Call for Nominations

NEHA is governed by a corporate board of directors that oversees the affairs of the association. There will be four board positions up for election in 2017:

- Region 1 vice-president (represents Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington; 3-year term);
- Region 5 vice-president (represents Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas; 3-year term);
- Region 7 vice-president (represents Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee; 3-year term);
- second vice-president (national officer; 5-year term that progresses through the national offices and will serve as NEHA president in 2020–2021).

We seek diversity on the board in terms of gender, ethnicity, and a balance between regulatory officials, academia, and industry. Most importantly, we want people who will help us develop a new strategic vision, have experience managing diverse organizations, and can open doors for NEHA in building relationships with industry, academia, federal and state agencies, foundations, and other associations.

Requirements to serve on the board include:

- membership with NEHA (individual or life) for three consecutive years prior to assuming office on July 13, 2017;
- not simultaneously holding a voting position on the board of a NEHA affiliate;
- endorsement by at least five voting NEHA members (from members residing in the region for regional vice-president candidates and from members residing in at least three different regions for second vice-president candidates); and
- willingness to commit the time necessary to actively serve on the board.

If you are interested in serving on our board of directors, please visit www.neha.org/about-neha/elections for information on the nomination and election process. You can also contact NEHA Past-President Bob Custard, chairman of NEHA’s Nominations Committee, at BobCustard@comcast.net. The deadline to submit a nomination is December 1, 2016.

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. Contact information for all NEHA staff can be found on page 49.
A major benefit of hosting an intern is the assistance they will provide to environmental health program at no cost to the health department. In addition to having students eager to gain experience in the field and contribute to the important mission of the environmental health practice, participation also contributes to the recruitment of highly trained professionals into the environmental public health workforce.

**2016 Intern Activities**
This summer, 19 students completed their internships at environmental health departments throughout the U.S. These interns were involved in a wide range of activities such as studying contaminant levels in surface water and groundwater; helping to build upon tracking initiatives by presenting pesticide exposures and illness information; performing food, pool, and campground inspections; and much more (see photo above). Visit www.neha.org/nehip-success-stories to read a few success stories from the 2016 interns.

**To Apply**
Health departments can apply to host an environmental health intern by submitting a simple, one-page application by December 1, 2016. Visit www.neha.org/internships to apply.

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Emily Cunis, a 2016 NEPHIP intern, tests for fluoride levels in water during her internship. She completed her internship at the Tanana Chiefs Conference’s Office of Environmental Health in Fairbanks, Alaska. Photo courtesy of Emily Cunis.

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**Did You Know?**
You can share your event with the environmental health community by posting it directly on our community calendar at www.neha.org/news-events/community-calendar. Averaging 2,000 page views a month, you are sure to bring a lot of attention to your event. Make sure to check it often, and you might find a new event happening in your area!

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