

September 8, 2008



Kansas Environmental Health Association

Fall 2008

FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Let me start by thanking you for allowing me to be your President this year. The time has flown by and now we are getting ready for the Fall conference. Don't miss your chance to experience the program that the KEHA board has put together for your training and also some fun thrown in for good measure. Your current board is doing an excellent job steering this organization on your behalf. Many thanks to them for their efforts.

Members of KEHA can be assured that they are being heard when they said that RS training is needed. The theme of the Fall conference is to help with preparation for the RS exam for folks that are considering taking the test or are required to for their job description. For current holders of the RS certificate there are some great speakers that will not only update the membership with information, but challenge us to look ahead to what the future of Environmental Health may bring.

Many of the KEHA members are in transitions of jobs with the Food Protection program with the Bureau of Consumer Health in KDHE being moved to the Food Protection program in the Kansas Department of Agriculture.

Let others know about **your** Kansas Environmental Health Association and encourage them to join us at the Fall Conference and see how they will benefit from being a part of a growing and expanding professional organization.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Manhattan Kansas on October 8-10, 2008.

Scott Selee

Special Points of Interest:

- *Conference Schedule and Registration*
- *KS TRAIN Instructions*
- *Awards Ballots*
- *Board Member Ballots*
- *KPHLI Class Information*
- *KEHA By-Law Changes*
- *New Lead Regulations*
- *Poster Presentation*
- *JCCS Change Over*
- *KDHE to KDA Change*
- *Mercury Collection Program*

KEHA FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION IS NOW ON KS TRAIN

This fall the KEHA board has decided to work with Deb Nickels and KS TRAIN to put our conference training on their website. Each person will need to register through KS TRAIN and you do NOT have to print anything off and send to Greg Willis. Payments will still need to be sent to Greg at this time or payment can be made at the time of registration for the conference. In the future, we hope to make it so registration and payment can be made through KS TRAIN. If anyone has questions, please feel free to contact any board member. Additional information about TRAIN is included on page 4 of the newsletter.

KEHA 2008 FALL CONFERENCE – OCTOBER 8-10
AT THE CLARION HOTEL IN MANHATTAN, KANSAS

Wednesday, October 8

11:00-1:00 **Registration**

1:00-1:45 **RS Training Plan/
KS Train**
Deb Nichols

1:45-2:24 **Radiation Protection**
Mark Stadel
Radiation Officer, KDEM

2:45-3:00 **BREAK**

3:00-5:30 **Nuclear Reactor/Call
Hall Tours**

5:30 **Hospitality Room**

6:30-?? **Pork Chop Dinner &
Whodunit Capers!**

Thursday, October 9

8:00-8:15 **Opening Remarks**

8:15-9:15 **General Environ-
mental Health
Science**
Ed Kalas, MPH, RS

BREAK OUT SESSION

9:15-10:15 **Housing**
Richard Baker, BEC

9:15-10:15 **Current Trends in
Food Safety**
David McSwane, H.S.D.
EHS, CP-FS

10:15-10:30 **BREAK**

10:30-11:45 **Food Safety &
Protection**
David McSwane, H.S.D.
EHS, CP-FS

11:45-1:45 **AWARDS LUNCHEON**
Howard Rodenbuerg,
MD, MPH

1:45-2:15 **Sanitation of Tanning
Salons**
Mary Lou Davis
Ex Director, KS Board of
Cosmetology

2:15-3:15 **Wastewater**
Judy Willingham, R.S.
Kansas St University

3:15-3:30 **BREAK**

3:30-4:00 **Section Meetings**

4:00-4:45 **Business Meeting**

5:00 **Hospitality Room**

Friday, October 10

8:00-8:15 **Opening Remarks**

8:15-9:15 **Haz Mat**
Kyle Voth
Haz Mat Specialist
Trainer

9:15-9:30 **BREAK**

9:30-10:30 **Statutes & Regs**
Dana Skelley
Regional Counsel
EPA Region 7

10:30-11:30 **Potable Water**
Richard Harper,
Geology Section
KDHE

11:45-12:30 **Open Mic
Announcements**



2008 FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Due to Greg Willis by September 30, 2008

373 W 6th St

Hoisington, KS 67544

NAME: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, ST, ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Please include all the above information and send in the entire sheet—one per person. This information is used to update the KEHA Membership list, so please be complete.

