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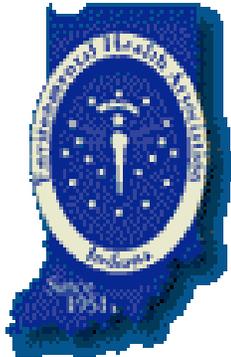
## ***MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT***

Hello IEHA members and friends,

As I write this President's message I'm reminded of our Fall Conference speaker, Paul Purcell, and his message to us to bring our preparedness training home to our loved ones. My mother lives out on the Outer Banks of North Carolina and Hurricane Joaquin is headed her way. It is an unsettling feeling to know that mom's home may not be stocked with proper food, water, meds or supplies in order to weather this storm. I've tried to convince her to evacuate but that isn't an option (She is a strong-willed woman). So for now I am reminding her to charge her cell phone, sleep with her shoes on, and move to her safe room should the storm damage her home. I will be addressing all of the preparedness issues during my Thanksgiving visit and there will be a can of pickled jalapeño peaches in her pantry for future bartering, if needed.

I want to thank all who attended and participated in the 65th Annual Fall Educational Conference at Notre Dame in September. President-Elect Mike Sutton and his conference team provided a fantastic agenda and environment for learning. I hope you found the conference to be a valuable educational tool and an enriching networking experience. Hopefully it provided you a glimpse into IEHA and has ignited your interest in becoming active in the association. Our association needs you! There are so many ways to become active in our association; the chapter meetings, the standing committee meetings, the Spring Conference and Fall Conference planning committees, and even considering a chapter or association officer position.

In closing, I would like to congratulate and celebrate our 2015 IEHA Award recipients. I am so happy for each of the recipients and so proud to have worked with each of them either directly or peripherally. This year's award recipients serve as wonderful examples and ambassadors for environmental health professionals. Please join me in congratulating them.



# CHAPTER NEWS

## SAVE THE DATE

**SPRING CONFERENCE  
2016**

**April 14, 2016**

*“The Past, the Present and  
the Future of  
Environmental Health”*

**University Place Hotel 850  
West Michigan Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46202**

## SAVE THE DATE

**FALL CONFERENCE  
2016**

**September 26-28**



## NORTHEAST

The Northeast Chapter began their program year Sept 17 2015 hosted by Elkhart County Health Dept. Members met at the Elkhart Environmental Center (EEC) located at 1717 E Lusher Ave, Elkhart. Ericka Popovich, Environmental Center Supervisor, spoke to us about the missions and programs provided at this site. We toured a portion of the acreage at the EEC. First we were taken to the Reflection Garden. This area depicted the life/death of ash trees by way of artistic metal sculptures of a living ash tree, one beginning to die and then one taken down. Within the Reflection Garden is an area along the path to show ash trees receiving therapy-looking healthy and on the other side of the path several ash trees which have been sawed down. We also toured the edible garden. The tomatillo tomato was the star of this site with some of our members marveling at the green tomato wrapped in a paper like film.

This meeting turned out to be an adventurous one since we traveled to our next tour destination at the Goshen Brewing Co., 315 W Washington St, Goshen. Our tour guide/owner was Jesse Sensenig who showed the group the three story reclaimed brick building once owned by Northern Indiana Public Service Co (NIPSCO). This family owned business has transformed the once empty building into a prosperous brew pub and restaurant. Various flavors of beers are made and placed into kegs at this time. They continuously try to create different flavors to add to the existing flavor inventory. Although we were unable to eat there (opens at 3pm for meals) the menu offered various options appealing to all appetites using organic and community grown foods as much as possible.

- Submitted by Judy Fox, President NE Chapter



# CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS



# FOOD PROTECTION

## INTERSTATE TRUCKS SHOW IMPROVEMENT

It was not long ago that interstate food trucks were inspected by the ISDH Food Protection Program and inspectors regularly found disgusting insanitary conditions on trucks of all sizes. Inspectors consistently found various issues such as raw meats dripping blood on vegetables and other cross contamination, foods without labeling, foods stored in grocery bags or re-used boxes, pest activity occurring in the truck, and unknown liquids accumulating on the floor beside food stored on the floor of the truck were also documented. Some drivers knew nothing about how to maintain safe food temperatures. Indiana House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1298, a new law for the transportation of food products brought important changes in 2012. One of the critical provisions in the new law was the authorization by a law enforcement officer to inspect, detain, and contact a health inspector to inspect, and in certain cases impound a motor vehicle that does not comply with public health law and rules. The consequences to the motor carriers began to affect the profit of loads being transported unsafely. In the last three years steady improvements have been made by the industry.

