A Message from OEHA President Sarah Puls

Happy 2020 OEHA members!

I hope this new year brings you happiness and success in all aspects of your lives.

Our Annual Educational Conference (AEC) is coming up March 31st through April 2nd in Bend, “OEHA AEC: 2020 Focus on Leadership”.

If you haven’t had a chance to register please check out the OHEA website for more detail and to get your seat reserved, http://www.oregoneha.org/aec.htm.

This year’s AEC is focused on you! We have partnered again this year with DEQ and have a great line up focusing on leadership and wellbeing in the environmental health world.

This AEC will give you tools to help you be a successful professional and leader in the high stress work we do.

As you set your goals for 2020, please plan to attend our AEC. The continued success of OEHA depends on your support and involvement. See you all in Bend!

Cheers,
Sarah
Featured Regional Representative Message:
SW Oregon Regional Representative

Introducing Angie Scott, OEHA Regional Representative for SW Oregon. Here, she highlights her background, current involvement in outreach, and family connections.

So I celebrated 20 years in the EH profession in April of 2019! My career in Environmental Health began back when I attended Oregon State University, and was one of the OEHA scholarship recipients.

Graduation and beyond

After graduating, I started working for Klamath County in Klamath Falls, Oregon. I moved to Lewiston, ID in 2008 and worked for PH-North Central District until moving back to my hometown of Roseburg, Oregon in 2014, where I have been working for Douglas County.

I’ve been OEHA Secretary and Eastern Region Rep throughout the years, and am now SW Regional Representative and assist with the Newsletter.

“My current coworkers and I hope to organize some local training opportunities soon so stay tuned.”

Oh! I have also been one of the handwashing trailer caretakers.

Might as well recognize the elephant in the room... Yes, I followed in my father’s footsteps, and David Bussen and Mom are doing well.

Dad officially retired a few years ago, but is still licensed and has contracted with various agencies to help with work loads.

If I can be of any help or you just want talk, feel free to contact me; I don’t plan on going anywhere soon. It has been great meeting and working with so many talented individuals, and I look forward to many more!!

Thanks for your support and dedication, and see you at the AEC!

Very truly yours,
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Planning some outreach in the community? Representing your agency at a fair or other public venue? Consider using the Clean Team Handwashing Demonstration Trailer. Loan it for your event for only $50, plus a refundable deposit.

To arrange to borrow the Clean Team Handwashing Trailer, contact the following:

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Clean Team
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OEHA/DEQ Annual Education Conference
2020 FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP

Conference Dates:
March 31 to April 2

Registration Deadline: Feb. 28
Join us in Bend’s historical Old Mill District for the OEHA/DEQ Annual Education Conference. Register before February 28 to receive a FREE month’s membership to Keynote Speaker Andrew Robinson’s GiANT TV, where you’ll find hundreds of leadership videos, leadership development pathways and printable tools.

Location:
Hampton Inn and Suites
730 SW Columbia Street
Bend, Oregon 97702
541-388-3000

When making hotel reservations, identify yourself as with OEHA.

Featured Sponsors

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Featured Speakers at the 2020 AEC

Speakers will include a leadership consultant with expertise in organizational branding, NEHA President and Distinguished Professor of Environmental Science and a Biomedical Researcher from Baylor College.

Featured Keynote Speaker
Andrew Robinson
Andrew F. Robinson Consulting

What would you say if you could train yourself and your leaders in minutes not days, on their schedule not ours, and at an amazingly low cost? And, what would you say if that system could replicate itself inside your organization in a way that actually works? Andrew Robinson will answer these questions during his interactive presentation. His result is a leadership system that’s sustainable, scalable and connected.

Dr. Priscilla Oliver
Senior Life Scientist with EPA and NEHA President

As a trailblazer, Dr. Oliver has accomplished much on behalf of environmental health goals by teaching, being an active member of the community and conducting research. She is highly regarded and respected for her ability to encourage environmental health education, service and collaboration.

