

WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF REGISTERED SANITARIANS



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JUNE 2017 NEWSLETTER

CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Miranda Heimbuch

When I joined the board three years ago, no one ran against me for the position and I found the lack of engagement of members discouraging. Over the last three years, I have seen attendance at our annual meetings improve and many new faces at the WSEHA AEC. In the last year alone, I have reviewed more applications for examination than I reviewed in my first two years on the board, combined.

The field of environmental health is experiencing a mass exodus. As baby boomers progress to retirement, GenXers and millennials step into the vacancies left behind. I see this as a time of opportunity and transformation for the WSBRS with the potential to engage a new generation of sanitarians who are the future of environmental health.

This generation of environmental health professionals may have different expectations, and perspectives than those of previous generations and I think it is important to adjust with the changing times. The current political climate and cuts to environmental programs threaten our industry. I feel it is more important than ever to cultivate efficiency, refine communication, and boost our member's involvement with the WSBRS.

With that said, there is a field on the license renewal form for your email address, PLEASE complete this field and return it with your renewal. We would like to send an email survey allowing us to gauge member preferences for communication, opinions on organization's website, and reasons for the lack of participation and engagement with the WSBRS. Hopefully the information gathered from the email survey

will help guide the direction of our professional organization.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the board and for supporting me during my time as Chairman. Thank you to Bruce Straughn for his interest in running for the vacant position on the board and thank you to Jerry Caird and Jen Garcelon for their dedication and work to the WSBRS. As always, a special thank you to Toni Plemel, the Executive Secretary, for her hard work and dedication is keeping our organization running smoothly.

ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARY

Our Annual Membership was held on May 2nd at the WSEHA AEC in Wenatchee. The minutes from the May 26, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved. Members had a chance to review the current budget and the proposed budget for next year prior to their approval. There was a discussion about the website, ways to make it more interactive and other electronic communication tools. The difference between our exam vs. the NEHA exam was also discussed. Look for more detailed "Draft" minutes to be posted to the website soon. We thank those members that were able to attend the 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, Seattle, Tacoma, and Spokane.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Babatunde Badru, Marta Lema & Laura McLaughlin 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 June 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 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 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 ELECTION

Enclosed with this newsletter (for Active RS members) is the Board of Directors Election Ballot. Bruce Straughn has accepted the candidacy for the position to be vacated by Miranda Heimbuch effective July 1st. Active members should take the time to review the information about the candidate and cast their vote. Ballots may be mailed to the Executive Secretary no later than June 1st. For those that prefer, you may cast your vote via email by March 1st to wsbrs.secretary@gmail.com

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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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