Conference Registration—KEHA Member Registered by 09/19/08	\$110.00	_____
Conference Registration—KEHA Member Registered after 09/19/08	\$120.00	_____
Conference Registration— KEHA Non-Member	\$135.00	_____

Conference Registration—Wednesday Only	\$40.00	_____
Conference Registration—Thursday Only	\$80.00	_____
Conference Registration— Friday Only	\$40.00	_____
Extra Pork Chop Dinner	\$25.00	_____
Extra Luncheon Dinner	\$25.00	_____
2008 KEHA Dues	\$20.00	_____
Scholarship Donation	\$??	_____

RECEIPT: 2008 FALL CONFERENCE

NAME: _____	Conference _____
ORGANIZATION: _____	Dues _____
ADDRESS: _____	Scholarship _____
CITY, ST, ZIP: _____	Other _____
PHONE: _____	Total _____
EMAIL: _____	

WELCOME TO MANHATTAN, KANSAS

LOCATION OF THE 2008 FALL KEHA CONFERENCE

Clarion Hotel
530 Richards Drive
Manhattan, KS 66502
785-539-5311
(Fax) 785-539-8368

Room Rates are \$74/Night
Tell them you are with the
KEHA Conference

Along with this years' **Pork Chop Dinner**, we are incorporating a Dinner Play. While we enjoy the great food Wednesday night, we will be entertained by the Whodunit Capers. They provide a cast of characters that interact or play with patrons during the murder mystery. The cast of Whodunitaniers walk among the audience while performing a hilarious murder mystery. Experience the actors energy up close while trying to figure out WHODUNIT!

The meal and play are all included along with this years full registration.

So... Can you guess WHODUNIT?

STEPS TO GET ON TO KS TRAIN & HOW TO GET A LOGIN IF YOU DON'T ALREADY HAVE ONE

1. Information for the KEHA Website:

KS-TRAIN @ <http://ks.train.org>
 KEHA Fall 2008 Conference (1014625)

How to Register for the Conference

Registration through KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>

Login to your user/learner account (see instructions below to create an account if you do not already have an account)

Add conference number **1014625** to the 'Search by Course ID' field located below the Seal of Kansas, lower right hand side of the homepage

Click Go

Click the conference title to view conference information and register

How to Create Your Own Learner Account on KS-TRAIN (if you do not already have an account):

1. Log onto <http://ks.train.org>.
2. Click "create account" on the left hand side of the screen beneath the "login" button.
3. Complete the learner account by filling out all the necessary profile information on the subsequent pages. Required fields are indicated with a red asterisk (*).
4. Write down your User ID and Password in a secure place.

Sanitarian of the Year and the Special Recognition Award

It is that time of the year again when we take a good look at nominations for Sanitarian of the Year and the Special Recognition award. If you have an individual in mind for one of these awards, please begin preparing the information that you need to submit as soon as possible. Nomination forms are included in the newsletter following this article.

Now is the time to submit a deserving individual for recognition; in order for the process to work we must have a variety of individuals to choose from. A successful awards process includes your input, so please take some time and prepare a statement and a biography for any nominee that is submitted. It is always nice to have new names and people with different backgrounds nominated. Please send nominations to Scott Schwinn, Pottawatomie County Environmental Health, 612 E Campbell St, Westmoreland, KS 66549 or fax to 785-457-3422 or you can email them to sschwinn@pottcounty.org. If you have questions my phone number is 785-457-3397.

All nominations must be received no later than September 30, 2008 to be considered. All nominees must be current members and in good standing with KEHA.

Scott Schwinn, R.S.

KEHA Awards Chairman

Kansas Environmental Health Association

Call for Award Nominations

AWARD: **Sanitarian of the Year**

Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please list contributions to KEHA, community, State or Nation: _____

AWARD: **Special Recognition**

Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please list contributions to KEHA, community, State or Nation: _____

Kansas Environmental Health Association—2008 Election

(Mail, Email or Fax Marilyn Eccles, R.S. Coffey County Health Department, 110 S 6th St, Burlington, KS 66839/ cchdenv@coffeycountyks.org/ Fax # 620-364-2591)

NOMINATIONS DUE TO MARILYN BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

Call for Nominations

PRESIDENT

Nominees: Jerry McNamer R.S., Barber County

I nominate: _____ Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

He/She has demonstrated the ability to carry out the functions of this office by:

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1st Vice President

Nominees: Keena Privat R.S., Lyon County Health Department - 2007 2nd Vice President

I nominate: _____ Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

He/She has demonstrated the ability to carry out the functions of this office by:

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2nd Vice President

Nominees: **NEED**

I nominate: _____ Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

He/She has demonstrated the ability to carry out the functions of this office by:

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Treasurer

Nominees: Greg Willis CFSP, KDA Food & Drug Inspector - 2007 Treasurer

I nominate: _____ Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

He/She has demonstrated the ability to carry out the functions of this office by:

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Secretary

Nominees: **NEED**

I nominate: _____ Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

He/She has demonstrated the ability to carry out the functions of this office by:

Environmental Public Health Leadership Institute

I am pleased to announce that applications will be accepted for the fifth cohort of CDC's [Environmental Public Health Leadership Institute \(EPHLI\)](#) from August 15, 2008, to October 31, 2008.

Would you please help CDC inform the environmental public health workforce of this leadership development program and help us encourage interested individuals to apply? EPHLI application instructions and promotional materials can be downloaded from <http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/ehs/ephli/application.htm>.

To reduce travel costs and time away from the work site, note that we will hold fewer in-person meetings this year and will conduct additional sessions by telephone and video conferencing.

A short EPHLI announcement is attached for your use. Feel free to distribute the announcement in your organization's newsletter or on your Web site as is or use it to develop a more-detailed message for release to your members and colleagues. Your support of CDC's effort to strengthen environmental public health is greatly appreciated.

EPHLI Background

EPHLI identifies, trains, and assists in the development of environmental public health leaders. Each year, the institute enhances the leadership and problem-solving skills of approximately 30 environmental public health practitioners. With these enhanced skills, practitioners are better able to anticipate, recognize, and respond to environmental health threats.

This leadership development program was launched in 2005 in response to several Institute of Medicine reports (*The Future of Public Health: Who Will Keep the Public Healthy?*; *The Future of the Public's Health in the 21st Century*) that identified the need to develop leaders in public health. In December 2003, CDC convened a group of emerging leaders in environmental public health to discuss workforce issues. This group recommended that CDC develop and support a national leadership development program for environmental health professionals. CDC responded to this recommendation by creating EPHLI.

Questions

Visit our Web site (<http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/ehs/ephli>) or contact Kim Ayers by e-mail (KAyers@cdc.gov) or telephone 770-488-7308 or CAPT John Sarisky at JSarisky@cdc.gov.

Thanks

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The following Amendments have been submitted to the KEHA Board for review and will need to be voted on by the membership at the business meeting Thursday afternoon. Please review the proposed changes and have questions and/or comments prepared for the meeting.

Anything in *italics* is an item removed and items underlined are being added.

ARTICLE I

The Association shall be known as the Kansas Environmental Health Association. It may also be referred to by the initials : KEHA.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP

Section 2. Active Members. C. Privileges—Active members may participate in all proceedings of the Association, hold office, vote for all officers of the Association, vote on any motion or resolution brought before the Association (*subject to specific provisions of these bylaws*), have right to the floor at annual and special meetings of the Association, and be allowed to attend any meetings of the executive board.

Section 3. B. Honorary Members. B. Numbers Limited—No additional honorary memberships shall be conferred at a time that the number of existing honorary members exceeds five percent of the number of active members.

Section 3. B. Honorary Members. C. Term—Honorary memberships shall be awarded for the life of the persons so honored. Honorary members will be asked to update their status every five years. Honorary memberships may be revoked for cause under the provisions of Article III, Section 5.

Section 4. Emeritus Members. B. Application—An active member desiring emeritus membership must let the Association know of that desire. Emeritus memberships shall be bestowed by the Executive Board at the next occasion of annual dues collection. (*Conferral is not automatically extended as some persons may, even in retirement prefer to maintain active membership with voting and office holding privileges*).

Section 5. Student Members. A. Eligibility—Any person who is a full time student at an accredited higher education institution in Kansas in either graduate or undergraduate work in a curriculum related to public health or environmental studies shall be eligible for student membership.

Section 6. Suspension or Expulsion of Members. A. Action—Any member may be suspended or expelled from membership in the Association for reason with a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board. Reasons for such action may include major criminal conviction, serious immorality, or significant sabotage of the objective of the Association. The President shall promptly notify the member of such action and advise him/her regarding the opportunity for appeal. The notification shall be made by mail (*or electronic mail*) to the most recent address furnished by the member to the Association.

