

NEHA SECOND VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE PROFILES

NEHA elects its leaders through a ballot that goes to all active and life members prior to the annual conference. Among other things, the ballot features the election for the position of NEHA second vice-president. The person elected to this position begins a five-year commitment to NEHA that involves advancing each year to a different national office, eventually to become NEHA's president.

Election policy specifies that candidate profiles for the second vice-president be limited to 800 words in total length. If a candidate's profile exceeds that limit, the policy requires that the profile is terminated at the last sentence before the 800-word limit is exceeded. In addition, the submitted profiles have not been grammatically edited, but presented as submitted and within the 800-word limitation. This year, NEHA presents two candidates for the office of second vice-president. The candidates are listed in alphabetical order as they will appear on the ballot.



Stan Hazan, BSc, MPH, MBA

Stan Hazan has worked in environmental health for over 35 years, collaborating with industry, academia, federal and state agencies, legislative bodies and organizations to help promote public health and safety initiatives.

Stan began his career as an analytical chemist in Canada, conducting drug screens on racehorses and Olympic athletes. He performed forensic analyses in drug, arson and scuba accident cases. Stan co-led a Canadian Defense Department study looking at the pharmacokinetic profiles of marijuana administration to human subjects to determine dose and timing of exposure, and tracking the concentrations of the active ingredients and major metabolites. He also led a study of emissions from a Hamilton, Ontario landfill site. He performed chemical analyses on water, soil, fish and infant formula, including drug residues in poultry. He developed unique high yield extraction/concentration methods for dioxins and PCBs from soils and fish. He developed new analytical methods using APCI/Triple Quad Mass Spectrometry using SCIEX's cutting-edge technology. His work was important in determining environmental and occupational exposures from Superfund sites, factories and products. Stan achieved dioxin laboratory qualification under the EPA's Contract Laboratory Program.

In 1988 he was hired to be the first Program Manager at NSF for certification of drinking water additives according to NSF/ANSI 60 and 61. He grew the program to more than 1,200 clients in 10 years. Working closely with water utilities and federal/state regulators, this program, now the largest at NSF, serves as a model third-party certification program to assist regulators. In 2000, he created the NSF Nonfood Compounds Registration Program based on the USDA White Book. Again, working with multiple stakeholders, the program has hundreds of clients and the NSF White Book ended up replacing that of the USDA.

From 1996 to 1999, Stan served as Sr. Director of Marketing, Communications and Business Development for all NSF International programs. He led the team that developed the first NSF presence on the internet, and transitioned NSF listings from printed Blue Books to online searchable listings updated daily. He was charged with gaining acceptance for the NSF HACCP-9000 Food Safety Management System program, the first to combine safety and quality aspects of food production.

From 1999 to 2003, Stan managed NSF International's Training, Education and Conferences Program. He provided training in NSF standards, Food Manager Certification, HACCP Manager Certification, and training in ISO 9000 and ISO 14000. He helped to develop the popular NSF HealthGuard Food Manager and HACCP Manager training books. He produced multiple conferences, including a successful conference in Geneva, Switzerland, in conjunction with WHO, on heterotrophs in drinking water. He won two USDA contracts to develop and manage food safety education conferences in 2006 and 2010, resulting in Stan receiving a USDA Secretary for Food Safety Award.

In his current role as Sr. Director of Science and Regulatory Affairs, Stan represents NSF International on a multitude of issues ranging from third-party certification, accreditation and consensus standards to regulations and legislation. He has played central roles at NSF as a resource on FSMA (Food Safety Modernization Act) and to Flint and the Michigan DEQ during the water crisis.

In 2008 Stan graduated from the University of Michigan, School of Public Health (UM SPH) with an MPH in environmental health sciences, which combined with his MBA, helped prepare him to contribute to making environmental health a strong focal point for NSF. He also earned a certificate in International Food Law and Regulation from Michigan State University. Stan has worked closely with, and been mentored by, NSF staff who have previously served as NEHA presidents. He also earned the NEHA Past President's Award in 2016 "in recognition of long-standing service and contributions to NEHA and to the Environmental Health Profession."

