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General Information

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ed Kalas

This letter will be short and sweet so you all can get to the business of filling out the conference registration and do what you need to do to come to the conference.

The following are some of the activities the KEHA Board has worked on since the Board's plans were published in the Spring newsletter:

- To provide with KEHA Treasurer and Secretary with laptop computers and software to help carry on the business of the association. (*Computers purchased and software on the treasurer's computer. Still looking for a deal on the software for the secretary's computer, which will be delivered to her on 9/16 at the KEHA Board Meeting in Junction City.)*

- To subscribe to Survey Monkey to be able to survey our members and partners. (*Done, used successfully already for the surveys done for the EH Summit.)*

- To host a state-wide Environmental Health summit in mid-2013. (*Hosted the summit at the Top of the Tower in Topeka on July 24th)*

- To pursue several by-law changes at the 2013 Fall Conference business meeting. (*There are some very important logistic issues that need to be looked at in the bylaws. However, the EH Summit became the priority for the Board . It has helped us connect with new partners and expanded our opportunities to promote environmental health as a profession in Kansas.)*

- To send Board members to a board training offered by KSU Research and Extension. (*Done. Three board members were able to attend*)

An association like KEHA can only reach its goals if its members get involved. If anything that the Board is working on interests you or you want to help, get a hold of me or any other board member. Thank you for supporting KEHA.

KEHA Fall 2013 Conference
October 1st-3rd

Conference Program

Ramada Inn Downtown Hotel and Convention Center

Topeka, Kansas

Tuesday, October 1

11:00-Registration

1:00-1:15 **Opening Remarks**,

1:15-2:15 **History of EH**
Ann Mayo, Director of Environmental Health, Flint Hills Community Health Center-Lyon County Health Department

2:15-3:15 **Healthy Homes and KDHE Bureau of Environmental Health Update**
Tom Langer, Director, KDHE, Bureau of Environmental Health

3:15-3:30 **Break**

3:30-4:30 **EH Summit Survey**
Jerry McNamar, MPH, RS, Administrator, Barber County Health Department

6:00-?? **Pork Chop Dinner**
Top Of Tower

6:00 **Hospitality Suite**

Wednesday, October 2

8:15-8:30 **Opening Remarks**

8:30-9:15 **Nelson Fabian**
Executive Director, National Environmental Health Association

9:15-10:00 **On-site Wastewater Contractor Licensing**
Tom Fritts-Residual Sewage President, NOWRA/KSFA

10:00-10:15 **Break**

10:15--11:00 **Kansas Solid Waste Management Plans**
Jeff Walker, Bureau of Waste Management, KDHE

11:00-12:00 **Rabies in Kansas**
Chelsea Raybern, MPH, Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics, KDHE

12:00-1:30 **Awards Lunch**

1:00-2:00 **Radiation**

2:00-3:00 **Animal Health**

3:00-3:30 **Break**

3:30-5:00 **Section/Business Meetings**

6:00 **Hospitality Suite**

Thursday, October 3

8:00-8:05 **Opening Remarks**

8:05-9:00 **Water Well Rehabilitation**
Michael Schnieders, Water Systems Engineering, Inc.

9:00-9:15 **Break**

9:15-10:15 **KPERS**
Andrea Davenport, KPERS Field Representative for the State of Kansas

10:45-11:45 **Alternative System Inspections**

11:45-12:00 **Open Microphone Announcements**

Adjourn

Health Department Staff: KEHA is an approved organization for use of the conference grant money from the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments (KALHD). Check with your administration to see if those funds are available to you.

2013 Fall Conference Registration

DUE BY September 20, 2013 NAME:_____

(Money does not have to accompany form)

Please send entire sheet to:

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Lawrence, KS 66044-1969

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Full Conference Registration (KEHA member)	$ 120.00	_____
Full Conference Registration (Non-Member)	$ 160.00	_____
Conference Registration for half-days (each) (10/1 and/or 10/3)	$ 40.00	_____
(Pork chop dinner not included on 10/1)		
Conference Registration for 10/2 only	$ 80.00	_____
2014 KEHA Membership Dues (October1, 2013 to September 30, 2014)	$ 20.00	_____
(Can be paid at registration to receive member registration cost)		
Scholarship Donation	$	_____
Total	$	_____

Please complete and send with your registration, one for each person attending.

