

WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF REGISTERED SANITARIANS



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JANUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Miranda Heimbuch

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. I would like to thank all who attended the 2016 Annual Membership Meeting, held in conjunction with the Washington State Environmental Health Associations' Annual Conference in May. The board agrees that holding our annual meeting at the WSEHA event every year is the best opportunity to encourage participation of the members of the Washington State Board of Registered Sanitarians. I would like to propose a challenge, do you have ideas to improve or change the WSBRs? Bring your ideas to the next annual meeting (May 2, 2017 @ the WSEHA AEC in Wenatchee) and let them be heard.

This year, the CEU committee approved a change to the by-laws for CEU qualifications. This change made it possible to earn CEU credits for attending management related courses which more closely match NEHA's standards for earning CEU's. As the world continues to change, revisions to the by-laws may be necessary for this organization to stay current. If you have ideas, I encourage you to take an active role in our professional organization and consider running for a position with the Board. As my time as Chairman winds down I would like to thank Steve Wecker for encouraging me to run for a position on the Board of Registered Sanitarians.

I offer my sincere congratulations to all the newly certified members. Testing and certification has become easier than ever with the ability to schedule exams on an as-needed basis, in more, convenient locations. Thank you to Toni Plemel, our Executive Secretary for providing the board and membership her

assistance and support. If you have questions about becoming a member of the board, please feel free to contact myself or Toni.

Thank you for your dedication to protecting public health in Washington State. Keep up the good work!

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Our Annual Membership meeting will be held on May 2, 2017 at the WSEHA AEC in Wenatchee, WA. Our meeting is being planned for the morning of May 2nd. We encourage our membership to attend. Topics will include the past year, upcoming items and any issues our membership wishes to bring forward. We look forward to seeing you then.

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, Seattle, Tacoma, and Spokane. At this time we are looking to schedule an exam in Everett in early April/May. Watch the website for exam dates & locations.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Danielle Love, Ester Beaumier, Nicholas Hehemann, Ethan Schmidt and Jane Mountjoy-Venning who have joined the ranks of the Washington State Board of Registered Sanitarians (WSBRs) by exam or reciprocity. Congratulations!

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, 2014 have been purged from your record. Per the by-laws, CEU credits/courses remain on your record for 3 years. 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. You may submit for CEU Application and supporting documentation via mail or email.

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 which can be found on our website.

RS BOARD CANDIDATES NEEDED

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

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