efforts of two members of NEHAs board of directors on the occasion of their departure from the board: Immediate Past-President Adam London and Region 6 Vice-President Lynne Madison.

Adam London leaves the board after 9 years of dedicated service and leadership. He served as Region 6 vice-president before being elected as a national officer and was NEHAs president from 2017–2018. Adam also served as chair for NEHAs Finance and Policy Committees. In the coming year he will serve as president of the NEHA past presidents affiliate.

Adam was the director of environmental health for a Michigan county when his time on NEHAs board began. Since that time he was promoted to the position of health officer and director of the Kent County Health Department in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He also teaches courses in public policy and health at Grand Valley State University, Michigan State University, and the University of Michigan. Adam states, “I believe my experience as a NEHA board member was helpful in my professional development.”

Adam has lent his leadership talents to other organizations, serving as president of the Michigan Association of Local Environmental Health Administrators and supporting the Michigan Environmental Health Association. He received the Samuel Stephenson Sanitarian of the Year Award in 2011 from the Michigan Environmental Health Association.

“My time on the NEHA board has been one of the most rewarding experiences in my life,” states Adam. “It has been an honor to be part of NEHAs growth and success over the past decade. I have also made friends and built relationships that will last a lifetime. I strongly encourage others to consider running for a board position and/or get involved with one or more of NEHAs many committees.”

Lynne Madison leaves the board after 4 years of dedicated service and leadership. While serving on NEHAs board, she represented NEHA on the Council to Improve Foodborne Outbreak Response (CIFOR) and was a member of the CIFOR Governance Committee. It was a career highlight to contribute to the work CIFOR is doing to improve methods to investigate, control, and prevent foodborne disease outbreaks. Lynne also chaired NEHAs Affiliate Engagement Committee and served on the Nominations, Membership, and Annual Educational Conference & Exhibition committees. She has been a strong advocate for the state affiliates and environmental health professionals in her region and was proud to share their concerns with our federal legislators during NEHAs Annual Hill Day for the past 2 years.

Lynne recently retired from a 25-year career as a Michigan registered sanitarian. She served as the environmental health director for Western Upper Peninsula Health Department from 2001 until her retirement last year. Lynne states, “I was fortunate to live and work in a rural area providing my community with a wide range of environmental health services.” She has also been active in the Michigan Environmental Health Association, serving as its president in 2010 and receiving its Sanitarian of the Year Award in 2012 andLifetime Achievement Award in 2017.

“Serving on NEHAs board has been a remarkable experience,” states Lynne. “It has been such an honor to represent my colleagues in the environmental health community and to contribute to NEHAs important work supporting environmental health professionals.”

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. This month we are pleased to introduce you to one NEHA staff member. Contact information for all NEHA staff can be found on page 45.

Kaylan Celestin

I joined NEHA in October 2018 as a public health associate with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on a 2-year assignment to NEHA. I graduated in May 2016 with my master’s in public health from SUNY Upstate Medical School. Prior to graduating, I was an Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) fellow for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and worked on immunization programs. Upon graduation, I accepted a position at the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In this position I was an ORISE fellow working on adult vaccinations and tobacco cessation programs on college campuses. After completing my ORISE fellowship, I accepted a position at the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs in its Office for Community Care and helped veterans and their families gain access to healthcare coverage.

My role at NEHA is a project specialist working on food safety topics such as restaurant grading. I am working with NEHAs external partner, Dining Safety Alliance, to study the variance in restaurant inspection reporting. I enjoy collaborating and facilitating partnerships to reach a common goal. Working at NEHA is an exciting and rewarding experience because you can feel the impact of your work firsthand. I look forward to interacting with NEHA members and stakeholders throughout my time at NEHA!