategies for focusing the inspections, setting priorities, and determining inspection flow. This is a new method of starting an inspection and is a real departure from the way we have done things in the past. Module four is the main focus of this course titled, “Assessing Code Compliance vs. Active Managerial Control of Risk Factors”. Module five is about obtaining immediate corrective actions for out of control risk factors.

Finally, module six touches on what we all want and that is implementing Intervention strategies to achieve long term compliance. This course also provides a good workbook and CD-ROM. The CD-ROM has a number of useful tools and programs I think you will find helpful in your daily inspections. Not to mention, it also provides great strategies to use to achieve managerial control.

It’s looking to be a great experience for all, so please register early and get your meal choices to Tiffany before the deadline. I’ll see you there!

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Having just lowered the curtains on the 76th NEHA AEC and Exhibition in San Diego I could write pages on all the good things that are happening in our national association. Having said that I also understand that we are all busy people and our state affiliates have lots of their own information to fill your newsletters so I will keep my article short.

The 2012 Conference appears that it will go down as one of the most successful in history and the best attended since Tucson. The Marriott Marquis and Marina was probably the nicest hotel I have ever had the pleasure of staying in, the weather in San Diego was by far the best I have ever seen during any conference and the location afforded so many things to do within close proximity. The speakers and topics this year were also top notch. Some highlights of the AEC include:

- **NEHA Award Winners**
  - *Snyder Award* - Harry Grenawitzke for outstanding achievement in Environmental Health.
  - *Crumbine Award* - Salt Lake Valley for the best food safety program
  - *Neal Lowry Award* - Sacramento County Environmental Management for the best pool safety program.
  - *Sustainability Award* - Atlanta’s Regional Green Communities Program
  - *Mangold Award* - was not awarded because no nominations were submitted.

For more information on any of the awards please contact me and I can be more specific.

- **AEC Focus Groups**

  Innovation in Environmental Health was the topic of discussion this year. With the recent cuts to the EH workforce and a future that appears dim for both the economy and a significant shortage of qualified science personnel our programs need to look toward innovation to best protect the health of the public and the environment. To that end NEHA congregated the State Affiliate Presidents and the NEHA Board of Directors to look at the different innovative ideas EH programs are using to combat the shortages. A report will be issued by NEHA in the near future presenting these ideas to the membership. Please look for it.

- **AEC Keynote**

  Thomas Frey, who is the Executive Director and Senior Futurist at the DaVinci Institute and author of the book “Communicating With the Future” spoke to the audience about what he sees for the future and how all of us as professionals need to envision the changes that are coming. His presentation focused on new technologies currently being developed and how those technologies will change the workforce. If you have an opportunity to check out any of Thomas’ works please do so.
NEHA Update (continued)

As promised, here is a small sampling of other items that NEHA has been working on for the membership.

Environmental Health Stamp

    NEHA along with other organizations representing EH are exploring the idea of a commemorative postage stamp or series of stamps representing our profession. NEHA recently adopted a resolution supporting this endeavor and will be asking state affiliates to help in the campaign in the near future. Please watch the NEHA website for future announcements and to see the adopted resolution.

New NEHA Awards

    The NEHA Board of Directors has adopted resolutions supporting two new awards to be presented in coming years. One award will spotlight an outstanding Environmental Health Innovation and the other will showcase an outstanding Educational Contribution. NEHA will be looking for nominations for these two awards so that they can be presented at next years AEC.

Future AEC’s include:

    o 2013 Washington DC. July 9-11, 2013
    o 2014 NEHA will host the World in Las Vegas NV, with the International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH).

Position on Feral Cats

    NEHA has been asked to put together a position paper on feral cat populations in regards to environmental health concerns. The board of directors has adopted the idea of the paper and will be looking at information to include in the future resolution. If anyone has expertise with feral cat populations and want to contribute please let me know and I will put you in contact with the committee chair on this issue.

Finally, I wanted to let all the professionals in Region 3 know that I recently applied to serve on the Environmental Health Accreditation Council which is responsible for setting and reviewing environmental health criteria for colleges and universities in the United States that want to have an accredited environmental health program. The Council recently notified me that I had been selected to serve for three years as an EH Practitioner. Some of my duties in this position include reviewing at least one collegiate EH Program on paper each fall and then visiting and verifying in person one program each winter. I am looking forward to this new challenge and would love to share more about EHAC as I learn more about this valuable program in the future.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about these or other NEHA items please feel free to contact me at Roykens@laramiecounty.com or you can call me at 307-633-4090.

