

# WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF REGISTERED SANITARIANS



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## JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER

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### CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone. As I prepared to write this I reviewed the last message I sent. It started by saying that "we...are beginning to wind down our Incident Command response" to COVID-19. That was a very short lived hope that certainly did not come to fruition. It certainly has reinforced the fact that one certainty in public health is change.

Unfortunately our annual meeting was postponed due to the WSEHA AEC cancellation. We do however have a requirement in our bylaws to hold an annual membership meeting. This year's membership meeting will be held via Zoom on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm. Zoom can be downloaded at <https://zoom.us/download>. The meeting ID is 957 0752 0850, Password is 203980. You can also call in by dialing (253)215-8782. Look for an email invite from the Executive Secretary on this as well.

At the meeting we will be considering a change to our bylaws as explained in this newsletter and hopefully voting to elect a new board member. We are currently without any nominees, so if you are interested please let Toni Plemel or any of the current board members know. We are also all available to answer any questions you may have about serving on the board.

Please make sure you set aside time to take care of yourselves and those around you during this unique time in our history. Stay Healthy.

Bruce Straughn, Chair

### REGISTERED SANITARIAN EXAM

The REHS/RS exam is now administered through Pearson Vue testing sites. Once a candidate is approved to sit for our exam they have up to 1 year to schedule the exam through Pearson Vue. The exam remains the same (acquired from NEHA). Candidates may contact the Executive Secretary for more information and the application packet. The Exam and Reciprocity Application packets are available for download from our website

### CEU REPORTS and APPLICATIONS

Toni Plemel

For Active members, a current CEU report is included with this newsletter. Individuals may request an electronic CEU report at any time by contacting the Executive Secretary.

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, don't hesitate to contact the Executive Secretary.

### 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.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Your 2020-2021 membership renewal is included with this newsletter. All yearly memberships expire on June 30th. Remember for Active members, you must have a minimum of 3.0 CEUs on file in order to renew your membership. Renewals received that do not meet our minimum requirements will be returned. We do have in place a grace period that allows for renewals to be received after July 1<sup>st</sup>. Late fees will apply beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>. So if you find yourself short on CEUs you do have some extra time to obtain them. Members can visit a number of on-line agencies (NEHA, FEMA, etc.) to obtain on-line CEU credits.

## ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

- Board Introductions
- Review of May 7, 2019 minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- Proposed Bylaws Change
- Board Position-Seeking a Candidate
- Chairman's Comments
- Incoming Chairman's Comments
- New Business/Other Business

## BYLAWS CHANGE

### Current Bylaws:

Section 3: Classes of Membership. There shall be four classes of membership as follows:

a. "Regular Member": A Regular Member shall be defined as any member currently registered and in good standing with the Board including current in the continuing education units required by Section 10 of Article VII of the Bylaws and current in payment of license renewal fees. A Regular Member may use the initials "R.S.".

### Proposed Bylaws:

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a. "Regular Member": A Regular Member shall be defined as any member currently registered and in good standing with the Board including current in the continuing education units required by Section 10 of Article VII of the Bylaws and current in payment of license renewal fees. A Regular Member may use the initials "R.S." (Registered Sanitarian) or R.E.H.S.

(Registered Environmental Health Specialist). "R.S." (Registered Sanitarian and "R.E.H.S." (Registered Environmental Health Specialist) are synonymous terms. The use of the terms "R.S." and/or "Registered Sanitarian." throughout these bylaws is understood to have equal application to "R.E.H.S." and "Registered Environmental Health Specialist".

## CEU COMMITTEE, 2020-2021

The CEU Committee is currently seeking new members. These committee members volunteer to review CEU applications and determine the assignment of credit based on the guidelines set forth in our bylaws. If you are interested in becoming a member of the CEU Committee, please contact the Executive Secretary.

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