Highlights of the 1975 Environmental Health Conference
Minneapolis, Minnesota

The 39th Annual Conference came to a successful close on July 3 after five days of fruitful educational sessions and social activity among professional environmentalists/sanitarians. This outstanding conference was the fulfillment of more than a year's planning and frenzied activity on the part of the Minnesota Environmental Health Association which so capably hosted the meeting. More than 1300 people registered for the conference, taking in the full slate of educational sessions, the exhibition hall, business meetings and social functions.

Jack Caldwell, Jim Brinda, Del Matasovsky, Ray Prochaska, Steve Olson, Roger Carlson, Ernie Peterson, Marge Christison, Henry Urban, Charles Schneider, Robert Mood, Jim Francis, E. C. Omundson, Bob Hutchinson, Doug Belanger, Walt Jopke, Ed Eberhardt, John Urbach, Frank Staffenson, Fred Mitchell, Dr. Paul Cox . . . these were the men in charge, but many more of the Minnesota affiliate's members, and the ladies from the Minneapolis Health Department office put in countless hours to help attendees and the National Office staff with conference chores. The annual conference appears to be growing by leaps and bounds with larger and larger educational session crowds, and it takes a might of doing by our host affiliate as well as the national office and the committee chairmen who set up the speakers for each educational session.

Especially large crowds attended all three scheduled sessions on food certification, food equipment and microbiological standards of foods; the swimming pool workshop overflowed for the fourth year of outstanding programs; individual sewage systems and individual water supplies commanded record attendance. Administration, Energy, and Health Facilities tallied near record crowds.

As usual the size of the crowd was measured when the Pepsi Cola Company, under the direction of Vice President, Bill Labian, hosted their usual outstanding gala on Sunday evening, June 29. An outstanding array of food and drink was prepared for the nearly one thousand people there on Sunday. Once again, the National Environmental Health Association extends its heartfelt thanks to the Pepsi people for their generosity at our annual meeting.

Following the Pepsi festivity, the general assembly convened to hear opening ceremonies by Dr. Monroe T. Morgan, association president, and the keynote talk by Dr. Ian McHarg. McHarg gave a technically interesting presentation on environmental management. It paid to put forth the effort to listen to this intense man just to hear the bits of irony that punctuated his remarks. It was a challenging presentation.

Dr. Phillip White, Director, Department of Foods and Nutrition, American Medical Association, was a principal speaker at the Sunday night session.

Persons responsible for success of conference included, back row: Jim Brinda, Roger Carlson, Frank Staffenson, Henry Urban, Walt Jopke, Charles Schneider, Robert Hutchinson, Steve Olson, all of host affiliate, and Dr. Monroe T. Morgan, president of the association; front row, E. C. Omundson, Del Matasovsky, Doug Belanger, Ray Prochaska, Ed Eberhardt, Dr. Paul Cox, Robert Mood and General Chairman, Jack Caldwell.
Pepsi Cola Company again hosted a fabulous buffet of food and drink as conference activities got underway on Sunday evening. The crowd attests to the popularity of the event. Bill Labian, Pepsi vice president who hosted affair shown below second from left with Captain and Mrs. Dale Treusdell and Miss Environmental Health, Jane Brown.

Monday keynoters were Dr. Everett Rhoades, speaking on American Indian environmental health problems, and Gershon Fishbein, publisher of Environmental Health Letter, who, as usual, brought the conference up to date on what is happening in the nation’s capital.

The Clow Corporation hosted an initial social get together for the Board members on Sunday evening after their first Board meeting. This hospitality hour enabled men and women who served on the Board for the first time to get acquainted with other Board members and their guests. Our thanks to Clow for their generosity.

Meetings of the Uniformed Services Environmental Health Association, the Student National Environmental Health Association, the American Intersociety Academy for the Certification of Sanitarians, the Conference of Local Environmental Health Administrators, and the Council of State Sanitarian Registration Agencies were held during the convention week. All organizations reported good attendance and profitable meetings.