Dr. Bryan Brooks
Distinguished Professor of Environmental Science and Biomedical Research from Baylor College

An internationally-recognized leader in water quality, the environment and health, Bryan Brooks has galvanized stakeholders from around the world to partner, identify and address the planet’s most significant environmental challenges.
Nominations are open for OEHA Awards

Awards will be presented at the AEC. Deadline for nominations: March 1st

Sanitarian of the Year Award
This award recognizes an individual who has in the past year made a contribution of significant impact on the growth and progress of the association, or made a significant impact on the profession.

Verne Reirson Meritorious Service Award
This recognizes an individual who has over a number of years made a contribution of significant impact on the growth and progress of the association, or made a significant impact on the profession.

Ci Sherman Legislative Award
This recognizes an individual who has in the past year made a contribution to the profession or the association through the legislative or a related process.

Ray Ruff Editorial Award
This recognizes an individual who has in the past year made a contribution to the Oregon Journal of Environmental Health and the Oregon Environmental Health Association Newsletter.

For more information, please visit: http://www.oregoneha.org/awardescript.html

Upcoming Affiliated Meetings and Events

- Oregon Coalition of Local Health Officials (CHLO) meetings, 3rd Thursday monthly, 9:30am-1:30pm at Portland State Office Building
- The OEHA Board Meeting meets on the third Thursday of every month from 1:30pm-3pm. This is open to all OEHA members.
- Drinking Water Regulators Spring Conference at Silver Falls, May 18-19, 2020
- State FPHLS Spring and Fall Regional Meetings
- National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) Annual Education Conference (AEC) July 13-16, 2020 Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel, New York City

ONLY @ OEHA!

OEHA is on the cutting edge for providing training at our annual conference. Consider these “new” training novelties:

- At OEHA you can look a speaker in the eye when you ask a question.
- At OEHA You can talk to the speaker after the presentation and collect more insight.
- At OEHA You can hear perspectives on each topic from fellow EHS.

At our annual conference, OEHA teaches best practices in professional communication. Consider learning these new and novel communication techniques:

At OEHA You can talk to someone rather than sending a text or email.

At OEHA You can remember how to shake hands or share a warm embrace.

At OEHA You can sit with another EHS at breakfast, lunch, dinner or a munch & mingle

ONLY @ OEHA!
Each year OEHA gives the Verne Reierson Meritorious Service Award in recognition of a career of serving and promoting the Oregon Environmental Health Association and the field of Environmental Health.

Lately I’ve been wondering: who is this guy?

This is what I learned primarily from the July-August 1959 issue of The Sanitarian about Verne, in presenting him with the 1959 Mangold Award. NEHA still presents this award annually.

Born 1915, Died 2003...He took good care of himself! Graduated (B.A. in education and science) from Willamette University in 1938. Master’s in Public Health from University of California.

He was the perfect blend of Sanitarian and educator. He was the first sanitarian in Clatsop County. Verne’s career path took him to the Oregon State Board of Health in progressively more responsible positions - sanitarian, health education consultant, chief of restaurant program, asst. chief of the general sanitation section and finally chief of general sanitation.

He served with distinction in the Army Medical Corps in Korea and the Philippines. He also served the Div. of International Health, Public Health Service in Burma (now Myanmar). In the latter capacity, he organized and established the first National Bureau of Health Education in the Ministry of Health, as well as four Burmese training and field stations.

Verne’s contributions to sanitation and public health did not stop at the office. He was active in several professional organizations, advancing public health as a charter member and president of the Oregon Assoc. of Sanitarians (now OEHA), a Regional VP of the N.A.S. (now NEHA), president of the Oregon Public Health Assoc, field consultant for the National Sanitation Foundation. He found time for active participation in Lions Club and Grange Programs.

The criteria for this award can be found at http://www.oregoneha.org/awardescript.html and if you know of someone you think is worthy of the Verne Reierson Meritorious Service Award, nominate them by telling your OEHA Board! We have other awards such as Sanitarian of the Year that you can learn more about there, as well.

Submitted by Randy Trox
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Thank you for your service!

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