On September 29<sup>th</sup>, ISDH Food Protection Program personnel and local health departments conducted the second Interstate Food Transport Assessment Project (IFTAP) in Tippecanoe County in the parking lot of the Meijer supermarket east of I-65. The IFTAP was coordinated by Stan Danao of the ISDH Food Protection Program and Sergeant Rich Kelly of the Indiana State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division. Jen Coleman, Eric Eldridge, Jordan Young and Misty Harvey participated from the ISDH Food Protection Program, along with Greg Robison and Erich Haley from the Fountain/Warren County Health Department, and Randy Myers and Megan Tuttle from the Carroll County Health Department. The ISP was represented by Troopers Larry Mote, Ahmed Hafez, Aaron Schaal, Sean Swaim, and Nate King, who provided the commercial food vehicles to inspect from vehicles pulled over on southbound I-65. The troopers redirected only the food transports to the Meijer parking lot for further inspection. The group inspected three refrigerated semi trailers and three refrigerated box trucks. It was a long morning, but it allowed Stan the opportunity to train four inspectors and an ISDH observer, who were totally new to truck inspections.

The inspectors observed that all the trucks had their refrigeration units operating properly, raw meats and seafood were properly separated from other foods and each other, whole intact pork was wrapped in plastic wrap on its own pallet, and toxic cleaners were separated from food. All the drivers stated they had received some food safety training and instruction on how to maintain the proper food temperatures in the cargo hold. One of the six trucks was protected by a numbered seal, so there is still work to be done on food defense/security. One driver had received ServSafe training. There were no objectionable conditions cited in any of the six trucks. Sergeant Kelly commented that he has seen no better law (Indiana Code Title 8, Article 2.1, Chapter 24, Section 27) that has brought about more positive change in the transportation of food in his 20 years of service. HEA 1298 has been a powerful and effective law that has benefited the residents of Indiana and its visitors.



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# SPOTLIGHT ON PUBLIC HEALTH PERSONNEL

## The Forgotten Homeless of Environmental Health

### Giving Back to our Communities

While overseeing the Housing Inspection Program at Boone County Health Department, I was appalled at the living conditions many children, the elderly and animals are forced to live in. The children or senior citizens have assistance available for them but, Boone County had no animal ordinances, care & control officers or animal shelter. My concern for these forgotten, homeless led to a passion for domestic animal rescue and adoption.

Unfortunately, the State of Indiana mandates each county to provide for animal control without providing direct funding. Many aspects of public health see neglected and abused animals get caught in the world of poverty and unfit living conditions due to the lack of sanitation, healthy food, clean water, hoarding, waste removal and meth labs. When a home is condemned many times the health department, social services and law enforcement have few options for the animals left behind. This is where my world in public health service meets my volunteer service for the communities in which I live.

In September 2008, I became a volunteer for the Humane Society for Boone County. When found on the streets or removed by authorities from homes, most dogs and cats would be taken to the Lebanon Street Department where they would be “put down” after three days if not picked up or re-homed. The Humane Society volunteers, when possible, would take the street department-found animals. With no county or city shelter, each animal taken in had to be fostered either at a barn rented by donations (limited to 5 stalls/a dozen cat cages) or in private homes. Our only outlet for re-homing was adoption events or media advertisements promoting adoptable animals.

In the winter of 2009, the Health Department condemned a trailer where a homeless woman was “squatting”. The woman had two dogs, no heat, water, electricity and little food. With the trailer condemned, the larger of her dogs, was thrown out on the street where it roamed until picked up by the street department. Before the dog’s hold time was up, Humane Society fosters stepped up to assist. The dog kept running away from foster care to go back to the trailer where it had last seen its owner. After repeated calls from the police and street department, the dog was kenneled at the barn, looking dejected. At the next adoption event, I was scheduled to show a medium sized, brown, mutt, which if not adopted, would be transported to a new foster family with a tall fence. To my surprise, the old dog was the homeless woman’s “throw a-way” named Sadie. She sat on the end of the leash with her back to me, appearing to watch each person in the crowd looking for her original owner. With all the potential families wanting cute puppies, the event ended with me dropping Sadie off at the new foster home where they waited to give her temporary love and shelter.