The exhibition hall was completely filled, thanks to the outstanding efforts of the Minnesota Environmental Health Association which sold one half of all the exhibits. There were a total of 62 exhibits in the exhibition hall and several colleges displayed their programs in the registration foyer along with the Tennessee Environmental Health Association which will host the association conference in 1976 and the new National Association Placement Service under the direction of William Pugsley. The Audio-Visual exhibit showed environmental health related films on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in the registration foyer. The Combined Book Exhibit appeared in the exhibit hall. As usual, the two Combined Exhibits commanded much attention from educators and directors seeking new materials for students and employees. A list of the books and films may be obtained on request from national headquarters. Exhibitors were:

EXHIBITORS LIST
Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc.
P. O. Box 20403
Columbus, Ohio 43220

Airkem Upper Midwest Sales Co.
3015 East Lake St.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55406

Armed Forces Institute of Pathology
Walter Reed Army Medical Center
Washington, D. C. 20306

The exhibit area was introduced to the large crowd following opening ceremonies performed by Helene Uhlman, Gary, Indiana, and the officers and host officials. The exhibition of 63 displays was well received by conferees.
The Uniformed Services Environmental Health Association has just completed a most productive annual meeting and also a satisfying year. Our association has successfully sponsored CAPT Dale Truesdel, USPHS for the Walter S. Mangold Award and LCDR William Ferris, USN, for a Certificate of Merit. Attendance was the best ever and also the most articulate. The primary goal for the coming year is increased professionalism and its climax will be a full day of professional presentations at the meeting in Nashville, Tenn. in June of 1976. This program will be keynoted by the Surgeon General of the United States Navy. CDR John Sammons, USN is the Chairman of the Program Committee and he urgently requests each member to participate by sending in abstracts for the Nashville meeting. Each member of the association is strongly urged to support the Membership Committee by personally recommending two professionals for membership this year. The Uniformed Services Environmental Health Association must have the active support of each of its members. Let’s start today and develop a pattern for the future. Only then will our professional meeting in Nashville be the meaningful achievement we all desire. CAPT John Brandt, USPHS, the historian for USEHA, requests all materials relating to the USEHA, especially relating to the late 1960’s and the early 1970’s, be sent for his files to assist in the compilation of a complete historical repository concerning USEHA. Each member is strongly urged to contact his Service Representative and actively participate in the association’s growth and development. USEHA is your organization and its growth and productivity depends on your active direction and participation.

—CDR Jerry Smith
USEHA President
Annual Board of Directors Meeting

The annual business meeting of the National Environmental Health Association began on Saturday evening when the Board of Directors convened for the first time. The Board expressed its concern about issues in environmental health and about technicalities of running the organization.

50th Affiliate

The first order of business was to vote on acceptance of a new affiliate composed of members in New Hampshire and Vermont and called the Twin Mountain Environmental Health Association. Alphonse Haettenschwiller, who was chosen president of the new organization at their initial meeting, was then allowed to serve as a member of the national Board for the remainder of the annual meeting. Al is an organizer, and we can be sure he will guide this new affiliate well. He was also instrumental in organizing the Uniformed Services Environmental Health Association and obtaining affiliation with national during his career in the U. S. Army.

Unification

Paul McBride gave a report on activities of the Unification Committee with specific recommendations for action toward joint annual conferences with the International Association of Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians in 1978 and 79 with votes by members of both associations in 1979 and a possible new organization emerging by 1980. Specific time tables for meeting and various decisions to be made were included in the report. It is available from national headquarters.

Resolutions

Provide Direction

Resolutions were passed to provide direction for members on various national issues. The Board voted to promote the adoption by state environmental health associations of the FDA Food Service Ordinance. They voted to support the position taken at the 1975 Interstate Milk Shippers Conference to study and evaluate the proposed Grade A Milk Ordinance and any restructuring of regulatory responsibilities. They voted for the association to continue to study and collect data related to microbiological food safety and to communicate with federal regulatory agencies, other professional organizations and trade associations having this public health concern, in order to develop realistic microbiological guidelines. They voted to encourage performance requirements for food equipment and that regulatory agencies emphasize the need for and evaluate food equipment on the basis of its performance.

Health Care Facilities

The Board voted to formulate and establish qualifications and criteria for the position of environmentalist/sanitarian in health care facilities and forward them to the Joint Commission for Accreditation of Hospitals along with the recommendation that a person meeting these criteria be a member of the JCAH inspection team, and that the Joint Commission list in their glossary the title of Hospital Environmentalist/Sanitarian along with the necessary qualifications for this position.

Future Environmentalist

The Board passed a resolution providing for recognition of an annual "Future Environmental Sanitarian" to be selected from recent environmental health graduates and presented for the first time at the Annual Awards Luncheon in 1976. This recognition is to replace the honor of "Miss Environmental Health" providing the opportunity to both young men and young women.

Control Over Water

The Board went on record as opposing further extension of control by the U. S. Corps of Engineers or any other federal authority on coastal and inland artificial or natural bodies of water in the United States.

