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President's Message

Carrie Yeager, R.S.
Warren County Combined Health District

It is a privilege and honor to serve as your president. I am grateful for the guidance and support that Garrett Guillozet has shown this past year, and look forward to continuing to work with him on the ongoing issues that OEHA is facing.

The Board of Directors has been diligently working on the changes to the Ohio Budget Bill which is just moving out of the Ohio House of Representatives to the Ohio Senate. When the substitute bill was released by the House of Representatives the Registered Sanitarian/Sanitarian-in-Training law and the Ohio Body Art law were not included in this version. What this means for our Association is that these proposed laws revert back to the current law. OEHA will continue to work with ODH to ensure that the Body Art rules and law are what is best for public health in Ohio.

OEHA has reached out to both the Director of Health and the Director of Agriculture to begin the dialog again between the two agencies and this association on the food survey process. It is our hope that we can reach an agreement without having [to] move forward with legislation to fix this broken process. We will also be [pursuing] the frequently occurring issue of double licensing of food facilities by both agencies.

An additional priority is the issue of jurisdiction of water quality standards in Ohio's Amusement Parks. It is OEHA's hope that with new leadership in both state agencies that we can begin an open dialog about the importance of preventing waterborne diseases in our water parks to protect the public health.

I look forward to working closely with our partner agencies to promote public health in Ohio. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestion please reach out to me.

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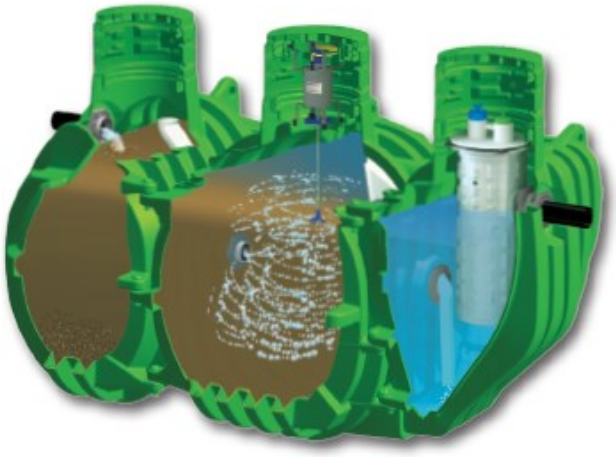

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2019 Annual Educational Conference Award Highlights

Gus E. Dria, R.S., REHS
Canton City Public Health
OEHA Awards Chair

I would like to congratulate all of the award winners and thank the District Awards Chairs for their work recognizing member achievements at the State and District level.

State Committee Members/ District Awards Chairs

- Courtney Myers, RS—Northeast
  Stark County Health Department
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- Sarah Cooley and Emily Warren—Southwest
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- Kathryn Madden, RS—Southeast
  Columbus Public Health
- James May, RS—State Science Day – subcommittee awards chair
  Franklin County Public Health

A special thank you to Mr. May and the team of OEHA volunteers who donated their time and environmental health expertise to judge projects and represent OEHA on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at State Science Day, held at The Ohio State University.

Life Members

The following 2019 class of new Life Members were recognized:

- Mary Dalton, RS, (NE District), Summit County Public Health - 25 years
- Michael Tusick, RS, (NE District), Geauga County Health Department - 36 years

Thank you for your years of service to public health and OEHA. Enjoy retirement.

George Eagle Scholarship Awards

The George Eagle Memorial Scholarship Committee annually reviews applications and awards a graduate and an undergraduate scholarship for $2,000 each.

The 2019 undergraduate scholarship was awarded to Molly Brownell from Bowling Green State University. Molly is majoring in Public Health.

The 2019 graduate scholarship was awarded to Courtney Myers, RS, from Stark County Health Department. Courtney is pursuing her Master of Public Health from Kent State University.

Photo: Molly Brownell, GE Undergraduate recipient with Joe Ebel, GE Scholarship Committee Chair.

Photo: If this photo was in focus, you would clearly see Courtney Myers, GE Graduate recipient with Joe Ebel, GE Scholarship Committee Chair.

Publication Award

The 2019 State Publication Award was presented to Scott Putoff, RS, Ali Barbro, MPH, RS and Adam Lengerich, RS, from Hamilton County Public Health. This award was presented for their article published in the 4th Quarter 2018 Issue of the Ohio Journal of Environmental Health entitled *"Using a Collaborative Approach in Preventing Storm Water Contamination."*

Photo: Adam Howard, OEHA Publications Committee Chair with Scott Putoff and Adam Lengerich, Publication Award recipients.

Each year, the District Director and District Planning Committees recognize members with a Membership Award and Outstanding Sanitarian Award at the Fall Education Conferences. Here is a summary of the 2018 fall winners:

Membership Award Recipients

- NE – Kathy Metropulos, Ohio EPA
- NW – Stephen Jozwiak, RS, Crawford County Health Department
- SW – Jennifer Wentzel, MPH, RS, Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County
- SE – Sarah Badenhop, RS, Columbus Public Health

Outstanding Sanitarian Award Recipients

- NE – Barry Grisez, RS, Cuyahoga County Board of Health
- NW – Katy Serr, RS, Fulton County Health Department
- SW – Chuck DeJonckheere, RS, Hamilton County Public Health
- SE – Greg Chumney, MPH, RS, Licking County Health Department

The Ivan Baker Membership Recognition Award

The Ivan Baker Membership Recognition Award is given to a member who has made a sustained effort for many years in promoting the advancement of the Ohio Environmental Health Association. The 2019 Ivan Baker Membership Recognition Award was presented to Jennifer Wentzel, MPH, RS, from Public Health – Dayton and Montgomery County.

