

# WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF REGISTERED SANITARIANS



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## JUNE 2019 NEWSLETTER

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### CHAIR'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank the membership for the opportunity to serve the Washington State Board of Registered Sanitarians for the past three years. I learned a lot from the Board members, past and present and the Executive Secretary. That you, Charles, Miranda, Jerry, Bruce, Terry and Toni. I am also grateful for the opportunity to attend NEHA last year and represent WSBRs.

During my time on the Board, we updated bylaws, we conducted a survey of the membership, we started using more technology, and we began some exciting discussions on new changes in the future.

I've been a Registered Sanitarian since 1999. I was so excited to receive my test results and be able to add the initials RS to my name. Every time I write RS as I sign my name on a letter or an email, I will now think of my time serving WSBRs and how proud I am of our organization.

Thank you very much! Jen Garcelon

### ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARY

#### Terry Clements

The WSBRs annual meeting was held on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> in Yakima. Eight members, the current board and the executive secretary attended the meeting. The 2019-2020 budget was reviewed and approved. Several bylaws changes were presented. A change to Article IV would allow for director election ballot options to include email or other electronic ballots in addition to mail ballots. A change to Article VIII would reduce the number of mailings of CEU reports from two to one annually and add the option of requesting a report at any other time. Both bylaws changes were approved unanimously. Other items discussed were the use of REHS as an option to members, the need to update the webpage and possible ramifications of the administration of the RS examination being limited to electronic format only starting in 2020. The group agreed that all these issues should receive further board attention during the coming year.

### REGISTERED SANITARIAN EXAM

The RS exam can currently be arranged at a variety of times and locations. This will continue through 2019. Beginning in 2020 we will be administering the REHS/RS Exam through Pearson Vue testing sites. Please contact the Executive Secretary for an Application Packet and/or to schedule an exam in 2019. 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. More information will be provided regarding exam testing in 2020.

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

### NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Meghan Whidden, Ketsiri DeBord, Brandon Comfort, Daniel Nakauchi, Vladimir Nekrutenko, Ashlee Rose Ferguson, Mariah Crawford, Anna Frerichs, John Shannon, Krysta Anderson, Jacqueline Fields, Brenna Hoppe, Megan Jackson, Nicole Johnson, Stephanie Kenny, Simranjit Narwal, Karen Paugh, Charissa Spendlove & Renee Sutton who have joined the ranks of the Washington State Board of Registered Sanitarians (WSBRs) by exam or reciprocity. Congratulations! We are excited to have 24 new members join in the past year.

### 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, 2016 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.** DO NOT return your membership renewal if you do not meet the minimum CEU requirements. It will be returned.

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 NEW BOARD MEMBER**

Welcome to Jessica Pankey our newest board members. Jessica is currently working at Clallam County in the Food Safety Division where she has been since 2006. We are excited for Jessica to join our Board.

### **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.

### **CEU COMMITTEE, 2019-2020**

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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