



# NORTH DAKOTA ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

*NDEHA Presidents Newsletter  
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Dear NDEHA Membership,

Welcome to spring and my first 2017 newsletter, which incorporates a new format and NDEHA logo!

## **2017 NDEHA Annual Fall Conference** – October 17-19, 2017

- This year's conference will be held in beautiful Medora, ND
- A block of rooms has been reserved at the AmericInn for \$89/night
- We are in the process of filling the conference agenda, if you have any topics or speakers that you would like to see or recommend, please email directly
- Please keep in mind individuals who you feel deserve an NDEHA award
- A separate email will be sent specifically for a call for abstracts as well as awards soon
- The early bird registration will once again be sometime in September

## **NDEHA Board**

- A copy of the board meeting minutes can be viewed via the NDEHA webpage at <http://ndeha.org>
- The board approved the cancellation of our membership to the International Association for Food Protection (IAFP) because they centered around wholesale distribution and was not worth the annual fee
- Two legislative letters were written on behalf of NDEHA for HB 1433 and SB 2327, if you would like a copy of my letter or letters please email me directly
- The board approved the purchase of a new banner, with our NDEHA logo, which can be used by any member at a function affiliated with NDEHA

## **NDEHA Board Composition**

- The current composition of the NDEHA board:
  - President = Grant Larson
  - Past President = Jane Kangas
  - 1 VP = Marcie Bata
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> VP = Julie Wagendorf
  - Member-at-large = Open
  - Treasurer = Jayme Calavera
  - Secretary = Candace Carlson
- During the first part of January, Kenan Bullinger elected to resign from the board because he was hired as the Director of the Medicinal Marijuana program at the State Health Department
- Based on Kenan's resignation, the board approved to appoint Marcie to 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Melissa Wilson to 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, and then discussed who we should appoint as the member-at-large

Julie accepted the position, however her reservation was that she will need some additional transition time on the board because she was hired to replace Kenan as the Director of Food and Lodging **NDEHA Board Composition** – continued

- It was decided to appoint Julie Wagendorf as the member-at-large in order to keep the continuity between the association and Food and Lodging as well as have additional state representation
- Around March 1<sup>st</sup>, Melissa Wilson, resigned from the board due to a relocation
- Based on her resignation, the board approved to appoint/move Julie Wagendorf to the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP position but once again Julie's reservation was a time commitment due to the transition into Kenan's position
- Currently the member-at-large position remains open

**NDEHA variance vote** - The NDEHA board is asking for your support to vote on a variance to amend the by-laws, which would keep the current board members in place for another two years, with the exception of the member-at-large who will be elected according to by-laws at this year's fall conference.

The decision to call for a vote on the variance is based on:

- Marcie proposed this option as it would provide consistency for the board, preventing the loss of momentum and direction rather than having 3 new members after the Fall Conference
- Allowing Julie more time to transition into her new director position at food and lodging before jumping into the 1<sup>st</sup> VP position
- Grant elected into the 1<sup>st</sup> VP position, at the second year, so I have only served three years on the board and willing to remain in place
- Jane also is willing to remain in place as the past president
- This variance has been approved in the past with NDEHA for the same reasons

**Survey monkey** – Each member will be receiving a link to a survey monkey associated with the call for a vote to retain the same board members for the next 2 years. We ask for your cooperation and support to complete the survey, which will be open until **May 10, 2017**.

**CI Sport** – Fargo, ND

- After searching around for firms that would help us develop a new logo, at a reasonable price, we ended up choosing CI Sport which is located in Fargo, ND
- Since the new logo has been finalized and approved by the membership, attached is a CI Sport flyer with some of their products if you wish to purchase them and incorporate the new logo
- They have informed us that the color of actual logo can be any color you wish, but the shape and content of the badge will remain the same i.e. the logo at the top of this letter could be blue and worn on a white shirt (do we really want to offer up changing the new logo already ? Id say let them use green only option and revisit this if the need arises otherwise well have a rainbow of colors going on and its isn't as consistent or professional u don't change the state flag color to better coordinate!!)
- If you wish to place an order please contact McCall Goehner at [McCall@cisport.com](mailto:McCall@cisport.com)

**Save the date**

- 2017 NDEHA Fall Conference – Medora, ND (Oct. 18-20)
- 2017 NEHA Region 4 Conference – Minneapolis, MN (Sept. 19-21)
- 2017 NEHA AEC Conference – Grand Rapids, MI (July 10-13)

I would like to once again thank the board and committee members who contribute their time and talents to the association, as well as all of the members who make up this great organization.