The 87th Annual Public Health Association Conference will be held September 21-23, 2011 at Lakeview Resort in Morgantown. Please refer to the WVPHA website for the agenda and registration form. The theme for the conference is “Community Health is Community Wealth”. Dr. Michael Lewis, Cabinet Secretary, will bring the opening presentation. Chris Curtis, Acting Commissioner, and Dr. Jerome Paulson will be the other speakers on Wednesday. A Hawaiian themed dinner buffet will follow from 7 to 10:00 p.m. Thursday will bring section meetings followed by a Banquet at 7:00 p.m. and then a dance sponsored by the Sanitarians’ Association from 9 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Friday morning will bring the closing speakers.

I hope to see all of you there for an educational and enjoyable conference. http://www.wvdhhr.org/wvpha/Conference/index.htm

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**Env. Health Section Agenda –At a Glance**

**Governors Ballroom**

- 8:00-8:30 Registration—Dues may be paid at this time
- 8:30-9:30 Chris Lamond (International Ice Packing Association)
- 9:30-10:00 Updates (Maybe Discussion on the new SS-177)
  - 10:00-10:30 Breaks and Exhibits
  - 10:30-11:30 Serve Safe
- 11:30-1:30 Lunch/Business Meeting
- 1:30-2:30 Marcellus Shale Discussion
- 2:30-3:00 Breaks and Exhibits
- 3:00-4:00 maybe 4:30 Marcellus Shale Discussion
Proposed Change in Bylaws

Brief Summary: Members of the West Virginia Association of Sanitarians (WVAS) voted on May 3, 2011 to amend the WVAS Bylaws to reflect a change in the number of elected officers of the Association due to a lack of interest in securing qualified members to run for office. Currently the vice-president fulfills a four year commitment (vice-president, president-elect, president, and immediate past president). The WVAS also elects a three year member-at-large. The proposed change will reduce the four year commitment to a two year commitment for the Vice-president and from a three year commitment to a two year commitment for the member-at-large, eliminating the president-elect position, the immediate past president position, and the three year member-at-large position. Duties defined in the bylaws to these positions will be modified to reflect the proposed changes. In order to comply with the changes, A draft copy of the bylaws with proposed changes along with the implementation plan can be found at:
http://www.wvdhhr.org/wvas/index.asp

Implementation Of New By Laws Change

Current Officers 2010-11

President: AJ
Pres. Elect: Ryan
VP: Judy
IMP: Jessica
3yr.: Jonathan
2yr.: Jeff
1yr.: Gail

2011-12 (This upcoming election)
President: Ryan
Pres. Elect: Judy
VP: New Candidate
IMP: AJ
3yr.: New Candidate
2yr.: Jonathan
1yr.: Jeff

2012-2013
President: Judy
VP: Same as 2011-12 Candidate
2yr.: Same as 2011-12 Candidate
1yr.: Jonathan

NO ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN 2012-13

Election of 2013-14 and thereafter
Elect new VP and 2 yr. Board Member
OFFICIAL BALLOT

Return in official Ballot envelop to Linda Whaley, WVAS, Rm 313, 350 Capitol Street, Charleston, WV 25301 by Sept. 9th, 2011. You must SIGN the outside of the envelop in order for the ballot to be counted.

Vice-President:

Keith Allison
Elizabeth Greene
Write In

3 Year Board Member

T. J. Witten
Phyllis Lowe
Write In
Congratulations to our most recent Registered Sanitarians:

Jennifer Beamer
Donna Michael-Gorby
Daniel McNeil

Candidate for Vice President
Elizabeth Green
I am a graduate of West Virginia University with Business Management degree. I have been employed as a Sanitarian by the Mid–Ohio Valley Health Department since 1996. I have been the Sanitarian Supervisor since January of 2009. I have served on various boards and in various offices in both the community where I live and through the schools my children have attended. For example the Marietta Soccer League Board, Choir Booster President.

