

## NEHA REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE PROFILES

NEHA is governed by a corporate board of directors that oversees the affairs of the association. The board is made up of two groups: national officers and regional vice-presidents (RVPs). NEHA has nine different regions. See page 46 for a listing of the regions and the states/groups each region represents. RVPs are elected by NEHA active and life members in their respective regions. RVPs serve a 3-year term.

Election policy specifies that candidate profiles for RVPs be limited to 400 words in total length. If a candidate's profile exceeds that limit, the policy requires that the profile is terminated at the last sentence before the 400-word limit is exceeded. In addition, the submitted profiles have not been grammatically edited but presented as submitted and within the 400-word limitation. Three regions are up for election this year. The candidates are listed alphabetically by region.

### Region 4



**Kimberley (Kim) Carlton,  
MPH, REHS, CFOI**

Kim Carlton is the supervisor of the Partnership and Workforce Development Unit (PWDU) in the Environmental Health Division at the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). Her team provides training, program evaluation, outreach activities and resources, technical expertise, and outbreak coordination to state and local environmental health

programs statewide. Before joining MDH, she worked for a variety of local public health agencies for more than fifteen years. Her varied work experience has created opportunities to build strong relationships with environmental health professionals throughout the country.

A career highlight has been her service to the Minnesota Environmental Health Association (MEHA). She received the Environmental Health Specialist of the Year award from MEHA in 2015, in recognition of her outstanding contributions to environmental health in Minnesota. She held several roles on the Board of Directors over nine years, including a progressive 5-year term as President. She also served for several years on the outreach committee and as the chair of the technology committee. During her tenure on the Board, MEHA implemented several technological solutions to increase efficiency, connectedness and transparency. Thanks to deliberate efforts to reach out to environmental health students from middle school through graduate school, as well as environmental health practitioners entering the field, MEHA's membership consistently grew under Kim's leadership. She also served as the conference chair for the 2017 Region 4 Biennial Educational Conference/FDA Central Region Food Safety Seminar joint event in Minneapolis, which brought together more than 400 environmental health and food safety professionals from seventeen states.

Kim has served on an interim basis as the Region 4 Vice President for the past year, finishing the previous RVP's term. She is excited by the current Board's vision of elevating the status of environmental health in the public's eye. Like many environmental health professionals, Kim had never encountered the term "environmental

health" until she entered the workforce. She fully supports NEHA's efforts to educate and inform policy-makers, professional associations, practitioners, students, and the general public of the critical functions that environmental health provide. She is honored to work with such a talented, motivated, forward-thinking group of environmental health professionals, and welcomes the opportunity to continue in this role.

### Region 6



**Nichole (Niki) D. Lemin,  
MS, RS/REHS, MEP**

Niki Lemin joined Franklin County Public Health, in Columbus, Ohio, as Assistant Health Commissioner and Environmental Health Director in 2013. Prior to that, Niki served as the Safety Engineer of the Wexner Medical Center at The Ohio State University; a program manager for The Ohio State University College of Public Health;

and, as Director of Emergency Response at Allen County Public Health (Lima, Ohio). She is a graduate and past mentor of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Environmental Public Health Leadership Institute, as well as a graduate of the Ohio Environmental Leaders Institute and the Ohio Preparedness Leadership Institute.

Niki has a passion for furthering environmental health leadership and workforce development initiatives. Recently, she represented Ohio on the Great Lakes Public Health Training Collaborative Environmental Health Inquiry Project and facilitated statewide conversations about approaches to addressing environmental public health workforce initiatives and training needs. Niki was recently appointed by the Director of the Ohio Department of Health to serve on the Ohio Lead Advisory Council and also serves as Chair of the Ohio Public Health Association Environmental Public Health Section. She is the past-Director of the Southeast District of the Ohio Environmental Health Association and is also a member of the Ohio Public Health Climate Resiliency Coalition, the National Environmental Health Association Climate Change Committee, the Great Lakes Public Health Training Collaborative Advisory Committee, the National Association of County and City

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Health Officials' Environmental Public Health Workgroup, and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Health Department Advisory Panel.

