



North Dakota Environmental Health Association

President's Newsletter

January 2016

2015 NDEHA Fall Conference

The NDEHA 2015 Fall Educational Conference was held October 20-22 in Jamestown, ND.

This year's conference saw the return of multiple tracks on the second day, which included Food and General Environmental Health. There were a variety of environmental topics to choose from along with a panel discussion about implementing a baseline onsite septic code across the state.

If you have joined the NDEHA member forum, you can access some of the presentations from the fall conference. <http://ndeha.org/phpbb/>

Congratulations to Mike Walton on his big pre-conference registration cash prize! Way to go!



Thank you to everyone who attended and organized the 2015 fall conference which made it a successful!

The NDEHA board has reviewed your comments

from the 2016 fall conference, but if you have additional suggestions please email Marcie Bata mabata@nd.gov.

Awards/Announcements

Congratulations to the 2015 NDEHA Award winners:

- *Sherry Adams, Mike Lee, and Marcie Bata each received a NDEHA Merit Award*
- *Plaque of Appreciation to Jane Kangas – Past President*
- *Dedicated Service Award to Richard Klockman and Dan Mattern*
- *Orville Payne, North Dakota Dept. of Agriculture retired on December 31, 2015*

2016 Training Opportunities

Feb 9-10, 2016

Onsite Wastewater Education Conference, Bismarck, ND

Feb. 25, 2016

Lake Region Septic Training Devils Lake, ND

Mar 21, 2016(1:30 - 4:30 pm)

ND Food Code Training, Comfort Inn, Bismarck

Mar 22-23, 2016

Temporary Food Establishment Training Course, Comfort Inn, Bismarck

June 13-16, 2016

NEHA AEC

San Antonio, TX

Sept 13-16, 2016

ND Solid Waste & Recycling Conference, Deadwood, SD

Oct 11-13, 2016

ND Water & Pollution Conference, Minot, ND

Oct 18-20, 2016

NDEHA Fall Conference, Radisson, Bismarck, ND

More information available at <http://ndeha.org/wp/conferences> and <http://ndeha.org/wp/trainings>

NDEHA President Comments—Grant Larson (glarson@cityoffargo.com)

For those of you that don't know me, I previously served as the President of NDEHA from 2005 to 2007. I have been with Fargo Cass Public Health since Jan 27, 1997, so it has been exactly 19 years. I was an EHP from 1997 until my promotion to the Director of Environmental Health in 2013. I have also been a member of the ND Air National Guard for almost 28 years and serve a Joint Planning Officer for domestic response in ND.

My goal, as your President, is to deliver timely and accurate communication in order to make sure there is transparency and continuity between the NDEHA board, its members, industry partners, and potential members. One of the ways I intend to accomplish this task is by providing a quarterly newsletter.

As the Director of Environmental Health, I also know that training is very important at any experience

level in Environmental Health. We have had a lot of new members that have joined our profession which is fantastic, however I want to make sure we provide as many training options to anyone who might be interested. I intend to not only communicate but also help promote or sponsor in state training events to help you as professionals. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns and thank you for your support.

NDEHA Logo

The board sent out a survey associated with whether or not the membership would like to change or update our current NDEHA logo. You, the membership voted, 60% to 40%, to change and/or update the existing logo which is the one used on the front page of this newsletter. With the voting now complete, we would like your help to get ideas, suggestions, etc. for a new logo. We would like to have several different

NDEHA Purchases

The board has already been active and approved purchasing items that were identified to support future conferences. We bought a new video camera, three laser pointers, re-useable board member nametags, and enough ID lanyards to hold name tags/ID's for future conferences. For your information here is the detailed information and associated costs:

Sony Video Camera = \$198.00

3 wireless laser pointers = \$65.67

7 permanent NDEHA board name tags, i.e. "President" = \$43.75

100 ID badge lanyards = \$122.80

Total Cost = \$430.22

NDEHA Trivia

Fun trivia questions:

- 1) Who is the longest standing NDEHA member that has not retired?
- 2) Who is the newest standing NDEHA member?

Trivia Answers:

- 1) Keith Johnson, Custer Health (1979)
- 2) Kim Moe, Fargo Cass Public Health (1/27/70)

Since I pointed out Keith's longevity, I also wanted to do him a favor and inform the membership he has a current opening for an EHP at Custer Health. Interested parties should contact Keith at:

keith.johnson@custerhealth.com

options for the membership to vote on for a new logo, so please send any ideas to our new email

ndeha2016@gmail.com.

We would like to have the new logo voted and approved by **March 1st**. This will allow us time to order letterhead, possible NDEHA shirts, a new banner, etc. So please, please email us if you have any ideas like the ones already submitted below!



2016-2017 NDEHA Executive Board

President—Grant Larson

1st Vice President—Kenan Bullinger

2nd Vice President—Marcie Bata

Member-at-Large—Melissa Wilson

Treasurer—Jayme Calavera

Secretary—Candace Carlson

Past President—Jane Kangas



Left to Right:

Jayme Calavera, Melissa Wilson, Marcie Bata, Grant Larson (back row)

Jane Kangas, Kenan Bullinger, Candace Carlson (front row)

NDEHA Member Spotlight

Kim Moe, Environmental Health Practitioner, Fargo Cass Public Health, Newest NDEHA Member



Kim Moe works in the Environmental Health Department, a division of Fargo Cass Public Health. She was born in Seoul, South Korea and later moved to Grygla, MN. Kim pursued her education at Minnesota State University Moorhead in Moorhead, Minnesota, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology with an emphasis in Health and Medical Science. Kim is fairly new to her position and is enjoying learning the variety of areas that the Environmental Health Department has to offer. Kim's areas of focus are food regulation, environmental health complaints, and taking care of the occasional bed bug call. She has always had a passion for helping others, and this position has given her the ability to do so. Getting to work in the community and give back by protecting and educating are just a few examples. She is also looking forward to working with local business owners and learning more about the food safety.