

WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF REGISTERED SANITARIANS

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JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER

CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Katie Lott

Hello fellow sanitarians! Staying current on environmental health practices is important to me. I've always enjoyed learning new things, and this field provides endless opportunities to grow. Attending the Washington State Environmental Health Association (WSEHA) Annual Education Conference (AEC) is a great way to gain new knowledge or build proficiency.

The 2026 AEC will be held in Wenatchee, October 13-16. It's also a fantastic opportunity to connect with peers and earn CEUs to maintain your registration. What better way to recognize an outstanding colleague than by nominating them for an award presented during the conference?

Environmental Health Professional of the Year recognizes an individual who has significantly contributed to advancing the field of environmental health within the past year.

Rookie of the Year recognizes an individual within their first two years as an environmental health professional who has demonstrated exceptional professionalism and dedication, making them an asset to our field.

To nominate a colleague for an award, please visit <https://www.wseha.org/award-nominations>. It only takes a moment to nominate someone for either of these awards. I hope to see you in October!!

As I rotate off the board this year, we are seeking a candidate to serve a three-year term. If you're interested or have questions about the position or the board, please reach out to the Executive Secretary or any of our current board members—we'd love to hear from you.

RS BOARD CANDIDATES NEEDED

The WSBRs Board of Directors are seeking candidates interested in serving a 3-year term on our Board of Directors beginning July 1st. If you are interested or have any questions about the position,

please contact the Executive Secretary or any of our current board members.

REGISTERED SANITARIAN EXAM

The REHS/RS exam offered by the WSBRs is now administered through Pearson Vue testing sites. Once a candidate is approved to sit for our exam, they have up to 1 year to schedule the exam through Pearson Vue. The exam remains the same (acquired from NEHA). Candidates may contact the Executive Secretary for more information and the application packet. The Exam and Reciprocity Application packets are available for download from our website.

ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING

This year looked different for our annual meeting. We hosted our 2026 Annual WSBRs Meeting virtually on Thursday, April 16th @ 7pm.

To summarize the meeting our 26/27 budget was discussed and approved. The board spoke with members regarding the rising operating costs of our organization. A dues increase was proposed, discussed and approved. At this time all annual dues will increase by \$10, and a new fee of \$10 will be added for retired members. In addition, the board discussed new member recruitment for our vacancy on the Board of Directors.

CEU REPORTS and APPLICATIONS

Individuals may request an electronic CEU report at any time by contacting the Executive Secretary. CEU reports are mailed to our Active members with their renewal notice in June of each year.

CEU application forms are available for download from our website. All applications must be sent to the Executive Secretary for processing. It is very important to include all necessary supporting documentation (i.e., timed agenda, certificate of completion showing contact hours or CEU's awarded, college transcripts or letter of attendance).

Please note that Appendix B, our By-laws requires applications for CEU's that are accompanied by a conference agenda must have times you attended listed and/or highlighted. Incomplete CEU applications may be returned for clarification. You may submit the CEU application and supporting documentation via USPS mail or email to the Executive Secretary. Please be sure that a CEU Application accompanies all Certificates of Completions. If a member has several course certificates only one CEU application is required.

To streamline communication and reduce expenses, please include your email address on any application. Your most current CEU report will be sent to you electronically each time you submit a request for CEU's. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact the Executive Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Your 2026-2027 membership renewal notice is included with this newsletter. All yearly memberships expire June 30, 2026. Remember for Active Members, you must have 3.0 CEUs on file to renew your membership. Please look at your enclosed CEU report before sending in your renewal. If you do not have the minimum CEUs needed, please do not return your renewal until you have submitted CEU applications to get your total CEUs to 3.0 or above. **Renewals received that do not meet our minimum CEU requirements will be returned.**

We do have in place a grace period that allows for renewals to be received after July 1st. Late fees are not applied until October 1st. So, if you find yourself short CEUs you do have some extra time to obtain them. Members can visit several on-line agencies (NEHA, FEMA, DOH, CDC, etc.) to obtain CEU credits. Please be sure you are following the CEU guidelines when submitting paperwork for CEU consideration. Guidelines can be found on our website, www.wsbrs.org.

MEMBERS CONTACT INFORMATION

Please be sure that we have all your contact information correct. As we continue to improve our communications, it is very important that we have your current contact information, especially a valid email address, on file. The WSBRs will continue to improve and streamline communication by using email at times to communicate with our membership. Changes to your contact information can be made at any time by contacting the Executive Secretary.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Shannon Kizer, Daniel Suggs and Michael Troutman who recently joined the ranks of the Washington State Board of Registered Sanitarians.

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