



## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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I feel it essential to insure that all of our members are aware of important organizational activities. In that spirit, these are the more significant actions since our last issue:

- The Fall Executive Committee meeting was held via conference call. Lack of finances dictated we not meet in Denver.
- Finances continue to be a most serious problem, and we have further reduced expenses by cancelling travel for our Executive Director, Officers and Regional Vice Presidents; postponing some payments; giving up storage space at NEHA headquarters; reducing premium rate mailings; reducing personnel and sales representation.

Your continued help and support is needed.

The Association is operating under our new format whereby the Section Chairpersons will appoint Committee Chairpersons. Each Section and Committee is expected to have a function and/or charge. We're expecting improved Committee/Section functioning. Section Chairpersons are:

- Emil Chanlett—Air, Land and Water Quality  
Jeffrey Cross—Institutional Environmental Health  
Dora May Coleman—Food Protection  
Ross Koser—Injury Prevention and Occupational Health  
George Kupfer—General Environmental Health  
George Morris—Environmental Health Management and Supervision

In pursuing the possibility of moving the NEHA headquarters to Washington, D.C., on September 25, the Executive Committee recommended remaining in Denver for one

more year after April 1, 1982 and conducting a feasibility study to determine costs, space needs and other considerations of such a move. A recommendation based on the feasibility study will be presented to the Board of Directors at the 1982 Annual Meeting in New Orleans.

I completed a revised report on the proposed reorganization of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors that has been sent to Board members for their comments.

I have appointed several Task Forces and Special Committees:

**A Task Force to review our annual meeting; Leon Vinci, chairman.**

This task force will review and analyze our present AEC and recommend any changes in format, structure, frequency and place of future meetings.

**A Task Force to explore ways, methods, procedures for developing technical publications and model ordinances; Amer El-Ahraf, chairman.**

**A Task Force on Refugee Relief; Dick Swenson, chairman.**

There are multiple purposes, including promotion of sanitarian employment overseas and producing documents that describe international work and activities of sanitarians.

**A Task Force on Registration/Credentialing; Stu Richardson, Jr., chairman.**

The intent of this Task Force is to suggest to combine all activities of the National Council of Sanitarian Registration, the NEHA Registration Committee and the intent of the presented motion and background paper of the Advisory Committee or credentialing into one recognizable unit within the NEHA structure.

**A Special Committee on Education and Training, John Fleming, chairman.**

The purpose of this committee is to explore how NEHA can initiate and set-up training courses, to gather information and formulate a plan to get NEHA into the sponsorship, development and/or delivery of environmental training and education programs. This committee met at the end of September at NSF headquarters in Ann Arbor, Mich.

**A Special Committee to explore NEHA's role in Hazardous Wastes, Toxic Substances and Chemical Epidemiology; Eldon Savage, chairman.**

**A Special Committee to conduct a feasibility study for the NEHA headquarters move to Washington, D.C. area; Horace Jones, chairman.**

We are planning to begin the Sanitarian Registration renewal process by which the current NEHA Registration will be updated, and if you as a member wish to keep your Registration, there will be an annual maintenance charge.

What and who are we? Are we an organization of Sanitarians or an organization of Environmental Professionals supportive of Environmental Health issues and responding to those needs? It appears to me that we should be and function as an organization for all individuals interested in environmental and environmental health issues.

I certainly hope this information is not only interesting to you but provides a better understanding of the complexity and functioning of NEHA. I hope you approve of our approach to dealing with and solving organizational problems.