

## NEHA NEWS

**NEHA Staff Profile**

As part of tradition, NEHA features new staff members in the *Journal* around the time of their 1-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 45.

**Chelsea Maralason**

When I was hired at NEHA as the marketing and communications specialist last December, I was thrilled to have found an organization that has such a strong focus on environmental health and our community. As a lifelong environmentalist, I was drawn to NEHA's missions and values.

A major focus this year in my position was working closely with our Annual Educational Conference (AEC) & Exhibition. The 2016 AEC was such a great event and a wonderful introduction to our members. I helped develop the meeting app that many of you used at the conference, as well as the polling feature that helped audiences engage

with speakers during sessions. Another portion of my time is spent with our digital marketing efforts and social media.

I moved from Michigan to Denver last December, after graduating from Wayne State University in Detroit with a degree in journalism. While I loved journalism, it was marketing that I always found my way into. NEHA was a perfect way to start my marketing career. Outside of the office, I am taking up everything the beautiful state of Colorado has to offer. I love hiking with my two rescue dogs, Frida and Lucy, especially up in the mountains where my sister lives. I feel very lucky to have found both a career and a city that feel like home.

I was so happy meeting so many of you face to face at the 2016 AEC and look forward to the 2017 AEC in Grand Rapids, Michigan—a place close to my heart. If you need any recommendations for a brewery or restaurant, let me know! 🐾



## 2017 Joe Beck Educational Contribution Award

This award was established to recognize NEHA members, teams, or organizations for an outstanding educational contribution within the field of environmental health.

Named in honor of the late Professor Joe Beck, this award provides a pathway for the sharing of creative methods and tools to educate one another and the public about environmental health principles and practices. Don't miss this opportunity to submit a nomination to highlight the great work of your colleagues!

**Nomination deadline is March 15, 2017.**

To access the online application, visit  
[www.neha.org/joe-beck-educational-contribution-award](http://www.neha.org/joe-beck-educational-contribution-award).

