

From the President – Lynne Madison, R.S.

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Hello MEHA members:

I write this having just returned from the NEHA Conference in Albuquerque, NM. I was so proud to represent MEHA at the conference. The experience was rewarding in so many ways – the opportunity to learn about emerging issues in the environmental health field, networking with environmental health professionals from across our nation, and being inspired to do more than just the routine.

I urge each of you to attend at least two conferences next year; you won't be disappointed. Mark your calendars for MEHA's 2011 AEC, March 16-18, 2011, Park Place Hotel, in Traverse City. And NEHA's next AEC is in Columbus, Ohio, June 15-18; a close-by opportunity not to be missed. Michigan is a well respected NEHA affiliate and our Michigan caucus during the NEHA conference provides an opportunity for Michigan's NEHA members to meet and interview candidates for NEHA offices. Congratulations to Adam London, he is our new NEHA Region 6 Vice President.

The 2011 AEC planning committee, lead by chair Jennifer Kosak, is hard at work organizing next year's conference. Volunteers are needed to plan such a complex event. Contact the AEC planning committee to participate.

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The Licensure committee has also been actively promoting our Sanitarian Licensure Bill. Meetings have been held with MDCH, MDA, MDNRE, and several house and senate representatives. The results -MEHA's *licensure bill has been introduced in Michigan's house*. Many thanks to Adam London, Pat Donovan and Public Affairs Associates, Inc for guiding House Bill 6295 through Michigan's legislative process.

The MEHA Executive Board and MEHA committee chairs met June 23-24 for our annual strategic planning session at the RAM Center. We took a hard look at committee charges to assess how they meet the current and future needs of MEHA. With an updated strategic plan for the year and lots of ideas for meeting our goals, the executive board and committee chairs will be working to strengthen MEHA during the coming year. Suggestions from MEHA members are always welcome. Telephone numbers and e-mail addresses for MEHA board members are posted at www.meha.net.

Several MEHA committees need new members. Consider becoming more involved in MEHA. The time and energy commitment is minimal, the rewards many. Involvement is very fulfilling and the experience gained will enable you to do your job better, develop your leadership skills, and add value to your professional credentials. For more information about committee openings contact me at lmadison@meha.net.

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