Photo: Jennifer Wentzel, Ivan Baker Membership Recognition Award recipient with Mike Buchanan, award presenter.

Ray Watts Outstanding Sanitarian Award
The Ray Watts Outstanding Sanitarian Award is given to a member who has made outstanding contributions in the field of environmental health. The 2019 Ray Watts Outstanding Sanitarian Award was presented to Chuck DeJonckheere from the Hamilton County Public Health.

Photo: Chuck DeJonckheere, Ray Watt Outstanding Sanitarian Award recipient with Greg Kesterman, award presenter.

President's Award
The 2019 President's award was presented to Jeff Gibbs, RS, REHS, Franklin County Public Health.

OEHA Outstanding Supporter Award
The outstanding supporter award was created to recognize profit and non-profit sponsors and exhibitors that have provided outstanding support to the Ohio Environmental Health Association. The 2019 Outstanding Supporter Award was presented to Charles Ray for all the support he has provided OEHA. Thank you for your dedication and support!!!

Photo: Shannon Self, OEHA Exhibitor Chair with Charles Ray, Outstanding Supporter Award recipient.

Vice President and Program Chair Award
The Vice President's Award was presented to Sarah Burkholder, MPH, RS, Tuscarawas County Health Department.

Photo: Sarah Burkholder, VP award recipient, with President Garrett Guillozet.

Past President's Award

The Past President's Award was presented to outgoing president, Garrett Guillozet, MPA, RS, REHS, AEMT, Franklin County Public Health by incoming President Carrie Yeager, RS, Warren County Combined Health District.

Photo: Outgoing President Garrett Guillozet with President Carrie Yeager.

OEHA Supports Ohio Academy of Science State Science Day

James May, R.S.
Franklin County Public Health

OEHA recently recognized six outstanding student scientists at the 71st "State Science Day." This annual event is sponsored by the Ohio Academy of Science. State Science Day showcases more than 1,100 science fair projects. The academic equivalent of a state athletic championship, this event is one of the largest of its kind in the country. The event was held on May 11th at The Ohio State University's St. John Arena.

OEHA helps support State Science Day by judging and awarding prizes for Environmental Health/Public Health-related exhibits. Exhibitors were evaluated not only on the scientific merits of their projects, but also on the exhibitors' ability to communicate effectively.

Exhibitors representing 300+ schools competed for nearly 100 different scholarships, awards, and prizes. Colleges, universities, corporations, organizations, and donors support State Science Day.

Deemed "outstanding" for their exhibits and communication skills, six students each received a "Certificate of Merit" and $100 Amazon gift card honorarium from OEHA. In alphabetical order, winners included: Jimmy Bell, Hilltop High School (West Unity); Audrey Lu, Willard Grizzell Middle School (Dublin); Abigail Laurenti, Horizon Science Academy (Lorain); Addison Mullens, Wheelersburg Middle School (Wheelersburg); Isabella Rambler, National Inventor's Hall of Fame Middle School (Canton); and Alaina Reed, Ashland High School (Ashland).

Judges included: Adrian Allen, RS, Franklin County Public Health; Patrick Hartung, RS, Pickaway County General Health District; James May, RS, Franklin County Public Health; Nathan Ralph, RS, Franklin County Public Health; and Brittany Zoecklein, SIT, Delaware General Health District.

CONGRATUATIONS to the winning student scientists! THANK-YOU to the OEHA judges who volunteered both their time and expertise to help make State Science Day a success.

Special thanks to Kathryn Madden, RS, Columbus Public Health, for her past and on-going support of State Science Day.

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Call for Articles

The Ohio Journal of Environmental Health (OJEH) needs your help. As the official publication of the Ohio Environmental Health Association the OJEH is committed to delivering key information to membership as well as publishing promising practices and interesting projects. Articles obtained for the OJEH come directly from members or those interested in environmental health. If you have an article please consider submitting it for publication!

Article submission deadlines are:

- February 15 for the 1st quarter
- May 15 for the 2nd quarter
- August 15 for the 3rd quarter, and
- November 15 for the 4th quarter.

Article submissions are in several categories including: the presidents message, the featured District Director's message, legislative updates, partner agency updates (ODH, ODA, OEPA), OEHA committee reports, and general submissions. This final category is open for submissions from anyone who has an article that advances environmental public health. This could include a CQI project completed at your agency, an interesting project or study you recently completed, or any other article that would be of benefit to the association and the State.

The committee makes a great attempt to ensure your article is printed in the way you intend, but at times some formatting adjustments need to be made to keep the flow of the journal. Articles are formatted in Times New Roman 11 pt font in two columns with 0.5" separation and 0.75" outer margins. Also, please turn off auto hyphenation. To ensure your article is published in your vision, please submit articles using these specifications in Microsoft word or publisher 2007 or newer.

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Have a grant, educational opportunity, move, promotion, or other announcement you would like to share? Please email a member of the publications committee.

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AOHC Meningococcal Disease Webinar
June 25, 2019

Accela—The Impact of Digital Tech for Ohio Environmental Health Agencies
June 25, 2019 130-330PM
Columbus, Ohio
Contact: Tiffany Wright, twright@accela.com
Register at: https://more.accela.com/2019-0625-WBN-Digital-Tech-EH-Ohio-Reg.html

AOHC Health Commissioner University (session 3)
June 25, 2019
Columbus, Ohio

2019 AOHC Fall Conference
September 16-18, 2019
Dublin, Ohio

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October 24, 2019
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November 5-6, 2019
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September 16-18, 2020
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