Niki earned her Master of Science degree in Environmental, Health and Safety Management from The University of Findlay and Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Studies from Ohio Northern University. She is a Registered Sanitarian with the State of Ohio, a Registered Environmental Health Specialist with the National Environmental Health Association, and a Master Exercise Practitioner.



**Jason W. Marion, MSB, MSPH, PhD**

Jason Marion is running for regional vice president to (1) support NEHA outreach to state affiliates, (2) increase and celebrate membership of young professionals, (3) to enhance student membership growth and participation, (4) to support NEHA's improving reputation as a national leader with elected officials and public health organiza-

tions, (5) to promote our profession's value to the broader public health community, and (6) to make EH more visible to society. Marion will communicate with the region's state affiliates and seeks to attend their meetings once during the term. Currently, Dr. Marion is an associate professor of environmental health at Eastern Kentucky University (EKU). Marion has an Associate's Degree in wildlife management, B.S. and M.S. degrees in environmental science and biology from Morehead State University, and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from The Ohio State University (OSU) in public health (EHS and epidemiology). Marion's work experience includes 13 years with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the Ohio Department of Agriculture, internship experience with U.S. EPA's National Risk Management Research Laboratory in Cincinnati and the U.S. Forest Service on the Daniel Boone National Forest, and two fire seasons as a Kentucky Division of Forestry wildland firefighter. At OSU, Marion was an infectious diseases fellow, post-doc, and graduate assistant for five years. Marion's professional service includes co-directing the One Health Conference ([onehealthconference.com](http://onehealthconference.com)), past-president of the Association of Environmental Health Academic Programs, and membership in the Kentucky Academy of Science, the National Environmental Health Association, the American Public Health Association, and the Kentucky Environmental Health Association. Marion has served as a technical advisor for NEHA for five years. Marion's research includes students studying water quality (natural and drinking water) domestically and abroad. Marion has presented at multiple meetings, including to NEHA and the International Federation. Marion's dissertation, "Protecting Public Health and Ohio's Inland Beaches" supported

EPA's continued use of *E. coli* as a water quality indicator, and led to greater understanding of harmful cyanobacteria blooms. Marion's board experience has included membership on the Board of Regents at Morehead State University and The OSU Board of Trustees. In Kentucky, Marion is a Kentucky Colonel and was appointed by the Governor to the Board of Certification of Wastewater System Operators and by the Cabinet Secretary to the Board of Certification of Water Treatment and Distribution System Operators. At EKU, Marion has received awards as the distinguished educational leader and critical thinking teacher of the year.



**Jason Ravenscroft, MPH, REHS**

Since I was a little boy I have been fascinated by science, especially the life sciences. I began my career as an environmental public health professional after graduating from college with a degree in Biology. In this field I have found a rewarding 20-year career so far working at the local level of government. I enjoy the interaction with the public and the practical application of my science

education. In addition to my primary job, I've been able to pass on some of my knowledge and experience to the next generation of professionals through my role as adjunct faculty at the Indiana University Fairbanks School of Public Health. I have also enjoyed involvement with several professional organizations, most of all the Indiana Environmental Health Association. I am the current President of the Association and have enjoyed conferences, chapter meetings, committee chairmanships, and the education and networking the Association provides.

### Region 9



**Larry A. Ramdin, REHS, CP-FS, HHS**

Larry Ramdin began his career in Public Health 40 years ago in a mosquito control program in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. He has worked as a Public Health Inspector (PHI) in the Borough of Point Fortin Trinidad (part of an initial group of PHI's in a newly formed municipality), A Senior Food and Drug Inspector with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Director of Quality Control at a Food Manufacturing Facility. Larry was Manager of Audit and Technical Services at a Food Safety consulting company. He also worked as an Environmental Health Specialist with the City of Newton, MA and is currently the Health Agent in Salem MA.

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In recognition of his contributions to Environmental Health, he was awarded the NEHA Certificate of Merit in 2005, he was also awarded the Robert Periello Award and Dr. Joseph Goldfarb Awards for outstanding contributions to Environmental Health in Massachusetts and the Dr. Leon Bradley Award for contributions to EH in New England. Larry is a past President of the Massachusetts Environmental Health Association.

