

NEHA NEWS

NEHA 2021 General Election Results

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Elections are a critical part of the democratic process and are one way to provide members a voice in the running of their organization. Voting members of the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) have an opportunity to vote for candidates of contested board of directors and regional vice-president positions, as well as cast votes regarding proposed changes to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. National officers of the NEHA Board of Directors serve a 1-year term in each officer position (second vice-president, first vice-president, president-elect, president, and immediate past-president) for a total of 5 years. Regional vice-presidents (RVPs) serve 3-year terms.

Eligible voters were encouraged to vote during the month of March and the deadline to vote was March 31, 2021. The following are results from the 2021 general election.

Second Vice-President

There were two qualified candidates for the second vice-president position: CDR Anna Khan, MA, REHS/RS, and Rachel Stradling, JD, BSc (Hons), CP-FS, REHS, MCIEH. All eligible NEHA members were asked to vote for the position of second vice-president and CDR Khan received the majority of votes. Both candidate profiles were published in the March 2021 *Journal of Environmental Health (JEH)* and on the NEHA website (www.neha.org/node/60552). CDR Khan will assume the second vice-president position in July 2021.

Regional Vice-Presidents

NEHA's membership is broken down into nine regions that represent U.S. geographic areas, as well as members in the U.S. military and abroad. The terms of three RVP positions expire in 2021—Region 2: Michele DiMaggio; Region 3: Rachele Blackham; and Region 8: LCDR James Speckhart.

All three regions received only one eligible candidate and did not appear on the election ballot. All candidate profiles were pub-

lished in the March 2021 *JEH*. Each of these candidates will automatically assume their RVP roles in July 2021 and their terms will expire in 2024:

- Region 2: Michele DiMaggio, REHS (Region 2 includes Arizona, California, Hawaii, and Nevada);
- Region 3: Rachele Blackham, MPH, REHS (Region 3 includes Colorado, Montana, Utah, Wyoming, and all NEHA members residing outside of the U.S. [except members of the U.S. armed forces]); and
- Region 8: LCDR James Speckhart, MS, USPHS, REHS (Region 8 includes Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington, DC, West Virginia, and all NEHA members of the U.S. armed forces residing outside of the U.S.).

Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws Changes

This past year, the NEHA Board of Directors discussed revisions to the language pertaining to the annual Affiliate Presidents Council. The revisions aimed to create more flexibility with planning the Affiliate Presidents Council, recognizing it may not always be possible to coincide the meeting of this group with an in-person NEHA Annual Educational Conference & Exhibition. The revisions also changed the format of reports from oral presentations during the meeting of this council to written reports distributed prior to the meeting to allow more time for discussion. The NEHA Board of Directors unanimously endorsed the revisions and voted in favor of sending the revisions to NEHA members for a vote, which were approved by a majority of the membership during the 2021 election.

A listing of current NEHA national officers and RVPs, along with state breakdowns for each region, can be found on page 38. More information about NEHA's governance, including its Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, the election process, and associated deadlines, can be found at www.neha.org/about-neha/governance.

Thank you to all members who participated in this year's election! 🐼

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