I thought with the kids grown, now would be the time to get more involved with the professional side of my life. I would welcome the opportunity to serve and represent the WVAS.

Candidate for 3 Year Bd. Member
T.J. Witten
T.J. has been a member and generous supporter of the Association for over 5 years. He is a Regional Manager with Kroger and works closely with their safety management teams. T.J. is a member of the Food Safety Task Force and attends meetings on a regular basis.
2011 Interstate Environmental Health Seminar

The 2011 Interstate Environmental Health Seminar was held at The Resort at Glade Springs, Daniels WV from July 20-22, 2010. This year a new feature was added with a Pre-Conference Swimming Pool Seminar taught by the National Swimming Pool Foundation which was well attended and well received by the participants. The IEHS had a fair attendance with numbers being down some due to the economic conditions in our state and the participating member states. However, that didn’t dampen the enthusiasm of those attending. Participants found a wide variety of topics to listen to with excellent speakers. The Coal Mine/Town Tour was a popular topic feature at the Seminar and the picnic following the tour was very good with a high participation. Attendees had the chance to learn more about how topics that we deal with are handled by other state environmental programs through both formal topic presentations and by informal discussions with attendees from other states. We had several exhibitors on site who added to the learning curve with showing us their products (Did you know that Bord NaMona is now Anua). To those that missed the Seminar – you missed a great opportunity to learn more about your profession. You have this opportunity every year to attend and your next opportunity will be at Fontana Village Resort, Fontana Dam, NC in the Great Smoky Mountains, July 18-20, 2012. Plan now to attend next year’s meeting.

I would like to thank all those who assisted in planning and helping with all the different jobs it takes to put on a Seminar. They did a fantastic job and I am sure the attendees appreciated how good the Seminar.

David P. Thornton, RS, Chairman
2011 IEHS Executive Planning Committee

Candidate for 3 year Board Member
Phyllis Lowe
Phyllis is a graduate of Concord College in Athens, WV. She attended Sanitarian Training class in 1984 and has worked since as a local health Sanitarian. Phyllis worked for several years in Logan County before transferring to Boone Co. She has several years of experience in many areas of Public Health Sanitation. Phyllis has been a member of the Association for Sanitarians for many years and has always supported WVAS as well as the Public Health Association.

Candidate for Vice President
Keith Allison
I graduated from Shepherd College August 1999. I taught at Hedgesville Middle School from August 2000- June 2003 before deciding to become a Sanitarian in January 2007. I have been employed with the Berkeley County Health Department for 4 ½ years. I am a very motivated and self driven individual.

Quiz Time
1. What is the name of the company previously known as Bord de Mona?
2. How many counties are actively working on the Voluntary Retail Regulatory Program Standards?
3. What does MFRPS stand for?
4. What is the SF-177?
5. How many District Sanitarians are there in OEHS?
6. What does IEHS stand for?
7. When is the next WVAS business meeting?
ASSOCIATION OFFICERS:

President: Andrew Root  
President Elect: Ryan Harbison  
Vice-President: Judy Ashcraft  
Immediate Past President: Jessica Douglas  
Secretary-Treasurer: Linda Whaley  
Members at Large:  
3 year: Jonathan Graziani  
2 year: Jeffrey Fowler  
1 year: Gail Sowards  
News Editors: Linda Whaley and Jessica Douglas

Message from the President

WVAS Members:
I wanted to take the time to thank you for allowing me to serve as President of the West Virginia Association of Sanitarians. It has been an honor representing this group and working with the Executive Council over the past year. I hope to continue working with the WVAS in the future to uphold and promote our profession. The work we do many times goes unnoticed and with little fanfare, but it is vital for everyone. From myself and my family, I want to thank you for all you do and please continue to support WVAS.

Sincerely,

Andrew J Root, RS

Sanitarians on Stage

Chuck Mapes joins the Fuzzy Mothers on stage at the Waverly Lions Club Filed, June 2011.