

NEHA REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE PROFILES

The National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) is governed by a corporate board of directors who oversee the affairs of the association. The board is made up of two groups: national officers and regional vice-presidents (RVPs). NEHA has nine different regions. See page 42 for a listing of the regions and the states/groups each region represents. RVPs are elected by NEHA active and life members in their respective regions. RVPs serve 3-year terms.

Election policy specifies that candidate profiles for RVPs be limited to 400 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 400-word limit is exceeded. In addition, the submitted profiles have not been grammatically edited, but presented as submitted and within the 400-word limitation. Three regions are up for election this year—Region 4, Region 6, and Region 9. The candidates for Regions 4 and 6 are listed alphabetically by region; there were no candidates received for Region 9.

**Region 4****Kim Carlton, MPH, REHS**

Kim Carlton has served as the NEHA Region 4 Vice-President since 2018. Kim oversees a team at the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) who provide training, program evaluation, outreach opportunities and resources, technical expertise, and outbreak coordination to state and local environmental health programs statewide. Before joining MDH, she worked for local public health agencies for 14 years. Her varied work experience has created opportunities to build strong relationships with environmental health professionals throughout the country.

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The last two years have profoundly changed the landscape of environmental health. We are challenged to balance COVID-19 priorities with “routine” environmental health duties, and there is an imperative need to ensure diversity, inclusion, and representation in our workforce and outreach. Kim is honored to work with the talented, motivated, forward-thinking group of environmental health professionals on the NEHA board, and she would be honored to be reelected as Region 4 Vice-President.

**Region 6****Nichole Lemin, MEP, RS/REHS**

Niki Lemin joined Franklin County Public Health, in Columbus, Ohio, as Assistant Health Commissioner and Environmental Health Director in 2013. Prior to that, Niki served in several state and local capacities. Niki currently serves on the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) Board of Directors as

Regional Vice-President for Region 6 and is Cochair of the International Code Council/NEHA Pandemic Task Force. Niki earned her Master of Science degree in Environmental, Health and Safety Management from The University of Findlay and Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Studies from Ohio Northern University. She is a Registered Environmental Health Specialist with the State of Ohio and National Environmental Health Association, and a Master Exercise Practitioner. 🐾

Did You Know?

The Environmental Health Tracking Podcast Series features four different environmental health departments and their tracking programs. Each podcast shares the history, challenges, and successes of the program and goals for the future. Topics include how the health department increased their tracking data content and awareness, how tracking data is used to address health inequities, evaluation strategies of the program, and different examples of data visualization. Listen to the podcasts at www.neha.org/trackingpodcastseries.

The podcasts feature the following environmental health tracking programs and staff:

- Deyonne Sandoval from the New Mexico Department of Health,
- Brittany Saltsman Bell from the Kentucky Department for Public Health,
- Jill Maras from Michigan Environmental Public Health, and
- Matthew Montesano from the New York City Department of Mental Health and Hygiene.