Resource Recovery

The Board further resolved to encourage the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and state and local governments to strengthen and emphasize resource recovery programs and for the National Environmental Health Association to actively support the Solid Waste Utilization Acts in both houses of Congress.

Bans Smoking

The Association moved to ban smoking in any meeting of the National Association where more than five people are present.

Conirms Dues

The Board of Directors discussed the matter of dues increases and voted to reconfirm the $3 annual increase for 1975, 1976 and 1977 voted on at the 1974 annual meeting. This reconfirms the amount of $22 for the calendar year, 1976. Notification is to be made to each state affiliate so there will be no misunderstanding on the amount to be remitted to the National Association.

Commend and Tribute

By way of resolution, the Association commended the Minnesota affiliate for hosting the conference, the exhibitors, the Pepsi Cola Company, the Clow Corporation, and the Conference Committee. They also paid tribute to Milton Friedmann, Saverino Allegra and others who have passed away during the year.
Mail Ballot Voided, Results Confirmed

Procedure to be Studied

Several questions were raised on the mail ballot, and in view of the minimal return from the ballots mailed out last February, the election was declared null and void by vote of the Board. Then a motion was passed to elect the officers who were on the ballot for president-elect, first vice president and treasurer, and to elect the man who received the most votes for second vice president on the mail ballot to that position. This was done to give credibility to the election. At the Thursday Board meeting a new procedure for distributing the mail ballot was outlined with refinements to be made before the ballot goes out next February.

In the procedure to establish the officers, the following were elected: Dr. Frank Arnold, president-elect; Henry Drake, first vice president; Melvin Wilkey, treasurer; Paul Taloff, second vice president. Dr. F. Oris Blackwell, president-elect, was advanced to president automatically as no vote was required. In previous election procedures, two new regional vice presidents were elected and were installed as members of the Executive Committee on Thursday, July 3. They are David Fishel, Region 1 and Dr. Trenton Davis, Region 7. In the Thursday nominating election, I. E. Scott, Dallas, Texas, and Harry Steigman, Harrisburg, Pa., were chosen to run for second vice president on the 1976 mail ballot.

Studies are to be made this year on several vital items in order to attain a smoothly running organization. Alignment of regions is one topic to be considered during the year. Developing a procedures manual is under the direction of Frank Arnold, president-elect. Headquarters operations will be surveyed by a committee of three — Sam Stephenson, Paul Taloff and Nix Anderson.

Model Ordinances Drafted

Model ordinances were developed on Noise, Penal Institutions, and Small Water Supplies, by the respective committees during the year and presented to the meeting. Copies of these will be mailed to the national headquarters. The length of the documents precludes publishing them in the Journal at this time.

Sectioning Outlined

Dr. Frank Arnold gave a report on procedures for developing official Sections in the association. At least 15 people interested in establishing a particular technical section should submit a written request to the Board of Directors for approval. The name, purpose, structure and objectives of the proposed section should be specified. A chairman, vice-chairman and secretary are to be elected by majority vote of members in the section and are to be reported promptly to headquarters. Any sub-committee chairmen are to be designated by the section officers. The National Association Executive Committee is to establish a program for surveillance, guidance and coordination of section activities so that the program enhances the overall objectives of the National Environmental Health Association. A guideline for setting up a section is available from the national office.

Nashville's Coming Up

The 1976 Annual Conference will be held in Nashville, Tennessee, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel from June 27 through July 1. Ronald Cooper is the General Chairman for the host affiliate. This is a new hotel opened in April, 1975, and it should have developed a smooth running operation by the time our convention opens. Nashville has much to offer. It is the Country Music capital of the world; Opryland is one of the top amusement parks, Historical sites abound and outdoor recreation near Nashville is unlimited. All signs point to another top-flight conference next year, so plan now to attend, bring your family and plan to spend a few weeks vacationing in Tennessee.

Officer Duties Suggested

At the 1974 annual meeting, a task force was set up to study the duties of the various officers of the association. A report on that activity was made at the 1975 meeting by Paul Taloff, recently regional vice president from California and now second vice president. The report was accepted by the Board for further consideration and future revision or adoption. A copy of the report was given to each Board member and it is available from headquarters for those who might want it.

Tennessee representatives displayed attractions for the 1976 conference to be held in Nashville.
Accreditation Council chairman, Jack Hatlen explains Council activities during annual meeting. Accomplishments were increased during the year.

Health Care Facilities Section hears Donald Wheeler, University of Minnesota.

Solid Waste Section showed great interest by attendees.

One of the hottest topics was certification of food service managers. The panel gave their comments and much discussion between audience and panel followed the formal presentations.

