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 36.

Brian Hess
I joined NEHA in May 2019 as the program and operations manager in the Program and Partnership Development Department in the Denver office. Before joining NEHA, I was the director of member programs at the Association of Academic Health Centers in Washington, DC, where I managed the domestic programs for an association representing over 140 academic health centers in the U.S. and abroad. In this position I worked with academic health center leaders and staff to create conference programs, webinar content, and a new social media program, as well as managed grant funded projects, internal teams, and executive leadership groups.

I have over 12 years of nonprofit management experience in scientific and health-related associations, having worked in a variety of roles including education, program management, committee management, member services, and communication. In addition to my work experience, I earned my master’s degree in anthropology from the University of Colorado Denver with concentrations in medical anthropology and political ecology. My academic interests lie in the intersection of human society, health, and the environment, and the significant impact that social determinants of health—the air we breathe, the water we drink, the communities we live in, etc.—have on people’s lives.

At NEHA, I help to manage and improve internal processes including budgets and grant reporting, as well as liaising and communicating with other departments across the association. I also work on water safety, informatics, and vector programs, and interacting with our members, funders, and external partners on a variety of programmatic issues. My goal at NEHA is to draw on my education and experience to advance the environmental health profession and help the hardworking environmental health professionals who constantly strive to make our world safer and healthier. 

Did You Know?
NEHA has created a new blog series: Environmental Health Heroes in the Time of COVID-19. Through these blogs, the work of NEHA members responding to the COVID-19 pandemic from the frontlines will be highlighted. Read what NEHA members are doing on local, industry, and international levels to ensure the health and safety of the public and the environment during these challenging times at www.neha.org/membership-communities/get-involved/day-in-life.

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