



# NORTH DAKOTA ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

*NDEHA Newsletter*  
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NDEHA Membership,

I want to thank everyone for selecting your preferred subcommittees to be part of this year and your involvement to connect, collaborate, and support each other as well as advocate for the work we do. Your work is vital to a healthy and productive state, and every citizen's wellbeing, and though it is not always as recognized as it should be, you are appreciated! NDEHA continues working on membership training and educating about environmental health issues and promoting the profession. Here are some news items and opportunities as the year progresses.

## **2026 Public Health Conference**

- The Executive Board has been involved in planning for the 2026 North Dakota Public Health Conference at Bismarck State College, which will be held May 5-7, 2026. Come see NEHA President, Larry Ramdin, highlighting the importance of environmental health in a keynote session!
- Members are invited for a NDEHA sponsored gathering and meal at the Paddle Trap, 2500 Pirates Loop SE, in Mandan on May 5 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.. Please RSVP to Erin Ourada by April 24.
- Without a preconference workshop this year, there will be 11 EHP CE hours available for this conference. We hope to add 4-plus more optional educational hours for the year, stay tuned.

## **2026 NEHA AEC**

- NEHA's Annual conference is in Kansas City Missouri, from August 3-6, 2026, with a virtual option. If you are able to attend in person, be sure to check out the preconference workshop options. Early bird prices are available until April 30.

## **State Septic Regulation**

- The 2025 legislative session ended with success towards long endeavored state wide septic regulations. With N.D.C.C. 23.1-07.1 in law, the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality is drafting septic rules.
- A NDEHA subcommittee was created in response to NDDEQ's request for stakeholder input on drafted septic regulations. Members met to review and provide comments on the rules, as well as provided information and outreach to industry stakeholders in collaboration with the North Dakota Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association.

## NDEHA Committees

- Past President, Aaron Johnson, chairs:
  - Legislative Committee:
    - Monitors ND legislation that may have impacts on environmental health.
  - Nominations/Awards committee:
    - Seeks nominations for new board members in election years.
    - Seeks nominations and arranges for awards presentations.
- President, Javin Bedard, acts as official NDEHA spokesman
  - Chairs NDEHA Board meetings, NEHA Affiliate & Region 4 representation
  - Ad Hoc Septic committee, reviewing DEQ rules
- First Vice President, Chris Ohman, chairs:
  - Technology Committee
    - Maintains a website providing association information.
    - May submit/highlight environmental health related proclamations/observances.
- Second Vice President, Kayla Price, chairs:
  - Bylaws Committee
    - Reviews bylaws for edits and makes recommendations for membership review.
- Member at Large, Daphne Clark, chairs:
  - Sustaining Partner Committee
    - Contacts industry and other partners to become sustaining partners of NDEHA. Helps offset costs for conferences.
  - Local Arrangements Committee
    - Secures speaker gifts and provides for local arrangements for conferences

## NDEHA Related Information

- NDEHA annual meeting and awards will be held in the fall; date TBD.
- The NDEHA Board is looking for an additional 4-plus hour training workshop option to offer in the fall, possibly in conjunction with our annual meeting. Please let us know if you have specific training you would like or suggest!
- New hires in office? Know of someone who is involved in environmental health in ND? Please talk to them about joining NDEHA <http://ndeha.org/wp/membership>.
- A copy of approved business and board meeting minutes can be viewed via the NDEHA webpage at <http://ndeha.org/wp/>.

Sincerely,



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