Microbiological standards of foods was a well attended session, as were all sections pertaining to food.

Dr. Amer El Ahraf, California State College at San Bernardino, discusses a point with administrators during their management session.
New Award Honors Osborn

One of the highlights of the annual conference of the National Environmental Health Association is the recognition of people who have contributed a large measure of energy and devotion to the profession, to professionalism of environmentalists/sanitarians, and to the field of environmental health. A number of awards are presented each year, each a signal honor in its category.

National Certificates of Merit are awarded upon nomination by an affiliate to recognize one of its outstanding members. These awards were presented to George Nakamura, California; Paul McBride, Indiana; Donald L. Coigan, Kentucky; James J. Balsamo, Jr., Louisiana; Jon Tovson, Montana; J. Dale Hutto, South Carolina; William B. Moore, Tennessee; LCDR William A. Ferris, Uniformed Services; and Willard Hill, Utah.

A new award was established this year by action of the Board of Directors. This is an award to be made annually to an industry member for outstanding contribution to the organization. The initial award was made to and named in honor of E. B. Osborn, Chairman of the Board, Economics Laboratory, Inc., the man in industry who has probably the greatest interest in the National Environmental Health Association and who has contributed most to it in both money and effort over the past 10 years. The E. B. Osborn Award will be made annually at the banquet which closes the general membership activity of the annual meeting. Mr. Osborn was a guest of honor at this year's banquet.

Presidential Citations were awarded to members of the Host Affiliate Committee for the annual conference and others who made generous contributions to the association through committee or other work during the year.
CPT. Dale Treusdell Receives Mangold Award

Captain Dale Treusdell, Uniformed Services affiliate’s nominee for Walter S. Mangold, accepts association’s highest honor from the Mangold Award Committee chairman, Jerrold Michael. Mrs. Treusdell is proud and happy.

The National Environmental Health Association’s highest honor, THE sanitarian/environmentalists’ award is the Walter S. Mangold Award named in honor of one of the founders of the association. Walter Mangold worked as a sanitarian in California when it was a fledgling “profession” and helped to develop this type of work into a profession with educational requirements and performance standards. He then became a professor of public health and gained the respect and even reverence of those who knew him.

The award was established, presented to Mangold, and named in his honor in 1956. As 1975 Mangold Committee chairman, Jerrold Michael said at the presentation in Minneapolis, the men who receive this award can only hope to achieve the status gained by Mangold.

Many “near greats” then have received this highest honor, and this year’s recipient has indeed gained peer status with those whose names appear on the permanent plaque. This man is Dale H. Treusdell, Captain in the U.S. Public Health Service and Director of the Commissioned Personnel Division. Captain Treusdell was nominated for his many years of outstanding service and dedication to the profession by the Uniformed Services Environmental Health Association.

The nomination document, a bound volume more than three inches thick, followed Treusdell’s career from an entry position with the Maricopa County Health Department in Arizona in 1952 through many promotions and commendations to his appointment in the U.S. Public Health Service in 1968, through more promotions and commendations to his present appointment in 1973. The nomination was supported by 31 letters of recommendation.

Presentation of the award was made at the banquet by Jerrold Michael, past winner of the award, retired PHS Assistant Surgeon General, and now Dean of the School of Public Health, University of Hawaii. The honor was, therefore, especially significant to the presenter and the recipient. Mrs. Treusdell was a proud accomplice as the presentation was made, the high point of the banquet ceremonies.


Nominees for the 1975 award in addition to Treusdell were Charles Senn, California; Emmett G. Zerr, Jr., Colorado; Robert Murray, Illinois; Robert Engle, Ohio; Ray Ruff, Oregon; Harry Steigman, Pennsylvania; and E. C. Fox, South Carolina. These men received a Certificate of Merit for Nomination for the Mangold Award.
Charles Senn Honored With Snyder Award

The Walter Snyder Award, presented by the National Sanitation Foundation in conjunction with the National Environmental Health Association, is in honor of the founder of NSF. Snyder was director of environmental health in Toledo, Ohio. In 1944 he left that position, went to the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, gained their support for his idea to promote standards for environmental equipment, and established the National Sanitation Foundation. The National Sanitation Foundation is carrying on in the Walter Snyder tradition to promote the ideals on which he founded it. The Snyder Award is given to a person, either a member or non member of the National Environmental Health Association, who has received peer recognition for outstanding contribution to environmental health. It was given this year to UCLA professor, Charles Senn. Senn was environmental health director for the city of Los Angeles for 24 years before going to the University. He has been an active member of the Association for many years and is often sought as an advisor on a variety of technical topics. He is a consultant to the Journal and has authored a number of articles published in it. He was nominated for this honor by the California Environmental Health Association. Next year, by Board action, the Snyder Award presentation will be made at the Awards Luncheon.