Section 6. Suspension or Expulsion of Members. B. Appeal—A suspended or expelled member has the right to appeal the action before the Executive Board. The written request must be filed within ten days of the President's formal notification of suspension or expulsion. The hearing will be scheduled for mutual convenience within six weeks of receipt of the requesting letter. At the Executive Board hearing, the suspension or expulsion action may be over-riden with a two-thirds vote.

ARTICLE IV—DUES

Section 1. Amount of Dues—Active members shall pay annual dues in advance of the membership year which runs from October 1 through September 30. Annual dues shall be set by the Executive Board prior to August 1. Such dues shall be set at a level that will adequately fund the proposed budget presented to the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI—MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual Meetings—There shall be at least one general meeting of the Association each year which shall be known as the annual meeting. The time and place of the next annual meeting shall be set and announced by the Executive Board at least 60 days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE VII—OFFICERS

Section 1. Designation—The officers of the Association shall be the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, (s) Past President, (Officer), two Sectional Chairpersons and a Member-at-Large. When acting collectively, these officers constitute the Executive Board. The same person may serve as both Secretary and Treasurer if so elected by the membership, but would have only one vote as an officer of the Executive Board.

Section 5. Duties of Officers. D. Secretary. 3. Handle the official correspondence of the Association and Executive Board.

ARTICLE VIII—EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 3. C. Require a quorum of at least half the Executive Board members.

ARTICLE XII—AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of all active members present and voting at the annual or a special meeting, provided that written notice of the proposed amendments has been submitted to the Executive Board for review at least 90 days prior to a proposed meeting. Following such review and at least 30 days prior to the meeting the Secretary shall send by mail or electronic mail. The proposed amendments to all members in good standing.

New Regulations for Working with Lead

EPA has a new Renovation, Remodeling & Painting Program (RRP) Rule out that will take place next year. Tell them that the RRP will require all contractors working on pre-1978 properties to be trained and licensed in Lead-Safe Work practices (LSWP) and that will be required to document that they properly utilized LSWP.

Baker Environmental Consulting, Inc is offering HUD Approved LSWP Classes and they also have interim approval from KDHE to teach LSWP.

POSTER PRESENTATION

WE ARE ONCE AGAIN OFFERING A POSTER PRESENTATION AT THE 2008 FALL CONFERENCE. THIS IS A GREAT PLATFORM TO SHARE YOUR RESEARCH, COLLECTION, IDEA OR PROJECT. BALLOTS WILL BE CAST BY ALL VIEWERS FOR THEIR FAVORITE POSTER, WITH A CERTIFICATE, RECOGNITION AND PRIZE GOING TO THE WINNER. NO COMPLICATED LIST OF RULES, JUST TACK YOUR INFORMATION ON ONE TO TWO POSTER BOARDS AND ADD YOUR TITLE, NAME AND AGENCY SOMEWHERE ON THE FRONT. PLEASE BRING SOMETHING TO SHARE WITH ALL OF YOUR FELLOW PRACTITIONERS AND HAVE SOME FUN VIEWING AND DISCUSSING WHAT IS PRESENTED.

JOINT COMMITTEE FOR THE CREDENTIALING OF SANITARIANS

Effective October 1, 2008 Pam Henry, of Johnson County Environmental Department, has agreed to be the Secretary/Treasurer of the Joint Committee. Pam can be reached at 913 - 715 - 6920, or by e-mail at pam.henry@jocogov.org. Her mailing address is 11811 S Sunset Drive, Suite 2700, Olathe, KS 66061-7062.

In addition to being a Registered Environmental Health Specialist, Pam is also a Registered Dietitian; and is in Johnson County's Food Service Program.

The handover will be gradual, and I ask that you all work with Pam to ensure the continuing organizational success of the program. I will be assisting Pam, as long as she needs a hand. But she will be the responsible party.

After almost 25 years, it will be a benefit to the Committee to have fresh faces, and Pam is one of a number of new members of the Committee who will be introduced to you over the coming months.

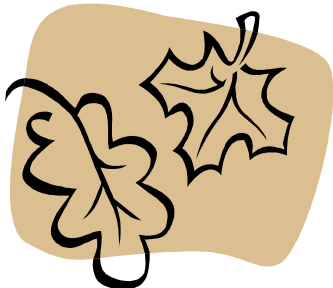
Thank you all for your support and assistance over the years.

John M. Davis, R.S.

Lame duck Secretary/Treasurer

Bill Spaniol Memorial Scholarship Winner

This years Bill Spaniol Memorial Scholarship Winner is Katharyn Parker. Katharyn lives in New Strawn, which is north of Burlington on Highway 75. She is attending Kansas University and will be majoring in Biochemistry. CONGRATULATIONS!