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Please make checks and purchase orders payable to : Kansas Environmental Health Association

Name: _____ Conference $_____

Dues $_____

Address:_____ Scholarship $_____

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Organization:_____

E-mail address:_____ **Total Due** **$**_____

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For KEHA Treasurer's Use Only:

RECEIPT: 2013 KEHA FALL CONFERENCE

Total Paid $_____ Cash _____ Check _____

*Beth Rowlands, Treasurer*_____

Fall Conference Lodging and Directions

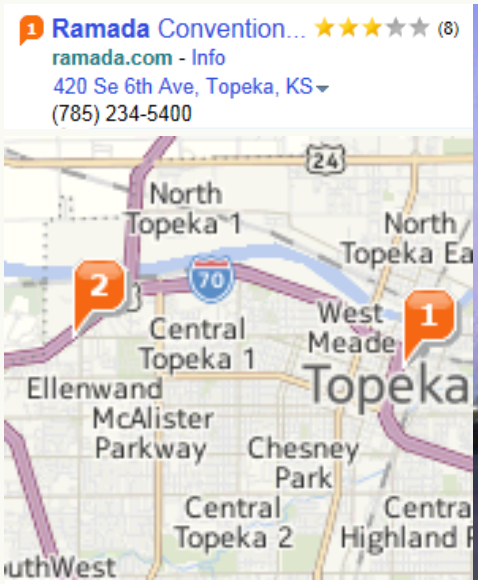
HOTEL REGISTRATION

Reservation must be made by 9/17/13. Call 785-234-5400.

Rate: $85/night, which includes the hot breakfast buffet

Please identify yourself as being with KEHA to receive this rate

Reservation must be confirmed with a credit card or full payment and to avoid a cancellation fee, you must cancel by 4pm on the day of your scheduled arrival



Getting To The Hotel

From the North

U.S. Hwy 75 South, follow I-70 East to Exit 361 B, 3rd and Monroe, continue going straight on Monroe to 6th Street. Turn left onto 6th Street, go 1 block, Ramada is on the left.

From the South

I-35 to I-335. Take the South Topeka exit to Topeka Blvd. Go north on Topeka Blvd. to 6th Ave. Take a right on 6th and go 7 blocks. Ramada is on the left.

From the East

I-70 West to 362 C, 10th Street and Madison Ave., continue straight on Madison Avenue to 6th St., Ramada is on the right.

From the West

I-70 east to Exit 361 B, 3rd and Monroe, continue going straight on Monroe to 6th Street. Turn left on 6th Street, Turn left on Madison Avenue, Ramada is on the right.

News From the Field

FDA Presentation on Import Safety
FDA recently released a presentation, Proposed Rules to Help Ensure the Safety of Imported Food, to provide an overview of the Proposed Regulations for Foreign Supplier Verification Programs and the Proposed Rule for Accreditation of Third-Party Auditors.

Contamination of Public-Supply Wells
The U.S. Geological Survey has released a report that describes key factors that have been identified that help determine the vulnerability of public-supply wells to contamination, providing insight into which contaminants in an aquifer might reach a well and when, how, and at what concentration they might arrive.

Emergency Responder Health Monitoring and Surveillance Online Course
The Emergency Responder Health Monitoring and Surveillance online course is now available on the CDC TRAIN and emergency.cdc.gov websites. It can be found through these links:
http://cdc.train.org/DesktopModules/eLearning/CourseDetails/CourseDetailsForm.aspx?courseId=1045755
http://emergency.cdc.gov/training/erhmscourse/index.asp

2012 State of the Climate Report
2012 was "one of the 10 warmest years on record globally," according to the 2012 "State of the Climate" report released by the American Meteorological Society, which found among other things that warm temperature trends continue near Earth's surface; the Arctic continues to warm; and sea ice extent has reached a record low.

U.S. EPA Climate Change Indicators
U.S. EPA is working with many other organizations to better understand the causes and effects of climate change. With help from these partners, U.S. EPA has compiled a set of 26 indicators tracking signs of climate change. Also, U.S. EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy recently discussed President's Obama's Climate Action Plan, which was announced on June 25, 2013.