Cordell Recognized Upon His Retirement

Vernon Cordell, executive director of the National Restaurant Association, has been instrumental in National Association activities toward food sanitation, and since Mr. Cordell is retiring, the Association recognized his assistance and dedication to the restaurant industry and cooperation with regulatory personnel toward better food sanitation. Special recognition of his efforts was a highlight of the Awards Luncheon. The Association wishes the best for the future to Vernon Cordell.

Bailus Walker Wins Journal Editor’s Award

The Editor’s Award is made to someone who works especially hard for the Journal of Environmental Health. This year the recognition went to the long time efforts of Dr. Bailus Walker, Jr., director of Environmental Health Services for the District of Columbia. Bailus is not only a prolific writer and an able reviewer, he has chaired the Housing and Urban Development Committee of the Association for several years and in this capacity has contributed much useful information to members and other readers. Editor Dr. A. Harry Bliss did the honors at the banquet on the evening of July 2. The Journal Award will be presented next year at the Awards Luncheon.
Student Association Active

The Student National Environmental Health Association really got off the ground this year under the able direction of John Beckley who served as president the past year. There are nearly 1,000 members of that body and interest is high. The student group put out three newsletters during the year, established an award for the most active affiliate, and enjoyed a good attendance at the annual meeting in Minneapolis. More than 50 students met to discuss how they could more fully develop their organization. They will be compiling material to make up one or two pages for each of the forthcoming issues of the Journal of Environmental Health and hopefully this will serve as their official publication, saving considerable postage expense and yet reaching all of their members. This will also give the parent organization a better insight into the education and activities these young future environmentalists are going through. Officers for the coming year are June Kellogg, Colorado State University, president; Mike Osterholm, University of Minnesota, vice president; Jim Rubin, Colorado State University, treasurer; and Gregory B. Mitchell, Illinois State University, secretary.

New Student National Environmental Health Association officers are testimony of new cooperative effort nationwide for good education and contributions to the profession by a group of upcoming professionals.

John Beckley, SNEHA president for the past year commended Ferris State College on their association activities during the year with the first annual award to a student affiliate.

Ferris State College had a professionally prepared exhibit to show their interesting, active school activities.

East Carolina University was one of the schools which displayed their program elements at the recent conference in Minneapolis.
A group of the "old salts" get together for a drink and visit.

Miss Environmental Health, Jane Brown, brightens up the hosting company with Ed Eberhardt, Charles Schneider and Bob Hutchinson.

New and renewed acquaintances were the order of the day as spouses got together for their annual luncheon. They reported an excellent mean and plenty of interest items at the annual affair.

Sunday night speaker, Ian McHarg, challenged the group to a listening lesson.

Monday morning general assembly speaker, Dr. Everett Rhoades talked about Indian problems and environmental health needs.

The annual Awards Luncheon has become one of the major gatherings at the conference. Here the "sanitarians/environmentalists" are recognized for outstanding work on the job and in behalf of their professional organization.

Dancing during Bavarian night festivities provided a welcome change from serious business during Minneapolis conference.

Professor Lee Stauffer, University of Minnesota, welcomed the conferees to Minnesota and spoke briefly at the Monday general assembly.

Ahmad K. Khosravi, Sanitarian Supervisor for Iran Air, was recorded as coming the longest distance to the conference.
Board of Directors' Luncheon marked the first full day of activities. Seated at the head table were Melvin Wilkey, treasurer; Dr. F. Oris Blackwell, president-elect; Vernon Williams, past president; Henry Eich, guest, Conference of Local Environmental Health Administrators; Nicholas Pohlit, executive director; Dr. Monroe T. Morgan, president; Frank Staffenson, Minnesota president; Dr. Frank Arnold, first vice president; and Henry Drake, second vice president. These were the officers for the past year which ended July 2, 1975.

National Environmental Health Association's member operated Placement Service appeared for the first time at the Minneapolis meeting. Response was gratifying, and members are urged to try it.

These two ladies were working behind the scenes to help conferees. Anne Dickens is Nick Pohlit's secretary; Ida Marshall is associate editor of the Journal of Environmental Health.

Environmental Impact Statement Symposium enjoyed a well filled room for a new type session. This subject is on their minds, and in the work of most environmentalists.