NDEHA Updated Website

This winter NDEHA unveiled the update NDEHA website. The website includes: history and information about the association, current events/news, current membership list, list of officers on the board, current contact information, bylaws, membership information, information on meetings and conferences. A new feature that was requested is a members forum. This forum is available to current members of the association once they have applied for a login name and password. Separate forums have been developed for various topics where members can post questions and information. The website is now managed by association members, so that information can be tweaked to fit our needs. Please take a look at the website and send us your comments such as suggestions for content. Sign up for the forum and familiarize yourself with the topic areas. Is there a topic you would like to see added? Do you have a desire to moderate a certain topic or be a subject expert? Again let us know. We need involvement from all of our members! www.ndeha.org

NDEHA member vote on CEHT Credential

This winter, the association’s voting members voted on the association’s stance regarding the Certified Environmental Health Technicians use in North Dakota. Of the 49 voting members 30 responded. Here is a quick summary of the questions and results:

1. Should the CEHT credential be recognized in the state of ND for environmental health licensure? 63% No 37% Yes

If the CEHT credential was used in ND's HE licensure should there be any restrictions on the work someone with CEHT credential would be qualified for? 82% Yes 14% No

A variety of restrictions were listed ranging supervision by an REHS/RS to restriction of allowable activities.

A letter has been sent to the ND Environmental Health Licensure Board with the association’s stance not to support CEHT credentialing in the state. If you would like to see a copy of this letter, please contact Candace.

Upcoming Events

I AFP 
Indianapolis IN
Aug 3-6

ND Solid Waste & Recycling Conference
Grand Forks ND
Sept 16-18

NDEHA Conference
Bismarck ND
Oct 21-23

ND Hazardous Materials Conference
Bismarck ND
Oct 29-31

North Central Association of Food & Drug Officials
Ohio
Oct 2014

NDEHA member updates

- Brooke Kirkeide's (LRDHU) family welcome's their first child - Anna
- Candace Carlson (LRDHU) is now an REHS/RS.
- Amy Kinzler (CVHD) was recently engaged and accepted a position with NDDoH Municipal Facilities.
- Congratulations ladies!
- If you have an update to share with the membership let us know!
The 2013 conference was held in Minot ND, October 22nd –24th, 2013 at the Sleep Inn.

The conference had speakers on a variety of topics including body art, western ND solid waste challenges, Brownfield’s program, swimming facilities, micro-brewing, and shellfish, to name a few.

The conference had 53 attendees, 43 were association members.

**2014 NEHA Annual Exhibition and Conference Recap**

This year’s conference was held in Las Vegas, NV, July 7-10, 2014.

As always, there were more sessions to see than there was time. Luckily, ND had a strong showing of attendees, with four from our board attending. We were able to divide and conquer topics.

In the Affiliate President’s meeting, one of the topics of discussion was how to increase membership. Several people suggested recruiting students in the environmental health field. Another topic discussed was creating a Facebook page for associations.

All in all, I think the conference gave the ND attendees some new areas to look at regarding environmental health input and some ideas to incorporate in our next conference. Next year’s NEHA conference will be held July 13-15, 2015, in Orlando, FL.

**Upcoming 2014 Fall Conference**

This year’s NDEHA conference will be held in Bismarck, ND October 21-23, 2014.

As planning for sessions begins, we ask that the membership send in ideas on topics and/or speakers. We have the comment sheets from last year’s conference, but we are always looking for new ideas as well. Please use the member forum on our new web page to submit ideas. Time flies fast! Also, please submit any ideas you may have on how to increase our association membership. These questions will be posted on the member forum. Remember to register to utilize the forum.

[http://ndeha.org/phpbb/](http://ndeha.org/phpbb/)

**NDEHA Executive Board**

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**Member Spotlight**

*Doug Jensen, Fargo Cass Public Health*

Douglas “Nip” Jensen has worked for Fargo Cass Public Health since October 27, 1997 and hails from Lisbon, ND. Doug came to FCPH after working for the North Dakota State Food and Lodging Division. As a Registered Environmental Health Specialist, his area of expertise is food protection, including the opening of new food establishments and food-borne investigations. Doug is very dedicated to his profession and averages 675 inspections and 450 consultations annually, but it is his overall passion for environmental health and time spent educating others that have touched many in public health. Doug looks forward to retiring in 2015, and spending more time reading, biking, and becoming a better cook. He also plans on taking some local university classes and visiting family. We wish him the best and will miss his wealth of knowledge, outgoing personality, and friendship! Doug currently resides in Fargo with his wife, Jean.