

New Mexico Environmental Health Association
P.O. Box 27176, Albuquerque, NM 8725-7176
newmexicoenvhealthassociation@gmail.com

NMEHA

What's New In New Mexico?

December 2019

UP AND COMING EVENTS:

Mark your calendars for the 2020 annual NMEHA Vector Conference being held March 31st and April 1st. Location: Isleta Resort and Casino, 11000 Broadway SE, Albuquerque, NM.

INTERNSHIP/VOLUNTEERING

Contact Bernalillo County for availability at 505-314-0310

COMMITTEES

NMEHA currently has 5 committees which include:
Auditing—Chair Melise Taylor (mtaylor@cabq.gov)
Education—Chair Sam Frank (Samuel.frank@ihs.gov)
Membership and Public Relation—vacant
Professional Advancement—Chair Kellison Platero (kplatero@bernco.gov)
IT/Internet—Chair Kaitlin Greenberg (kgreenberg@cabq.gov)

If you are interested in joining a committee please contact respective committee chair.

CALLING ALL NMEHA MEMBERS

NMEHA is currently looking for members to participate in serving in a committee! Committee members help fulfill NMEHA's mission in providing education and training opportunities. For committee opportunities or to join a committee please contact the following:

Pres.: John Rhoderick (john.rhoderick@state.nm.us)
Vice Pres.: Samuel Frank (Samuel.frank@ihs.gov)
Treasurer: Melise Taylor (mtaylor@cabq.gov)
Secretary: Kellison Platero (kplatero@bernco.gov)
Board Member: Kaitlin Greenberg (kgreenberg@cabq.gov)
Board Member: Francelli Lugo (flugo@cabq.gov)
Board Member: Ronald Angerosa



President's Message:

Dear Friends and Members,

Our fall conference was well attended and favorably received. We had the opportunity to interact with representatives of the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) and the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO), opening the doors to new opportunities for our organization to partner with these national organizations to enhance our organization and provide additional training opportunities to you, our membership. Our objectives continue to be: excel in providing training and certification opportunities for membership, being a strong and vocal advocate for public health and environmental health policies, provide networking opportunities, develop a Community of Practice, and become a leader in the field of environmental health in New Mexico.

Our previous President, Bart Faris, was committed to realigning our focus and actions in line with those of NEHA, in the areas of food safety, air quality, water quality, healthy homes, preparedness, climate change, vector and pests, tracking and informatics. Your new board and I are committed to continue in that direction. Accomplishing these goals will take all of us working together, each supporting the others. NMEHA has several standing committees and we need your participation. Those committees are the Education Committee, Membership and Public Relations, Professional Advancement, Awards and Scholarships, IT/Internet/Social Media. If you are interested and willing to help out on one of the committees, please let us know and we will get you connected. As with any organization, you will get out of it what you put into it. If you aren't available to commit to serving on one of our committees, please don't hesitate to share your thoughts, comments, or recommendations with us.

Thanks to all our members for the job you do every day to protect the health of the public here in New Mexico, and beyond. I look forward to serving you and serving with you as we move forward in protecting the public in all areas of environmental health.

Sincerely,

John Rhoderick

We need your help!

Need training to maintain credentials or advance your career? NMEHA is currently seeking training opportunities in environmental health but needs your help in identifying training needs for environmental health professional in New Mexico. Please email us at newmexicoenvhelathassociation@gmail.com with trainings you'd like to see in the future.

Become a NMEHA member

Not a member but would like to become one or know someone who would benefit? Join NMEHA! Becoming a NMEHA member is easy as 123. Visit nmeha.org and click on the "become a member" tab then enter information and pay membership fee. Membership fees are as follow:

1. Student: \$25.00
2. Professional: \$50.00
3. Corporate: \$100.00
4. Retired: Free

Huge shout out to everyone who attended the 2019 NMEHA Annual Conference!

The 2019 NMEHA Annual Conference was a success. We had over 85 attendees. A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who attended this year's Annual Conference and we look forward to seeing you next year.

NEHA 2020 Annual Educational Conference (AEC) & Exhibition

The annual NEHA AEC will be held at the Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel in New York City. The conference will be July 13–16. Please visit <https://www.neha.org/news-events/aec-annual-educational-conference-0> for more information.

Letter from the 2019 Anita Roy Award Recipient, Debbie Grabowski:

To the Officers, Board and members of the New Mexico Environmental Health Association:

I wanted to let you know how excited and honored I was to be selected as the 2019 recipient of the Anita Roy Award of Excellence. This award carries a great deal of meaning for me and I thank you for this recognition.

Over the 41-year course of my career in environmental health, both with the City of Albuquerque and the Indian Health Service, I was privileged to know Anita, work with her and, most importantly, call her my friend.

Anita was the consummate environmental health professional. Her depth of knowledge and skill at carrying out her duties was unparalleled. She served as a resource for individuals throughout the state, both newcomers to the profession and seasoned professionals. Her calm demeanor, her willingness to mentor others, her tough yet reasonable and caring approach to the challenges she faced in the field, and her tireless devotion to the field of environmental health all contributed to her status as an environmental health icon in New Mexico.

Throughout my career, I strove to emulate the excellent role model Anita provided by being passionate about my work; expanding my technical knowledge to the greatest level; developing new and innovative programs; providing excellent service to my customers, both internal and external; providing leadership; and demonstrating the highest standards of environmental health, both professionally and personally.

Thank you again for this award.

Debra Grabowski

2019 NMEHA Award Recipients

Outstanding Contributions in Environmental Health—Travis Bowser

The Anita Roy Award of Excellence—Debbie Grabowski

Environmentalist of the Year—Samuel Frank

President's Award—Kaitlin Greenberg

Officers and Executive Board

President: John Rhoderick (john.rhoderick@state.nm.us)

Vice President: Samuel Frank (Samuel.frank@ihs.gov)

Treasurer: Melise Taylor (mtaylor@cabq.gov)

Secretary: Kellison Platero (kpatero@bernco.gov)

Board Member: Kaitlin Greenberg (kgreenberg@cabq.gov)

Board Member: Francelli Lugo (flugo@cabq.gov)

Board Member: Ronald Angerosa (Ronald.angerosa@state.nm.us)

Congratulations to our award winners:



Travis Bowser, Outstanding Contributions in Environmental Health



Debbie Grabowski, The Anita Roy Award of Excellence



Samuel Frank, Environmentalist of the Year



Kaitlin Greenberg, President's Award

2019 NMEHA Fall Conference:

