



NEHA's 55th Annual Educational Conference

A Special Section

For the 55th consecutive year, NEHA assembled a quality Annual Educational Conference with excellent educational sessions, as well as numerous opportunities for fun, fellowship and professional networking. "Emerging Environmental Health Issues: An International Concern" was the theme of this year's event, held in the City of Roses—Portland, Oregon.

The AEC marks the conclusion of one presidential term and the beginning of another. After a successful year, George Kupfer passed the gavel to incoming president Leonard Rice.

One of the most popular events at the AEC is NEHA's Silent Auction. This year, 37 affiliates, five sustaining members, along with NEHA and the Winnipeg Convention Center/Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors, contributed a total of 51 gifts, raising \$4,490. Proceeds from the auction help to bring quality speakers to NEHA conferences.

Attendees had the opportunity to collect knowledge about the latest in tech-

nology, information, services and products from nearly 80 booths in the exhibit hall, while earning points for an exciting casino night at the Gala Exhibit Opening.

Fred Hansen, Director of the Department of Environmental Quality for the state of Oregon, presented Monday's keynote address on "Environmental Protection in the 21st Century: Relative Risk and Market-Based Regulation." Sunday's special keynote presentation, "What's Hot - What's Not," provided a forum for lively exchanges on a variety of controversial topics.

The variety of enjoyable social activities included a night of dancing at BeBop's, a relaxing evening of music with Mason Williams, as well as fun and interesting sight-seeing tours and the traditional golf tournament.

Business meetings are a major component of each NEHA AEC. The NEHA Executive Committee and Board of Directors meet at the

AEC, as does each NEHA section, various NEHA committees and the NEHA credentialing board.

Executive Committee

The following is a listing of significant items that were discussed or acted upon at the June AEC executive committee meeting:

1. It was announced that three scholarships would be awarded in Portland. NEHA gave a \$1,000 undergraduate scholarship to Francine E. Blend from Old Dominion University, a \$400 undergraduate scholarship to Raymond Scott from Ferris State University, and in equal partnership with the American Academy of Sanitarians, gave an \$800 graduate scholarship to David Palet from the University of Wisconsin (Eau Clair).

2. A special ad hoc committee was appointed to examine NEHA's Constitution and Bylaws to clarify the roles and relationships between the executive committee and the board of direc-

Outgoing President George Kupfer, far right, presents a Presidential citation to First Vice President Chris Wiant. Casino Night, below, following the Sunday evening Gala Exhibit Opening, was a highlight of this year's AEC. The Silent Auction, bottom photo, has become one of the most popular annual events.

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tors. To improve NEHA's governing apparatus, the executive committee committed to a full and complete review of the Constitution and Bylaws. Appointed to the committee were Constitution and Bylaws Chairman George Morris, President Leonard Rice, President-Elect Chris Wiant, Region 7 Vice President Mike Moon and former Region 5 Vice President Robert Galvan.

3. The executive committee reviewed, evaluated and adopted numerous revisions concerning NEHA's credentials. The purpose of the changes, affecting certain policies and fees, is to strengthen the national credentialing program in order to enhance the respect and prestige enjoyed by those who maintain these credentials. For details, contact Kip Lytle, NEHA's Credentialing Administrator.

4. The executive committee discussed and supported the association's plans to offer more training seminars. In addition to the annual conference and midyear conferences, it is anticipated that NEHA will offer several week-long and classroom-type seminars to assist people in preparation for the National Registered Hazardous Substances Professional Credential.

5. The executive committee announced that it was considering Atlantic City, Salt Lake City, Washington D.C., Atlanta and possibly Southern California as sites for the 1996 annual educational conference.

6. Negotiations were begun between NEHA and Public Health International to arrange placement of NEHA members in environmental health positions in countries around the world.

7. It was announced that NEHA had been invited to send four delegates to a conference in the Soviet Union Sept. 2-6 as a part of the ongoing arrangement between NEHA and one of its counterpart professional societies in the Soviet Union. Soviet delegates have attended previous NEHA conferences as part of this exchange program, which enables both organizations to learn from each other and further the cause of environmental health.

8. It was explained that negotiations are continuing between NEHA and the International Federation of Environmental Health to determine if membership in the federation is an appropriate commitment for NEHA. Extensive discussions were held with the IFEH president during which consideration was given to alternative institutional structures that would make the federation a more effective organi-

zation and NEHA membership in it more meaningful.

9. Peter Yurcisin, Senior Vice President and General Counsel for the American Standards Institute, briefed the executive committee on the significance of harmonizing standards internationally. He explained how developments in Europe would affect the practice and standards used in environmental health today.

10. A decision was made not to adopt a formal policy concerning advertising and exhibiting. NEHA's existing policy is published in each issue of the journal.

11. It was announced that NEHA had been hired by the county of San Diego to conduct a job satisfaction study among environmental health employees. The product of this project should enable NEHA to do similar work around the country in the future.

12. Drafts of documents were presented concerning: orienting new affiliate presidents, and defining procedures and policies pertinent to an RVP. Final adoption of both of these important documents was slated for the executive committee's fall telephone conference call meeting.

13. New grant initiatives aimed at further developing NEHA's offerings in computer-based training and involving NEHA with various foundations around the nation were announced.

14. It was announced that all membership profile data and credentialing data had now been entered into NEHA's computer system. In addition, NEHA now has available databases of environmental health professionals in excess of 20,000 people.

15. It was announced that NEHA had selected Enrico Baroga from the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department as NEHA's first ambassador in the NEHA-Institute of Environmental Health Officers exchange program. Enrico will represent NEHA in a one-month sabbatical to England, funded by NSF International.

16. In accordance with NEHA's Strategic Plan, short-term objectives for the next two to three years were adopted by the executive committee.

17. Revisions to NEHA's membership brochure were discussed and approved. The executive committee made it clear that with all that this association offers, it is imperative that anyone who can benefit by being a member of NEHA be invited to be a part of the NEHA family.

Board of Directors

Highlights of the Board of Directors meeting are as follows:

1. The board was briefed on NEHA's current policy commitment to provide a drug free workplace.

2. The board was briefed on NEHA's new process for selected sites for upcoming AEC's. It was explained that the executive committee works to bring the national conference to members in locations where conferences have not recently been held. NEHA's goal is to make this unique educational experience equally available to environmental health professionals around the country.

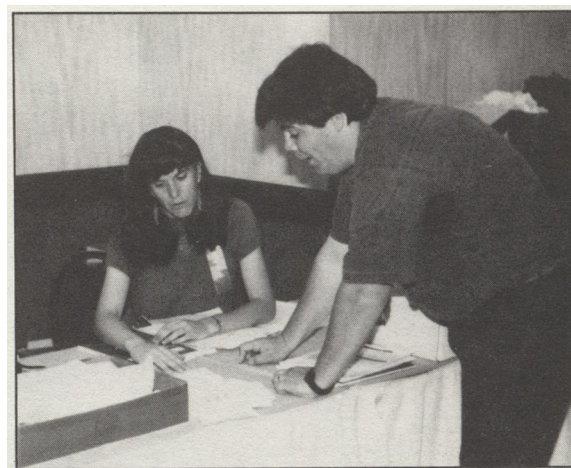
3. Special greetings were extended to the board by John Tiffney, President-

elect of the Institute of Environmental Health Officers of Great Britain, Dean Sargeant, President of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors, and by Dr. Alexander Popov on behalf of the city of Novogrod and the environmental movement in the Soviet Union.

4. The board voted to not move forward with a proposal for a new award for outstanding articles in the journal. It was determined that existing awards already provide this form of recognition. It was further established that the association was not in a position to provide the level of monetary recognition appropriate for an award of this nature.

5. It was announced that through the Silent Auction this year, the association had raised \$4,490, representing the highest earnings to date for this special conference event. The proceeds are exclusively used to obtain speakers for NEHA conferences. Special thank you's were extended to each affiliate that participated in this year's Silent Auction.

6. A dues change proposal was extensively discussed. The proposal called for the provisional adoption of a new dues rate of \$60 for the regular active member. The proposal was presented as provisional in order that it could be timed with the move that NEHA was trying to make to publish its journal on a monthly basis. Given the costs involved in moving from bi-monthly to a monthly publication, it had been analyzed that a \$10 dues increase would be necessary. In return, however, NEHA members would receive from between 10 and 12 issues of



Oregon volunteers, above, arrange for speakers' audiovisual needs. Representatives of Ferris State University, left, accept the Student (SNEHA) NEHA Chapter of the Year Award.

the journal as opposed to one every other month. In addition, the proposal tied the membership dues increase to the distribution of a membership directory to each individual member of NEHA. In other words, in return for the \$10 dues increase, NEHA members would be receiving more journals and a personal copy of a membership directory.

In the discussion, the board voted to suspend all action on this proposal for six months. The board agreed to a mail ballot to be executed by not later than Dec. 30, 1991. This would give board members the opportunity to discuss this proposal with their affiliate boards.

7. A proposal was presented to establish a 10th RVP position to represent NEHA's national affiliates. It was decided that the proposal would be presented to the board within six months. If adopted, it subsequently would be presented for vote to the membership of these affiliates.

8. President Rice announced that in conjunction with NEHA's effort to re-examine the roles of its board and executive committee, a proposal to form a "house of delegates," with all delegates holding multi-year terms, also would be considered. He promised to keep the board informed on the study.

9. The board was briefed on the status of developments with respect to NEHA membership in IFEH and other opportunities to participate in international environmental health activity.

10. Reports from all of NEHA's Sec-

tions and major committees were given to the board. If any NEHA member would like a copy of the reports that were submitted, please contact Claudette Furman, Executive Assistant, at the NEHA office at (303) 756-9090.

11. The official election results from the spring mail ballot were reported. In addition, it was announced that NEHA would present one candidate (Steve Tackitt) to its membership in next spring's mail ballot election for the position of Second Vice President.

12. NEHA affiliates were encouraged to consider tapping into the Affiliate Assistant's service now offered by national. Further information on this can be obtained by contacting the Executive Director in the Denver office.

13. NEHA affiliates also were encouraged to publicize the NEHA/IEHO sabbatical exchange program to their memberships. NEHA is looking for many applicants to take advantage of this once-in-a-career opportunity to practice environmental health in England for four weeks. Applications can be obtained from the Denver office.

14. It was explained to the board that should an affiliate recruit a sustaining member, NEHA would share in the dues collected on behalf of that sustaining member. This program represents a splendid opportunity for affiliates to raise non-dues income.

The NEHA Annual Educational Conference provides the opportunity to recognize excellence in the environmental health field. Pausing to reflect on excellence allows members of the profession to rededicate

themselves to the noble mission they serve.

A number of meaningful awards are presented during the AEC. The two most prestigious, the Walter S. Mangold Award and the Walter F. Snyder Award, are bestowed at the concluding dinner banquet.

Walter S. Mangold Award

There were two recipients of the Walter S. Mangold Award this year. Previous award winner Richard L. Roberts presented this year's awards to Nina I. McClelland, Ph.D., and Bernard S. Weintraub.

McClelland, who is president, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of NSF International, currently serves Michigan as a member of the Governor's Council on Environmental Quality and on the Advisory Board of Examiners for Operators of Water Treatment Plants and Distribution Systems.

On the national level, she serves as a member of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council for the Environmental Protection Agency, and on the Committee on Treatment Chemicals for the National Academy of Sciences' National Research Council.

Under her direction, NSF has moved from traditional listing programs such as food service and swimming pool equipment, plastic piping systems, plumbing components and biohazard cabinetry, to a leadership role in certification of drinking water additives, point-of-use devices and wastewater treatment equipment. Also under her



George Kupfer, above right, passes the gavel to Leonard Rice. Representatives of the Tacoma-Pierce County (Washington) Health Department, right photo, accept this year's Samuel J. Crumbine Award.



guidance, international offices in Canada and Belgium were established, with the latter serving Europe, Scandinavia, Africa and the Middle East.

McClelland is a member of many professional organizations, and her contributions to the betterment and practice of environmental health include numerous publications and presentations. Her professional support of environmental health and the National Environmental Health Association is widely known, appreciated and respected.

Bernard S. Weintraub has been directly involved in the environmental health profession for more than 45 years. He currently is an environmental health consultant to the Los Angeles County, Calif., Department of Health Services, and is a Captain in the Reserve Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service.

Weintraub retired from the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services in 1983 as a senior hospital administrator at Los Angeles County Harbor-U.C.L.A. Medical Center, a position he held since 1975. From 1966-75, he was chief of the Health Facilities Division for Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. He was responsible for the regulation of more than 800 health care facilities.

As an officer in the USPHS Reserve Corps, he has been called to active status for varying periods of time. His responsibilities as a Reserve Corps Officer are to the National Disease Medical System as the Regional Medical Response Coordinator for California.

A unique involvement in the past has been as environmental health director for the 1985 Los Angeles Olympics when he was responsible for the public health aspects of the athletes, public, officials and volunteers at the Olympic Village and 23 venue sites.

Throughout his career, Weintraub has shared his knowledge and experience in many presentations and publications on topics ranging from disposal of hospital wastes to disaster response. He has been described as a "model environmental health practitioner" who has influenced the careers of many of today's leaders of environmental health programs.

Walter F. Snyder Award

This year's Walter F. Snyder Award, jointly sponsored by the National Environmental Health Association and NSF International, was presented to Trenton G. Davis, Dr.P.H., by Nina McClelland, NSF president and chief

executive officer. This very special award is presented to an individual who has achieved peer recognition for outstanding accomplishments in the field of environmental health.

Davis, who now is associate dean for the School of Allied Health Sciences at East Tennessee State University, began his career in environmental health as a sanitarian for the Greene County Health Department in Greeneville, Tenn., in 1961.

He was president of NEHA in 1982-83, and provided invaluable leadership to the association during a critical time in its history. Since 1984, he has been technical editor of the *Journal of Environmental Health*.

Davis' integrity, compassion, patience, common sense and intelligence, combined with his academic achievements and willingness to solve difficult problems, are a living testament to the qualities that define this award.

Crumbine Award

Each year the Foodservice and Packaging Institute recognizes the outstanding food protection program in the nation. This year, on behalf of the institute and Crumbine Jury, Charles Felix presented the prestigious Samuel J. Crumbine Consumer Protection Award to the Tacoma-Pierce County (Washington) Health Department. The award was accepted by more than 25 representatives of the department who were present at the awards luncheon.

The Crumbine Award was instituted in 1954 to honor the memory of the public health pioneer who outlawed the common drinking cup in the state of Kansas and who launched the nationwide campaign which eventually banished the common cup as a major source of disease transmission in the United States.

Food Industry Sanitarian

Each year, NEHA's Food Protection Section and Industry Affiliate bestow this award on a NEHA member employed in the food industry in recognition of outstanding contributions to the field of food protection and sanitation. This year's recipient was Larry M. Eils, Director of Public Health and Safety with the National Automatic Merchandising Association (NAMA).

Eils works directly with vending operators, machine manufacturers, industry leaders and public health officials to develop acceptable sanitation and safety regulations. He is an energetic and creative leader of food



Nina I. McClelland, Ph.D., top photo, and Bernard S. Weintraub, below, were recipients of this year's Walter S. Mangold Award.



Trenton G. Davis, Dr.P.H., left, recipient of this year's Walter F. Snyder Award, presents the Journal Editors' Award to Ginger Gist, Ph.D.

safety training workshops for industry and regulatory agencies.

Presidential Citations

Presidential citations were presented at the awards luncheon by President George Kupfer to Art Bloom, Larry Gales, Jon Kindschy, Pat Kupfer, Nina McClelland, Tom Wittkopf and Chris Wiant. Kupfer expressed his appreciation to the recipients for their efforts and valuable contributions to NEHA.

Certificates of Merit

Each NEHA affiliate is encouraged to submit the names of candidates deserving of recognition for work on behalf of the profession.

Certificates of Merit were awarded this year to the following individuals, listed by affiliate: Alabama, James C. Congleton; Alaska, Jeff Smith; California, Thomas A. Reardon, REHS; Connecticut, Raymond J. Quinn, RS, MPH; Idaho, Richard Martindale; Industry

Affiliate, Marsha Robbins; Maryland, Irwin Snyder, RS; Michigan, Robert Godbold; Missouri, Gregg Fast; Nebraska, Thomas M. Baker; Nevada, James E. Pierce; New Jersey, Gail Cheety; New Mexico, William C. Bennett; North Carolina, Glenn L. Martin; Oregon, Toby Harris; Uniformed Services, Maj. Anthony Aiken, MSC, USA; Virginia, Catherine Cummins; Washington, Charles (Bert) Bartleson; West Virginia, Lee Thompson; Wyoming, Debbie Bonini.

More honors

Horace Jones presented the Past President's Award to Joseph Salvato, in recognition of his longstanding service and contributions to NEHA and to the environmental health profession.

Ginger Gist, Ph.D., received the Journal Editor's Award, presented by Trenton Davis, for her work as a writer and peer reviewer for the *Journal of Environmental Health*, as well as for the valuable contribution she has made as a member of the publications committee.

The 1991 Davis Calvin Wagner Award was given by the American Academy of Sanitarians to Worley Johnson, program coordinator of the Environmental Health Science Department at Eastern Kentucky University.

A panel of distinguished judges (Marsha Robbins, Larry McKee and Richard Travis) selected the recipient for the Student NEHA (SNEHA) 1990-91 Chapter of the Year Award. Based on a portfolio submitted to NEHA, Ferris State University Industrial and Environmental Health Association (FIEHA) was selected as this year's recipient.

The judges cited the organization's demonstrated pride in its activities and the humor and enthusiasm of its presentation. FIEHA also was cited for the diversity of activities and the scope of participation. Members were involved in the Earth Day Celebration on campus, Adopt-A-Highway and Radon Screening projects, as well health fairs.

For further information on SNEHA, contact Jim English at (804) 683-3611.

Enrico Baroga from the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department was selected as NEHA's first ambassador in the NEHA/IEHO (Institute of Environmental Health Officers) exchange program, funded by NSF International.

Congratulations to all award recipients for their inspiring example to everyone in the environmental health profession. □



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