In March 2010, my Humane Society friends threw me a surprise birthday party. The gifts included a new leash for the old dog harnessed to it. As a failed foster, I was adopted/rescued by Sadie! For the duration of my time in Boone County, Sadie acted as the unofficial mascot for both the Health Department and the Humane Society attending events and promoting senior adoptions throughout the community.

In 2012, I moved to Muncie, where I volunteer Saturdays dog walking, socializing, organizing volunteers and serve as a doggy advocate during adoption hours home. Volunteering is a very personal decision. Many acquaintances will say they could never go in the shelter because it’s depressing or wanting to take them all home but I have found the truth is volunteering in animal rescue makes the experience worth the effort. I see the shelter as a “halfway to forever home” and always better than anywhere they were unloved or unwanted before. I also see this as a therapy for environmental professionals. After spending a day in hot kitchens, stuffy offices or having to give unwanted news to homeowners, some down time playing with cats and walking dogs allows for physical exercise and opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. It’s a way to serve your communities in a purely positive light without pressure and stress. To enjoy the ultimate, free therapies available please consider contacting a shelter or rescue in your community. Critters just like Sadie are waiting for you with undying gratitude. Give it a try!



Sharon I. Pattee and Sadie

# AWARD WINNERS



**Thank you!**

## **2015 Fall Conference Silent Auction**

Thanks to all our donors and bidders! The silent auction raised \$881.50! I looked over the sheets to write this thank you, and it's fun to see the same names in the donors column and the bidders column!

This year our donors were:

Judy Fox, Southern Chapter, East Central Chapter, West Central Chapter, Jessica Welch, Margaret Voyles, Mattress Safe, Heather Alberton, Tricia Wozniak, Sue Norris, North East Chapter, Amanda Lahners, South Bend Chocolate, Denise H. Wright, Wabash Valley Chapter, Melissa Ackerman and Danger Zone Consulting, Patty Nocek, Tara Renner, Sharon Pattee, Sadie & Scout too!, Jennifer Warner.

This year our bidders were:

Penny Caudill, Reba Hill, Rosy Hansell, Charles Palmer, Carrie Allen, Sharon Pattee, Tara Renner, Lynne Madison, Andrea Walche, Sylvia Garrison, Sue Norris, Suzanne Mouser, Amanda Lahners, Liddy Wright, Gary Steinhart, Alice Quinn, Delnaaz Darulwala. Of course every item is loved and appreciated!

Highlights:

Highest Bid Item was the quilt made at the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility donated by Southern Chapter at \$75.00; 2nd highest bid item was the Canine/Feline Rescue Basket donated by Sharon, Sadie & Scout too! at \$62.00. Item with the most surprises tucked here n' there was the Conference Survival Basket donated by Melissa Ackerman/Danger Zone Consulting. Item almost impossible to carry because it weighed about 100 lbs was the Recycled Metal Flower Yard Art donated by East Central Chapter.

Really-thank you all!

Margaret & Patty



## 2015 IEHA OFFICERS

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## 2015 SUSTAINING MEMBERS

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- Indiana Restaurant and Lodging Association
- Eljen Corporation
- Meijer
- Indiana Onsite Wastewater Professionals Association (IOWPA)
- Jet, Inc.
- Indiana Wesleyan University
- Crisis Cleaning, Inc.

## 2016 INCOMING IEHA STATE OFFICERS

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- Executive Board Secretary: Tami Barrett

# IEHA FALL CONFERENCE COVER CONTEST

## IEHA 2016 Fall Conference Program Cover Contest \$100.00 to the winning design

Are you an IEHA member with design talent? Has it been your dream to design the fall conference program cover without the conference planning headaches--I mean pleasures? If yes, read on.

As conference chair of the 2016 Fall Educational Conference, I am happy to announce the 2016 Fall Conference Program Cover contest.

