

WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF REGISTERED SANITARIANS



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JANUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER

CHAIR'S MESSAGE, Charles Wu:

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and a great 2016. I am pleased to report that we held our the Washington State Board of Registered Sanitarians annual membership meeting in conjunction with the Washington State Environmental Health Association Westside training in Tacoma this fall. At the membership meeting it was discussed that this year the WSBRS board would be sending a recommendation to the WSBRS CEU Committee to discuss the possible change of the by-laws for CEU qualifications and match the requirements based on NEHA's standards to include other public health and management related courses. The Board will also looking at the possibility to switch from an annual to bi-annual R.S. membership.

My heart goes out to our fellow Sanitarians and their families in San Bernardino. This act of violence feels very close to home as our profession is a tight knit community and we work very closely with each other. While we grieve for our colleagues in California, we must stay strong and stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters during this difficult time.

My thanks go out to previous Board of Directors for their advice and guidance, and as always, we could not do this without the great work of Toni Plemel, our Executive Secretary. Thank You!

REGISTERED SANITARIAN EXAM

The RS exam can now be arranged at a variety of times and locations. Please contact the Executive Secretary for an Application Packet and/or to schedule an exam. The Exam and Reciprocity Application packets are available for download from our website. The WSBRS has exam proctors in Everett, Bremerton, Tacoma, Moses Lake, Olympia, Seattle and Spokane. At this time we exams scheduled for 1-29-16 in Seattle, 2-12-16 in Spokane, 2-19-16 in Bremerton and 2-26-16 in Everett. Please contact the Executive Secretary if you know someone interested in sitting for our exam.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Edward Wengrowski, Michael Johnson, Retta Taffesse, Jennifer Hayden, Ruth Piccone Angela Peterson and Abebe Aberra who have joined the ranks of the Washington State Board of Registered Sanitarians (WSBRS) by exam or reciprocity. Congratulations!

RS BOARD

At this time the WSBRS Board of Directors is seeking candidates interested in serving a 3 year term on the board. If you are interested on serving on our Board of Directors please contact the Executive Secretary or any of the current Board members. Ballots will be mailed to our active members in early Spring.

CEU REPORTS and APPLICATIONS

Toni Plemel

Included with this newsletter is an individual CEU report for Active Members. If you are an Inactive Member and would like a copy of your most current CEU Report, please contact the Executive Secretary. Courses taken before January 1, 2013 have been purged from your record. Please note your current CEU total. **If your total is below 3.0 and you have been a member over 3 years, you will need CEU's prior to renewing your registration this July.**

CEU application forms are available for download from our website. All applications must be sent to our Executive Secretary for processing. It is very important to include all necessary supporting documentation (i.e. timed agenda, certificate of completion showing contact hours or CEU's awarded, college transcripts or letter of attendance). Please note that Appendix B of our By-laws requires applications for CEU's to be accompanied by a conference agenda with times you attended listed and/or highlighted. This is important information for the CEU Committee members who review the

application. Incomplete CEU applications may be returned for clarification.

In an effort to streamline communication and reduce expenses, please include your email address on any application. Your most current CEU report will be sent to you electronically each time you submit a request for CEU's. If you have any questions, please contact our Executive Secretary.

The CEU Committee members who volunteer to review applications and determine whether to assign credit use the guidelines set forth in our By-laws. If you are interested in serving on the CEU Committee please contact the Executive Secretary.

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SUPPORTING SAN BERNARDINO

From the CEHA Website: As we begin to pick up the pieces from the events that unfolded two days ago, I would like to provide a brief update to our CEHA membership and EH family at-large. As many of you have heard, the names of the victims that were killed during this heinous attack were released yesterday; while we are still awaiting a complete list of those that were injured, the list of those deceased has been posted to our Facebook page. As more information comes available, we will continue to update our social media accounts and website. We understand that many of you may have known the victims both personally and professionally and, therefore, we have provided some materials on our website to assist those that may be struggling with this traumatic event. Additionally, your Executive Committee is here to provide assistance regardless of your membership status as we are all part of the same environmental health family.

Donations and Support

Over the coming days and weeks, we must continue to show our full support for our brothers and sisters in San Bernardino. In an effort to provide an avenue for membership and EH professionals, a like, to

contribute to the recovery of those families affected, CEHA has created a donation link on our homepage (www.ceha.org). All donations will be handled by CEHA's Executive Committee and disbursements will be made directly to the families of the victims. A full accounting of funds disbursed will be provided by the CEHA Executive Treasurer and posted to our webpage. Please only donate what you can as we understand that this may be a difficult time for many families. Whether it's an email to a colleague that may have been directly affected by the attacks, or, a small donation to the families of the victims, every little bit makes a difference.

We must continue to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters to provide the support that is desperately needed in a time such as this. We are San Bernardino Strong!

Sincerely,

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(CEHA is a non-profit association committed to providing for the professional growth and development of the environmental health professional. We are primarily an organization of volunteers dedicated to the environmental health profession, which includes the protection of public health and the environment.)

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