Larry graduated from the Barbados Community College Public Health Inspection program where he was the first placed student, he also holds a Diploma in the Inspection of Meat and other Foods. He earned a Master of Public Health and a Master of Arts – Public Administration. He is a 2009 Scholar of the Northeast

Public Health Institute and is the current NEHA Region 9 Regional Vice-President.

As the Region 9 Vice President, I was happy to see many changes in member outreach, by hosting multiple webinars, development of new Policy statements, engagement with affiliates at a greater level than in past. I hope to continue the work on the Board and continue advocating advocate for a national campaign on the profession. That will enable the general public and other stakeholders to gain a greater awareness of the profession and promote pride in the practitioner community. Additionally creating better collaboration within and outside the region to enable sharing of knowledge and building. 🌍

## Did You Know?

This year you can strengthen NEHA by participating in the Be a Beacon for NEHA Membership campaign! A growing NEHA means greater prominence for environmental health, more resources and support for members, and a larger community of professionals. We are asking members to reach out to their environmental health networks to tell them how NEHA has helped their careers and recruit them to join NEHA. Learn more about the campaign at [www.neha.org/nehabeacon](http://www.neha.org/nehabeacon).

## 2019 Walter F. Snyder Award

### Call for Nominations Nomination deadline is April 30, 2019.

Given in honor of NSF International's cofounder and first executive director, the Walter F. Snyder Award recognizes outstanding leadership in public health and environmental health protection. The annual award is presented jointly by NSF International and the National Environmental Health Association.



Nominations for the 2019 Walter F. Snyder Award are being accepted for environmental health professionals achieving peer recognition for:

- outstanding accomplishments in environmental and public health protection,
- notable contributions to protection of environment and quality of life,
- demonstrated capacity to work with all interests in solving environmental health challenges,
- participation in development and use of voluntary consensus standards for public health and safety, and
- leadership in securing action on behalf of environmental and public health goals.



Past recipients of the Walter F. Snyder Award include:

2018 - Brian Zamora	2009 - Terrance B. Gratton	1999 - Khalil H. Mancy	1990 - Harvey F. Collins	1981 - Charles H. Gillham
2017 - CAPT. Wendy Fanaselle	2008 - CAPT. Craig A. Shepherd	1998 - Chris J. Wiant	1989 - Boyd T. Marsh	1980 - Ray B. Watts
2016 - Steve Tackitt	2007 - Wilfried Kreisel	1997 - J. Roy Hickman	1988 - Mark D. Hollis	1979 - John G. Todd
2015 - Ron Grimes	2006 - Arthur L. Banks	1996 - Robert M. Brown	1987 - George A. Kupfer	1978 - Larry J. Gordon
2014 - Priscilla Oliver	2005 - John B. Conway	1995 - Leonard F. Rice	1986 - Albert H. Brunwasser	1977 - Charles C. Johnson, Jr.
2013 - Vincent J. Radke	2004 - Peter D. Thornton	1994 - Nelson E. Fabian	1985 - William G. Walter	1975 - Charles L. Senn
2012 - Harry E. Grenawitzke	2002 - Gayle J. Smith	1993 - Amer El-Ahraf	1984 - William Nix Anderson	1974 - James J. Jump
2011 - Gary P. Noonan	2001 - Robert W. Powitz	1992 - Robert Galvan	1983 - John R. Bagby, Jr.	1973 - William A. Broadway
2010 - James Balsamo, Jr.	2000 - Friedrich K. Kaferstein	1991 - Trenton G. Davis	1982 - Emil T. Chanlett	1972 - Ralph C. Pickard
				1971 - Callis A. Atkins

The 2019 Walter F. Snyder Award will be presented during NEHA's 83rd Annual Educational Conference (AEC) & Exhibition to be held in Nashville, TN, July 9–12, 2019.

For more information or to download nomination forms, please visit [www.nsf.org](http://www.nsf.org) or [www.neha.org/about-neha/awards](http://www.neha.org/about-neha/awards) or contact Stan Hazan at NSF at (734) 769-5105 or [hazan@nsf.org](mailto:hazan@nsf.org).