### Here are the rules:

Be an IEHA member as of March 1, 2016.

1. The design must include the Indiana Bicentennial Commission logo\*, as a prominent part of the design, as well as the IEHA logo.
2. Create a phrase for the cover that correlates/connects Indiana's Bicentennial with environmental health and/or 66th Annual IEHA Fall Educational Conference or both.
3. The design must also include: 66th Annual IEHA Fall Educational Conference, September 26-28, 2016. Blue Chip, 777 Blue Chip Drive, Michigan City, IN 46360
4. Design shall fit 8½ x 11 and be in color.
5. Deadline for submission (email only) is 4:00pm CST/5:00 pm EST on March 31, 2016.

The winning design will be announced at the IEHA Spring Conference on April 14, 2016 at IUPUI.

The \$100.00 will be given to the winning designer at the 2016 Fall Conference or mailed after the conference if the winner is not present at conference.

\*The conference and one of the planned activities have been officially endorsed by the Indiana Bicentennial Commission. The use of the logo has been approved, however, there are many rules associated with its use. Please email Margaret for **the IBC logo in two different formats and the guidelines for use.**

Email: Margaret Voyles for the Bicentennial Logo Rules at [ma\\_voyles@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ma_voyles@sbcglobal.net)

Email: Tami Barrett for the IEHA Logo at [tbarrett@isdh.in.gov](mailto:tbarrett@isdh.in.gov)

Email: Patty Nocek with contest submission at [pnocek@laportecounty.org](mailto:pnocek@laportecounty.org)

Good Luck!

Patty Nocek, REHS/RS, CP-FS

IEHA Vice President



## NEHA NEWS UPDATE REGION 6

Dear Environmental Health Colleagues;

This NEHA update shares information with you about many new activities and resources the National Environmental Health Association has initiated to support and assist environmental health professionals. The NEHA website has been redesigned and is your source for on-line continuing education and credential building. Representing Region 6 NEHA members for the past year has been such an honor for me and it has been a pleasure meeting so many of you at your annual education conferences. I hope to see you during the coming year and encourage you to attend the NEHA AEC in San Antonio, June 13-16, 2016. Opportunities to attend conferences and meet with environmental health colleagues are infrequent, and perhaps difficult to fit in our busy schedules, but the experiences are very worthwhile. As an environmental health director for a rural, five county local public health department, it's energizing for me to participate in NEHA and NEHA affiliate conferences for a national environmental health perspective. I'll share NEHA news with you during the coming year and look forward to seeing you at your annual association conference. You can reach me at [lmadison@wuphd.org](mailto:lmadison@wuphd.org).

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## NEHA TRAINING and CREDENTIALS

### The Registered Environmental Health Specialist Registered Sanitarian (REHS/RS) Credential

is the premiere NEHA credential. It is available to a wide range of environmental health professionals. Individuals holding the REHS/RS credential show competency in environmental health issues, direct and train personnel to respond to routine or emergency environmental health situations, and frequently provide education to their communities on environmental health concerns.

### The Certified in Comprehensive Food Safety (CCFS) Credential

is NEHA's newest credential. The Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) has recast the food safety landscape, including the role of the food safety professional. An individual that earns the CCFS credential will demonstrate expertise in how to assure food is safe for consumers throughout the entire food supply chain from farm to fork.

### The Certified Professional - Food Safety (CP-FS) Credential

is for food safety professionals and is designed for individuals within the public and private sectors whose primary responsibility is the protection and safety of food. The exam for this prestigious credential integrates food microbiology, HACCP principles and regulatory requirements into questions that test problem solving skills and knowledge.

### The Healthy Homes Specialist (HHS) Credential

signifies the professional direction, achievement and the knowledge to carry out functions and duties of a technical nature in a responsible manner. The HHS exam tests your understanding of the connection between health and housing, enabling you to take a holistic approach to identify and resolve problems that threaten the health and well-being of residents and was developed in partnership with the National Center for Healthy Housing (NCHH).

### The Certified Installers of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (CIOWTS) Credential

was developed through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), and various partner groups to develop a national credential to certify installers of onsite wastewater treatment systems. The credential covers all forms of installation and will be offered at both a basic and advanced levels.