

WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF REGISTERED SANITARIANS



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FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Jennifer Garcelon

Happy chilly 2019! I hope everyone had a good 2018 and is looking forward to 2019. I cannot believe we are on the tail end of the 20-teens, and next year is 2020.

If any WSBRS member has any ideas or suggested changes, please call or email anyone on the Board or the Executive Secretary. We want to listen to suggestions and ensure the organization evolves to meet the needs of the membership.

I want to encourage everyone to participate in our next Board Meeting at the WSEHA Annual Education Conference (AEC) in May in Yakima. It is usually one of the mornings before the AEC sessions begin. We plan some changes in the by-laws regarding allowing electronic voting and requiring a CEU report be sent once a year instead of twice, but always available by request. We will also start a discussion on the changing or adding our credential name to Registered Environmental Health Specialist. Please attend the meeting and let us know your thoughts.

WSBRS has welcomed 44 new members this past year. Our total membership is at 407 current members and 308 active members. I am pleased the organization is maintaining its membership numbers. It is so important to keep the profession credentialed.

Now, I want to encourage you to get involved with WSBRS. There is a seat available in July 2019 and it's waiting for you. I chose to run (unopposed) because after fifteen years of being a Registered Sanitarian and being in my EH program about the same amount of time, I wanted to learn something new. How does an independent organization run and keep the wheels moving? My quick answer is a great Executive Secretary, which we have with Toni Plemel. I also learned the by-laws set up 30+ years ago, allows a new board member to succeed. You start as the Secretary, so you learn all of inner workings of the WSBRS and you hone your

listening skills to take good notes for the record. The second year, you transition into Treasurer, where you learn the financial end of the organization, mainly writing checks. The final year, you become the Chair, and you see your name stamped on all of the certificates and you get to throw ideas out for the agenda. It's been a great professional experience for me.

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, Yakima, Tacoma, and Spokane. The next REHS/RS Exam will be administered at the WSEHA AEC on May 6th at the Yakima Convention Center.

The Board is currently working with NEHA to begin testing site administration of the REHS/RS Exam. More information to follow on this change.

If you have any questions, please contact the Executive Secretary.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome Ali Omar, Chelsea Cannard, Rebecca Stratis, Paul Garcia and Holly Meyers who have joined the ranks of the Washington State Board of Registered Sanitarians (WSBRS) by exam or reciprocity. Congratulations! We are excited to have 44 new members join in the past year.

CEU REPORTS and APPLICATIONS

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 June 1, 2015 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 the 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 USPS 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.

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 our current Board members. Our election will take place this spring.

MEMBERS CONTACT INFORMATION

Please be sure that we have all of your contact information correct. As we continue to improve our communications, it is very important that we have your current contact information, especially a valid email address on file. The WSBRS will continue to improve and streamline communication by using email at times to communicate with our membership.

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If you would like more information on the CEU Committee or are interested in serving on this committee, please contact the Exec. Secretary.

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