NEHA Staff Profile

As part of tradition, NEHA features 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 49.

Arwa Hurley

Prior to NEHA and while completing my degree in communications at the University of Colorado, I worked at a national association in chapter relations. An opportunity arose where I was asked to transition from my current position into the role of Web site producer for the association. I enjoyed managing the main Web site and designing annual conference Web sites; my favorite part of the job was helping nurses create Web sites for their local chapters. I loved the behind the scenes technical work and engaging with the members. Over the years, I have worked with many associations and nonprofits, blending my love for technology and people.

Fast forward to 2014 and my joining the NEHA staff first as a consultant and then as a full-time staff member. Seeing the NEHA Web site for the first time made me want to apply for the job of Web site and digital media specialist. Prior to August 2015, the NEHA Web site had been stuck in an outdated technology from the early 2000s. I knew I wanted dust the cobwebs off the NEHA site and make it useable. I was up for the challenge and ready to harness my passion for this line of work.

Throughout 2015, the NEHA staff rallied around the Web site and helped drive it into the present. NEHA was proud to introduce to its members a new Web site in September 2015 that looks and functions better. As with any technology project, the work is ongoing and we continue to tweak and add to the current Web site to make it even more useful, engaging, and relevant to our members.

Outside of work, my husband and I have both found that Colorado is the perfect place to raise our son and daughter. Despite having two dogs, a cat, and two turtles, the kids are vying to add “just one more to make it even.” I am very excited to be a part of the NEHA staff and to see it into the bright and highly technological future!

2016 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 works of your colleagues!

Nominations are due in the NEHA office by March 15, 2016.

For more information, please visit www.neha.org/joe-beck-educational-contribution-award.