

NEHA NEWS

NEHA Staff Profile

As part of tradition, NEHA features new staff members in the *Journal* around the time of their one-year anniversary. These profiles give you an opportunity to get to know the NEHA staff better and to learn more about the great programs and activities going on in your association. Contact information for all NEHA staff can be found on page 47.

**Eileen Neison**

Hello, my name is Eileen and I am the new customer service representative in the credentialing department. I am the person you can call or e-mail if you have any questions or problems relating to your NEHA credential or continuing education hours.

I am a Colorado native, and I received my bachelor's degree at Metropolitan State College in Denver. My double major was in history and English. All of my prior work experience has had a strong customer service component. I worked for 17 years in bookstores (12 of those years at the world-famous Tattered Cover Bookstore), then as a real estate agent, and most recently as a relationship manager at a financial services company. I am thrilled to be working for a nonprofit organization. I have had a strong interest in environmental health from an early age, being concerned with recycling and preserving our natural resources.

It is extremely rewarding to be working in a support position to all of NEHA's environmental health and food safety professionals. When I worked in the financial services industry, customers would call up and scream at me because the value of their mutual funds had gone down. Now when people call up, it is a genuine pleasure to instead be helping people who help keep all of us and our planet safe. Our members are really nice people who work

hard and are only noticed when something goes wrong. The whole environmental health field is such a broad subject area. I can't wait to read each new *Journal of Environmental Health* as it comes out, and learn something new and fascinating.

NEHA Supports National Healthy Schools Day

National Healthy Schools Day (NHSD) is April 7, 2015. NEHA is pleased to partner again with the Healthy Schools Network (www.healthyschools.org) in supporting and promoting this event. NEHA has been a supporter since 2011. NHSD is a national partnership campaign for indoor air quality in schools coordinated by the Healthy Schools Network with involvement from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), other federal agencies, and numerous organizations.

The Healthy Schools Network is the leading national voice for children's environmental health in schools and is an award-winning 501c3 nonprofit environmental health organization. Founded in 1995, the network launched the national healthy schools movement with comprehensive state policy recommendations and a model coalition. It has since fostered reform coalitions in many states and localities.

NHSD promotes the use of U.S. EPA's IAQ Tools for Schools guidance (www.epa.gov/iaq/schools/index.html) as well as other U.S. EPA environmental health guidelines and programs for schools and children's health.

NEHA's thousands of environmental health professionals recognize children's environmental health as being one of its core priority areas. NEHA's work in the area of school food safety and indoor air quality in schools reflects that concern. NEHA is proud to again join its colleagues in offering its strong support of this year's NHSD.

For more information about NHSD, please visit www.national-healthyschoolsday.org. 🐛

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