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<https://www.wseha.org/call-for-proposals>

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Tom Kunesh

Hello again Environmental Health professionals:

Your Association is busy planning for the next Annual Education Conference (AEC). WSEHA AEC 2020 is April 27-29 in Tacoma at the Hotel Murano. If you haven't been there, it's pretty cool. Not your average AEC venue - a bit swankier but still reasonably priced. Beautiful artwork throughout with a different theme and artist represented on each floor of the hotel. The Murano is in the heart of a revitalized downtown with lots of food and entertainment including four awesome museums within a short walk or a short (free) light rail ride.

Oh yes, then there's the conference. Our theme this year is *2020: A Clear Vision for Environmental Health*. Some old favorites and some new stuff as well. We are planning a new feature: Roundtable discussions in each of the major environmental health program areas. We envision facilitated discussions on a few key topics in each program area to foster networking among our members. Look for a Monday school health and safety workshop. We're planning a field trip or two focusing on some of Tacoma and Pierce County's unique work reclaiming contaminated sites and improving marine water quality. We'll have lots of information about Food Code revision. The International Health Committee will be back with another silent auction, this year supporting vaccination of dogs against rabies in India. To cap it all off, the second annual Cornhole Tournament will be back by popular demand.

As always, there will be lots of time to learn and network with your colleagues from around the state. Here's what we need from you:

- Register and plan to attend.
- Volunteer to help: Be a moderator, keep tabs on the silent auction, sell raffle tickets, help at the registration table. Calls for volunteers will be coming your way.
- Help recruit exhibitors...contact Shawn Ultican (sult461@ecy.wa.gov) with exhibitor ideas.
- Nominate someone for an award. See our [awards page](#) for more information.
- Solicit donations for the IHC silent auction.
- Put a raffle basket together. Team up with your co-workers and compete for the honor of best raffle basket – the competition is fiercely fun.
- Most of all, keep renewing your membership and support the great work we do to assure quality continuing education and networking opportunities for our members.

If you have any questions for me, please feel free to reach out: tkunesh@whatcomcounty.us or (360) 778-6034. I look forward to seeing you all in Tacoma.

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WSEHA President

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Another way to keep up with what we're doing is to join our mailing list. Go to wseha.org to join the mailing list or email Megan McNelly at megan@wseha.org.

Next Newsletter Deadline:

May 31, 2020

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2020 POOL & SPA CONFERENCES

WSEHA and DOH Water Recreation Program are hosting Pool and Spa Conferences again this year! The two locations are South Puget Sound Community College campus in Lacey on March 26th, and Benton-Franklin Health District in Kennewick on April 20th. Snacks and drinks are provided, and CEU credits can be earned. We adjusted the topics this year to meet the needs and wants we learned from the survey many local health inspectors responded to. We will keep the topics basic and yet deliver new information so any of you will learn something new. I hope that you will have at least several “aha” moments throughout the conference. There are 80 seats available at each location. Please extend invitation to your colleagues and pool/spa operators in your area. Go to [this website](#) to learn more and register.

Registration: \$25 for WSEHA members
\$35 for non-members
Class Time: 9:30 a.m.—3:45 p.m.

Western Washington

March 26
South Puget Sound Community College
4220 6th Ave SE
Lacey, WA 98503

Eastern Washington

April 20
Benton-Franklin Health District
7102 W Okanogan Pl
Kennewick, WA 99336

MESSAGE FROM the AEC CHAIR—Jamie Zorich

Will you join us?

The AEC is just a few months away—April 27-29! Registration is now open online at www.wseha.org. Early bird pricing ends March 31, 2020. Register today!

Education and entertainment

Along with our speakers, educational tracks, networking activities and poster presentations, we will have after-hours activities for you to enjoy. Did you take part in the cornhole competition at the brewery last year in Yakima? We plan to continue the lively competition this year at a local Tacoma brewery. We are also scheduling off-site field trips. More details to come soon!

We need your help!

Do you have any experience or interest in audio-visual, moderating speakers, or soliciting donations items for silent auctions? We still need a few volunteers to help the program run smoothly. Email Megan McNelly at megan@wseha.org if you would like to volunteer.

- Jamie Zorich

WSEHA AWARDS

March 4 is the deadline to nominate your colleagues for one of WSEHA's prestigious awards.

The link below directly connects you to nominating information, the Awards manual, and even a "Tell Us" option where the committee will help you with the paperwork. Take a moment, consider your colleagues and co-workers. You know someone who should be nominated for one of these awards. Click the link below and submit their name!

We are accepting nominations for the following:

- Rookie of the Year*
- Environmental Health Professional of the Year*
- John P. Nordin Outstanding Sanitarian Award

{ *Not required to be
a member of
WSEHA }

Please take your time before March 4th and nominate a deserving environmental health professional.

<https://www.wseha.org/awards-wseha-board-nominations>

Don't you think good work should be recognized?

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & SAFETY WORKSHOP

Please join us for the Fourth School Environmental Health and Safety Workshop association with WSEHA's AEC in Tacoma April 27th from 10-5. This is where local health jurisdiction program partners can learn from each other.



Areas to be addressed will include updating the 2003 DOH/OSPI K-12 Health and Safety Guide, restarting a school inspection program, what is the minimum that is required under WAC 246-366 site approval, plan review, and pre-opening inspections. We'll discuss how LHJ school programs can support each other and where we are with funding issues and the "frozen" WAC 246-366A. In the afternoon we'll "inspect" a local school.