Stan currently serves as Secretary to the NSF Council of Public Health Consultants that ensures NSF standards are protective of public health. Stan is also coordinator for the NSF/PAHO/WHO Collaborating Centers for Food Safety, Water Quality and Indoor Environments. Additionally, he is the NSF representative to the Codex Alimentarius Commission. For the last 13 years, he has served as coordinator of the Walter F. Snyder Award that NSF and NEHA present jointly. He serves on several boards including the Partnership for Food Safety Education and the UM SPH Dean's Advisory Board.

Stan's chemistry, environmental health, business and regulatory backgrounds position him to contribute to the success of NEHA as an organization. The missions of NSF International and NEHA are intertwined, with NSF working closely with NEHA over the decades. He looks forward to carrying on that tradition as well as

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working with NEHA officers, staff and its Executive Director to help strengthen and grow NEHA to the benefit of EH professionals and protection of the general public.



Sandra Long, REHS, RS, CP-FS

Sandra Long believes it is important to realize and recognize all the fields of work, disciplines of study and areas of involvement Environmental Health encompasses and reach out to these groups and individuals.

To pique the interest of new members and professionals in the field it is important to keep the momentum of the new direction National Environmental Health Association (NEHA). To embraced involvement, moving the profession out of the shadows and being the voice of environmental health. This is a mission all Environmental Health professionals can contribute towards.

In her career Sandra has worked in a variety of areas of Environmental Health which include wastewater, water, food inspection, code enforcement, animal services, foodborne illness investigations, rental home inspections, child care inspections, and swimming pool inspections. She realizes that “boots on the ground” is important.

Sandra Long is a Registered Environmental Health Specialist/Registered Sanitarian and the Environmental Health Supervisor for the City of Plano Environmental Health and Sustainability Department in Plano, Texas. She graduated from the Texas Woman's University where key areas of study were general biology and microbiology.

She is a dedicated professional who is passionate about environmental health. It is not just a profession, but a way of life. She understands the significance of our profession and tries to help others understand as well. She believes that NEHA has a unique ability to further the cause at the national, and even international, level.

Sandra has served as the Regional Vice President for Region Five representing New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri and Kansas. If elected as your next 2nd Vice President,

she intends to work to increase member involvement and to make the association more attractive to the next generation of EH professionals. She believes that NEHA's future relies on the education and participation of the next generation of professionals.

Sandra has also served as the presiding officer of the Texas Sanitarian Advisory Committee where she was instrumental in bringing Sanitarians in Texas to a professional level, providing measures in the State Statutes allowing a National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS) to become a Texas Register Sanitarian without examination. Continuing education hours from NEHA are accepted by Texas Department of State Health Services to be applied for continuing education for the Texas Registered Sanitarian. And having Texas Governors Bush and Perry sign Governors Proclamations recognizing Environmental Health Specialist and Professional Registered Sanitarians in the state of Texas.

Sandra is a past president of the Texas Environmental Health Association (TEHA) and has been recognized by TEHA with the prestigious TEHA I.E. Scott Award for career outstanding contributions to the Environmental Health Profession.

She has been an active member of the National Environmental Health Science & Protection Accreditation Council (EHAC) since 2011 serving as a practitioner with a focused interest developing students in the field of Environmental Health. With the idea that the field of Environmental Health will continue to grow it is vital to encourage and provide the education and guidance for the future. For the past two years Sandra has served at the EHAC Nominations Chair.

She is published in Food Protection Trends, is active with her church, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Denton, TX and her community with the Boy Scouts of America in The Colony, TX.

Additional awards and recognitions include four TEHA President's Meritorious Service Awards, TEHA Honorary Life membership, TEHA Fellow, TEHA North Texas Chapter Willy Acuna Meritorious Service Award, two NEHA Presidential Citations, NEHA Certificate of Merit and two recognitions as employee of the year. 🐾

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