Kansas Food Safety Under One Roof (Submitted by Angela Kohls CP-FS)

All food safety and lodging sanitation responsibilities will be housed under one roof when 38 staff positions transfer from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to the Kansas Department of Agriculture in a few weeks.

The change is the result of Senate Bill 584 passed by the 2008 Legislature, which transferred authority for the Food Service and Lodging Act from KDHE to KDA effective Oct. 1. To ensure uninterrupted inspections and a seamless transition for KDHE employees, staff will make the transfer a little ahead of schedule on Sept. 21.

This final consolidation of food safety responsibilities follows a transfer of duties initiated by Governor Kathleen Sebelius in 2004, when she issued Executive Reorganization Order 32. ERO 32, and companion Senate Bill 296, moved food safety duties involving retail food stores, food service establishments in retail food stores, food processing plants, vending machines and ice cream trucks from KDHE to KDA.

Before 2004, KDA was responsible for food safety involving eggs, milk and dairy products, and meat and poultry from state-licensed facilities.

Food safety and lodging sanitation have come a long way since the first State Board of Health was established in 1885. From the early days of the Typhoid Fever and the "Swat the Fly" campaigns, to improving public drinking water, to improved dairy production and slaughterhouse reforms, Kansas has maintained – and will continue to maintain – its commitment to keep consumers safe.

The Kansas Department of Agriculture is located at 109 SW 9th Street in Topeka. They can be reached at (785) 296-3556.

Mercury Collection for Businesses

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment is sponsoring a Kansas Mercury Collection Program, **July 14-September 13, 2008**. This program is open to any **dentist office, doctor office or small quantity hazardous waste generator business owner** that wants to get rid of their mercury-containing devices **at no cost**. This program is open to all businesses, as long as they are a small-quantity generator of hazardous waste.

The program is **free** and all mercury-containing items will be disposed of responsibly by a licensed hazardous waste contractor. The flyer has contact information for the collection center nearest their business location.

Eligible Items

- Elemental mercury
- Mercury containing devices such as thermometers, barometers, manometers, mercury displacement relays, heating/cooling thermostats, and mercury switches.

- Medical devices such as balloons, sphygmomanometers, and dilators

Not Eligible

- Mercury salts
- Fluorescent lights including compact fluorescent bulbs
- Batteries

For more information about the Kansas Mercury Collection Program, visit the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Web site at

<http://www.kdheks.gov/waste/mercury.html>, or contact Maria Morey, KDHE, 785-296-1611. Businesses can also contact the Small Business Environmental Assistance Program at 1-800-578-8898.

Fall 2008

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 Fax: 620-271-0183
 Email: lepg@sbcglobal.net

**We're on the web at
www.e-keha.org**

**Formerly Kansas Association
 of Sanitarians**

The objective of the Kansas Environmental Health Association is to promote competency and effectiveness in sanitarians and other environmentalists engaged in the regulation of the Kansas environment including, but not limited to, food service establishments, commercial food preparation facilities, dairy product businesses, meat processing plants, bakeries, commercial lodging and hotels, swimming pools, water supplies, wastewater treatment and disposal, solid waste collection and disposal, air pollution control, radiation control, hazardous waste materials management, pesticide usage, institutions, schools, nursing homes, hospitals and health care facilities, recreational camps and public events

Here are few newspaper ads from the "Free", "Lost & Found" and "For Sale" Sections

FREE: Yorkshire terrier 8 yr old, hateful little dog, bites

FREE: Puppies - 1/2 Cocker Spaniel & 1/2 Sneaky Neighbor's Dog

FREE: German Shepard 85lbs (Speaks German & Neutered)

FOR SALE: 1 Man, 7 Woman Hot Tub-\$850 OBO

FOR SALE: Snow Blower - Only Used on Snowy Days

FOR SALE: Nordic Track, Hardly Used - \$300 (Ask for Chubby)

FOR SALE: Hummers, Largest Selection Ever - "If It's In Stock, We Have It!"

FOR SALE: Georgia Peaches, California Grown - \$.89/pound

FOR SALE: Nice parachute, Never Opened (Used Once)

FOR SALE: Good Washer/Dryer Set - Joining Nudist Colony

FOUND: Dirty White Dog, Looks Like a Rat (Better Be A Reward!)

OPEN HOUSE: Body Shapers Fitness Center - Free Coffee & Donuts