***USA Today* Article—Lead Poisoning Increases Suspension Rate**
USA Today recently published an article about a study done in Wisconsin in which it was found that children with even just moderate blood lead levels as toddlers were almost three times more likely to be suspended from school by the time they were nine or ten years old compared to children below the treatment threshold.

NEHA News

NEHA Radon Resistant New Construction (RRNC) Training Opportunity in November—Submit Your Application Now
NEHA will hold a RRNC Workshop in Washington, DC, November 19–21, 2013. Apply to attend to learn how to develop your own comprehensive strategy to guide you in your efforts in promoting RRNC as part of your radon risk reduction strategy. Application letters are due **October 18**. For more information and how to apply please see the workshop announcement.

25 Sessions From the NEHA 2013 AEC Now Available On Demand
The 2013 AEC may be over but access to valuable educational content is now available online! Sessions such as "FSMA: The State of Implementation for an Integrated Food Safety System"; "Meet the NEHA 2013 Excellence in Sustainability Winner"; "Emerging Contaminants: Pharmaceuticals in the Environment"; "A Critical Review of Health Impact Assessment Guidance Documents"; and the Keynote Address are available on demand.

2014 AEC Save the Dates and Call for Abstracts
Save the dates for the NEHA 2014 AEC in Las Vegas, Nevada, July 7–10. NEHA is excited to announce that the 2014 AEC will be held in partnership with the International Federation of Environmental Health's 13th World Congress. This unique event will highlight environmental health issues and solutions from around the world! The NEHA 2014 AEC Call for Abstracts will soon be underway.

Input Opportunities

CDC Seeks Nominations for Board of Scientific Counselors for NCEH/ATSDR
CDC is seeking the nomination of individuals to serve on the Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC) for NCEH/ATSDR. Experts in the disciplines of toxicology, epidemiology, environmental or occupational medicine, behavioral science, risk assessment, exposure assessment, and experts in public health and other related disciplines will be considered. Nominations are due to CDC by **September 30, 2013**.

FDA Extends Public Comment on Food Safety Modernization Act Proposed Rules
FDA has extended the public comment period to **November 15, 2013,** for its January 16, 2013, Federal Register Proposed Rules on Current Good Manufacturing Practice and Hazard Analysis and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Human Food and Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption in order to allow those who are interested an opportunity to consider the interrelationships between these proposals and the two proposals announced in July 2013 on the Foreign Supplier Verification Program and on Accreditation of Third-

Mark Your Calendars!

Maximizing Reuse and Recycling Through Deconstruction Webinar
The Center on Sustainable Communities is sponsoring this webinar on **August 29, 2013,** 1:00–2:00 p.m. EDT. Deconstruction is the process of systematically removing a building or structure by taking it apart in the reverse order of construction, with a goal of maximizing reuse and recycling.

National Preparedness Month
September is National Preparedness Month (NPM). The NPM 2013 Toolkit is now available and includes suggestions for activities and events that state, local, tribal, and territorial governments; businesses; nongovernmental organizations; and community organizations could sponsor to promote NPM.

SepticSmart Week, September 16–20
U.S. EPA's SepticSmart initiative is a nationwide public education effort that helps inform homeowners with septic systems about the importance of properly maintaining those systems and provides valuable resources to help homeowners make important decisions about their wastewater management needs.

World Environmental Health Day
The International Federation of Environmental Health has declared **September 26, 2013**, to be World Environmental Health Day. The theme of the event is "Emerging Environmental Health Risks and Challenges for Tomorrow."

Upcoming Conferences
Florida Environmental Health Association's Annual Education Conference, September 5–6, 2013.
Alliance for Hazardous Materials Professionals' 2013 National Conference, September 15–18, 2013, Orlando, Florida.

Utah Environmental Health Association's Fall Conference, September 18–20, 2013.

Indiana Environmental Health Association's 2013 Fall Educational Conference, September 22–25, 2013.

Rhode Island Environmental Health Association hosts the 51st Annual Yankee Conference, September 25–26, 2013.

The environmental health associations from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota present the Joint Regional Education Conference, September 25–26, 2013.

Colorado Environmental Health Association's 2013 Annual Educational Conference, September 25–27, 2013.

Call for Abstracts deadline for the Iowa Governor's Conference on Public Health is October 1, 2013.

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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 products 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.