The Purpose of OEHA is to provide assistance in creating a more livable environment through equipping its membership with the professional ability to accomplish this goal.

The OEHA Board meeting is open to all OEHA Members. The Board typically meets on the Third Thursday of every month from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

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OEHA Annual Education Conference

APRIL 4-6, 2018

AT MT. BACHELOR VILLAGE IN BEND, OR
UPCOMING AFFILIATED EVENTS—SPRING 2018

- On-site Installer/Pumper/Consultant Training at Douglas County Fairgrounds in Roseburg, March 28th
- Oregon Emergency Preparedness Workshop at Sunriver Resort, April 3-5th
- SWANA (Solid Waste Association of North America) NW Regional at McMenamins in Troutdale, April 18 to 20th
- Oregon Health Authority, Drinking Water Program Annual Conference, Silver Falls, April 17-18th
- 35th Annual OR-EPI Conference in Sunriver, April 24-26th
- 2018 NEHA Annual Education Conference at Anaheim Marriott Hotel in Anaheim, CA, June 25-28th

2015 TO CURRENT OEHA PRESIDENT...BILL EMMINGER
Benton County EH Division Director since February 2002 (16 years), and total over 26 years Public/Environmental Health work. Bill came to Oregon from Indiana, where he had been IEHA President. He likes to attend NEHA conferences, is intimately involved with Oregon State University (Corvallis, OR), and is part of multiple local advisory committees (i.e. Food, On-site, and Emergency). Need some ideas, and perhaps a helping hand? Bill's your man! He wants to do things right, and definitely gives his all...

Thanks for your years of service, Bill!

**REMEMBER CAN BE POSTED ON OEHA’S WEBSITE; ALSO WELCOMING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER!!!**

email them to secretary@oregoneha.org
“DYING BREED...(HOPEFULLY NOT)!!?”

—WHO’S GOING TO REPLACE RETIRING EHSs?

There are 7 accredited public health schools in Oregon for faculty who teach public health classes to choose from. The following statistics and charts help analyze the current state of the public health academic community in Oregon, and the future trends in public health training at the following levels:

- Public Health Certificate
- Bachelors degree in Public Health
- Masters degree in Public Health
- PhD degree in Public Health

Linn-Benton Community College
6500 Pacific Blvd SW, Albany, Oregon 97321

Northwest Christian University
828 East 11th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97401-3745

Oregon Health & Science University
3181 SW Sam Jackson Park Rd, Portland, Oregon 97239-3098

Oregon State University
Corvallis, Oregon 97331

Portland State University
724 SW Harrison, Portland, Oregon 97201

Willamette University
900 State St, Salem, Oregon 97301

Western Oregon University
345 North Monmouth Ave, Monmouth, Oregon 97361-1394

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NEW GUY IN OHA POOL AND LODGING PROGRAM WITH BIG PLANS:

Paul J. Reeves
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THIS “BUSY BEAVER” HAS BEEN CREATING AND MAKING AVAILABLE HELPFUL HANDOUTS, CONDUCTING POOL/SPA PLAN REVIEWS AND INSPECTIONS, TRAINING AND WORKING ON RULE UPDATES...ORG CAMPS—OAR CHAPTER 333 DIVISION 030, REVISED JANUARY 2018!!!

**POOL/SPAS, LODGING, AND MASS GATHERING RULES NEXT?! STAY TUNED, AND, MEANWHILE, KUDOS TO PAUL FOR FILLING THESE BIG SHOES!!!

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ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR OEHA SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship is open to college students pursuing physical science degrees with a career focused toward professional practice in the Environmental Health field and who must participate in an unpaid internship or independent study project to meet their degree requirements.
FLESH-EATING BACTERIA IN THE NEWS

Necrotizing fasciitis, aka “flesh-eating bacteria”, enters through a break in the skin and then rapidly spreads through the body’s soft tissue, (i.e. can kill skin within hours). I’d only heard about spider bite cases, but people have recently contracted the condition and died through contact with contaminated floodwaters (Texas, Sept 2017), eating raw oysters (Texas, Jan 2018), and a leg cut in a bicycle accident (Oregon, Jan 2018)! Cases are rare, but there is no surefire way to prevent necrotizing fasciitis, and it can happen anywhere. The best defense is proper first aid/wound care techniques, and successful treatment depends on the earliest-possible intervention. In some cases, amputation becomes the only option to save the patient’s life!

OREGON HEALTH INSPECTIONS ON-LINE:


PHI UPDATE

Public Health International (PHI) is a non-profit organization formed by Oregon REHSs to prevent death and disease in disaster and refugee situations through the implementation of basic, low cost public health programs. Some members have been involved for almost 40 years, and PHI has grown to include individuals and professionals from many locations around the world!

PHI volunteers are scheduled to travel to Togo in July of 2018, and to Haiti sometime next Fall. For more information feel free to contact Founder, Ron Baker, at: rbaker4343@gmail.com

http://www.publichealthinternational.org/
PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS—WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO!

DRUG AND ALCOHOL ADDICTION, DISEASE OUTBREAKS, HOMELESSNESS, AND EMERGENCIES DON’T GO AWAY...DON’T FORGET HOW IMPORTANT YOUR JOB IS; YOU DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE! DON’T LOSE HOPE; BE PART OF THE SOLUTION!!!

• LISTERIA, E. COLI, SALMONELLA, AND BOTULISM outbreaks in 2017!!!

• JAN 2018—'Many more weeks' to come in fierce, deadly flu season, CDC says.

• JAN 2018—It was officially a monster year for deadly US storms in 2017 with Hurricane Harvey the second most expensive hurricane on record and the final costs of Irma and Maria, both human and financial, yet to be added.

• JAN 2018—Potential measles exposure at Chicago airport

• JAN 2018—The growing homeless problem helped fuel a deadly hepatitis A outbreak in California.

• FEB 2018—Oregon Governor Kate Brown has declared addiction a public health crisis in the state.

• FEB 2018—Oregon State University orders all students to get vaccinated due to meningitis outbreak.
Clean Team Handwashing Demonstration Trailer

Reserve NOW for summer events!

OEHA partners with Rotary International to provide two hand washing trailers that are available to go out to fairs and festivals. By using a fluorescent GloGerm powder/lotion and black lights, the public is educated about the importance of proper hand washing in the prevention of illness. For hand wash trailer availability and scheduling, please contact:

- Craig Geddes MPH, REHS
  Malheur County (VALE, EASTERN OR)
  541-473-5186, email = Craig.Geddes@malheurco.org
  OR

- Angela Scott BS, REHS
  Douglas County (ROSEBURG, WESTERN OR)
  541-440-3569, email = adscott@co.douglas.or.us

A LOOK BACK—SPRING 2017:

DOUGLAS COUNTY PLANNING DEPT ON-SITE AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISIONS HOSTED A SW REGIONAL, PARTNERING WITH OEHA. THERE WERE 30 ATTENDEES TOTAL, REPRESENTING 8 DIFFERENT COUNTIES, OVER THE TWO DAYS OF PRESENTATIONS. BEFORE GOING HOME, A SAMPLE OF US GOT TO TOUR UMPQUA DAIRY; A RARE AND FUN OPPORTUNITY!