Photos provided by Roy Kroeger.
SEPTEMBER 18-20, 2012
BEST WESTERN TOWER WEST LODGE
GILLETTE, WYOMING

WEHA
ANNUAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Monday, September 17, 2012
5:00-6:00 Registration

Tuesday, September 18, 2012 (7-8 minute break every hour)
7:00 Continental Breakfast & Registration
8:00 Welcome, Objectives, Ground Rules, Icebreaker
8:45 Module 1 – Preparing for the Inspection
10:30 Module 2 – Communication Techniques
Risky Business Agenda

12:00-1:00 Lunch on your own
1:00 Module 3 – Strategies Used to Focus the Inspection, Set Priorities, and Determine Inspection Flow
3:30 Module 4 – Assessing Code Compliance vs. Active Managerial Control of Foodborne Illness Risk Factors – Lesson 1
4:30 Parking lot questions/Review
5:00 Adjourn

**September 19, 2012 (7-8 minute break every hour)**

7:00 Continental Breakfast
8:00 Module 4 – Assessing Code Compliance vs. Active Managerial Control of Foodborne Illness Risk Factors – Lesson 2
10:30 Module 5 – Obtaining Immediate Corrective Actions for Out-of-Control Risk Factors
12:00-2:00 Lunch, WEHA General meeting, WFSC General meeting
2:00 Module 6 – Implementing Intervention Strategies to Achieve Long-Term Compliance
3:30 Simulated Inspection Exercise
5:00 Parking lot questions/Review
6:00 Adjourn
7:00 Cocktails
7:30 Banquet Dinner

**September 20, 2012**

7:00 Continental Breakfast
8:00 Coal Mine Tour (meet in lobby)
12:00 End of Conference

**HOTEL INFORMATION**

Best Western Tower West Lodge 307-686-2210—Rooms must be reserved by **August 27, 2012** to receive the group rate of $69.99.
“Risky Business” 2012 AEC
REGISTRATION FORM
Wyoming Environmental Health Association and Wyoming Food Safety Coalition Annual Education Conference 2012
Best Western Tower West Lodge • Gillette, Wyoming • September 18-20, 2012

Registration Deadline: July 30, 2012

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- Roast Pork Loin ________
- Penne Pasta con Pollo Tomata ________ No Meat ________
- Steak Fajita Salad ________ No Meat ________

Meal Choice for Banquet: Please one (1) per each person attending dinner

- Seared Ahi Tuna with Cilantro Lime Marinade ________
- Roast Prime Rib 8oz ________
- Ravioli Florentine ________

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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.

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

2012 WEHA AEC Hotel Information:

Best Western Tower West Lodge
109 N US Highway 14-16
Gillette, WY 82716
307-686-2210

Deadline for the group rate of $69.99 is August 27, 2012.

If you have questions, contact Tiffany Gaertner at tgaertner@laramiecounty.com or Terri Leichtweis tleichtweis@laramiecounty.com

We can also be reached at 307-633-4090

Please mail completed form to WEHA c/o Tiffany Gaertner 100 Central Ave. Cheyenne, WY 82007  Thanks!
It is that time again to submit nominations for the WEHA awards to be presented at the Annual Education Conference in September. Complete the application form on the following page for colleagues or associates that you feel meet the following qualifications for one of the three awards below. Thank you in advance for all nominations.

**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 or 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 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 1970’s. 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

**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.
Wyoming Environmental Health Association
Award Nomination Form

Nomination of the award of:
Outstanding Environmental Health Professional  Arthur Williamson  Donkey Tail

Date of nomination:______________________  For the year:______________________
Candidates full name:_____________________________________________________
Title:____________________________________________________________________
Immediate organization:____________________________________________________
Agency:___________________________________________________________________
Address:__________________________________________________________________
City:_________________________  State:________  Zip:__________________________
Telephone (office)_________________________  Home:__________________________
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Describe the one or more specific achievement's or sustained high level of performance for which this candidate is being nominated. (If needed, add one page only.)
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Nominated by:_________________________  Signature:___________________________

Nominations must reach Awards Committee a minimum of 60 days prior to the AEC.
*For award information refer to WEHA Procedures Manual, Section 5.
Forward nominations To Linda Stratton, 2219 Carey Ave., Cheyenne, WY 82002
Training Opportunities:

- **2012 World Aquatic Health Conference** October 10-12
  Norfolk, Virginia: conference@nspf.org

- **CDC Environmental Public Health Leadership Institute**
  website: http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/ehs/ephli/

- **Environmental Public Health Online Courses**—website:
  http://lms.southcentralpartnership.org/scphp

- **NEHA online learning**— website: http://www.nehacert.org/moodle/

- **Northwest Center for Public Health Practice**— website: http://www.nwcphp.org/training/courses

- **FDA’s Office of Regulatory Affairs University (ORAU)**—website: http://www.fda.gov/Training/ForStateLocalTribalRegulators/ucm119016.htm

- **NSPF Instructor Class** website: http://www.nspf.org/CPO/CPOInstructorTraining.aspx

- **NSPF Certified Pool/Spa Inspector**: http://nspfcart.eproacademy.org/store/comersus_listItems.asp?idCategory=42

  Website: https://cdp.dhs.gov/schedules/program/s.html

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**Fusion courses are one day only and allows the student to work at home on the computer to complete the 18 chapters. When completed, the student prints out the letter of completion and brings it to a fusion course or to the second day of a traditional course.**
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Thanks to our sustaining members!

Answers: