

Position Description

Regional Vice President

Overview

Regional Vice-Presidents (RVPs) serve three-year terms with a two-term limit, representing NEHA members within their designated geographical regions. RVPs maintain close relationships with regional affiliates and serve as liaisons between affiliates and NEHA, while representing NEHA members rather than the affiliates themselves.

Eligibility to Serve & to Vote

There shall be two (2) classes of membership with voting privileges, designated as **Professional and Life (“Voting Members”)**, and four (4) classes of non-voting membership designated as Retired, Emerging Professional, Student, and International.

Directors shall be people who have been **Voting Members of the Association in Good Standing for at least three (3) consecutive years** and shall maintain this status throughout their terms in office. Candidates must be qualified by **February 15th prior to the annual general election period of March 1 – 31.**

Region Affiliate States or Entities

1. Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington
2. Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada
3. Colorado, Montana, Utah, Wyoming, and NEHA members residing outside of the U.S., except members of the U.S. uniformed services
4. Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin
5. Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas
6. Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio
7. Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee
8. Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington, DC, West Virginia, and NEHA members of the U.S. uniformed services residing outside of the U.S.
9. Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont

Board Role and Governance

RVPs serve as geographic representatives on the Board with full voting rights, elected by voting members within their regions. They facilitate communication between the national organization and local affiliates, help identify regional needs and opportunities, and provide grassroots perspective to Board decisions. One RVP is selected annually to join the Executive Committee to ensure regional input in leadership decisions.

Key Responsibilities

Regional Representation: RVPs represent their region's needs on key strategic Board decisions by engaging with affiliates, gathering data, and conversing with environmental health professionals to accurately represent regional complexities.

Board and Leadership Duties: RVPs participate in all Board meetings called by the President, submit written reports in advance of meetings, and chair special committees or task forces as assigned.

Affiliate Relations: RVPs attend affiliate conferences when valuable, promote NEHA membership within their regions, and collaborate on environmental health advocacy activities as appropriate.

Travel Allowance

Each RVP receives an annual travel allowance of \$2,000 per fiscal year (October 1 - September 30) for travel and other appropriate regional activities, as determined by the Board of Directors. RVPs receive separate funding for attendance at the Annual Educational Conference.

