

# WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF REGISTERED SANITARIANS



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## JUNE 2016 NEWSLETTER

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### CHAIR'S MESSAGE

#### Charles Wu

I would like to thank everyone for supporting me the past year as Chair of the Board of Directors of this great organization. In reflecting the past year there have been a few major changes that have influenced our profession. The first was the tragedy in San Bernardino, California in December. 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. Most recently the issue of lead in drinking water in Flint, Michigan and in our schools has captured the attention of all Americans. This issue with lead did not take our profession by surprise but it saddens me that it takes something like this to get the attention of the politicians, national media and elevate the importance of Sanitarians and Environmental Public Health professionals protecting our communities. We must seize this unfortunate issue and promote the importance of our profession to all.

I am happy to welcome Jennifer Garcelon as the incoming member of our Board of Directors. Jennifer is a star at Clallam County Health and Human Services and has expertise in multiple areas of environmental health.

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 Ton Plemel, our Executive Secretary. Thank You!

### ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARY

Our Annual Membership meeting was held on May 26<sup>th</sup> at the WSEHA AEC. The meeting minutes from the September 29, 2015 were reviewed and approved. Members has a chance to review the current budget (2015-2016) and the proposed budget (2016-2017) before approval. Changes to the CEU Appendix B Guidelines were shared by Jeff Ketchel, CEU Committee Chair. These changes were approved by the membership. You will find the revised Appendix B of our Bylaws and updated CEU Application included with this newsletter. Look for more detailed draft meeting minutes to be posted to our website soon. We thank those members that were able to attend our meeting.

### 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, and Spokane. At this time looking to schedule an exam in Seattle in early September 2016 and April 2017 in Everett. Watch the website for exam dates & locations.

### NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Joani Havens, Crystal Nuno, Jeremy Bush, Keith Johnson, Brent French, Kyle Overton, Jennifer Straling, Vikki Barthels, Matt Wilson & Kyla Leyendekker who have joined the ranks of the Washington State Board of Registered Sanitarians (WSBRS) by exam or reciprocity. Congratulation!

## **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 June 30, 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. An updated CEU Application is also included with this newsletter as there have been a few slight revisions to this form. 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.

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