

## NEHA SECOND VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE PROFILE

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. NEHA elects its national officers through a ballot that goes to all active and life members prior to the annual conference. Among other things, the ballot features the election for the position of NEHA second vice-president. The person elected to this position begins a five-year commitment to NEHA that involves advancing each year to a different national office, eventually to become NEHA's president.

Election policy specifies that candidate profiles for the second vice-president be limited to 800 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 800-word limit is exceeded. In addition, the submitted profiles have not been grammatically edited, but presented as submitted and within the 800-word limitation. This year, NEHA presents one candidate for the office of second vice-president.



### Roy Kroeger, REHS

Roy Kroeger believes that being an environmental health professional gives him the opportunity to protect people's health through practice, policy and most importantly education. Americans and people around the world want to do the right thing as it pertains to protecting our health and the environment around us. Obstacles are often incurred while trying

to do what is right, specifically cost, time and knowledge. After serving four years in the US Army's Corps of Engineers he enrolled at Colorado State University where he graduated with his BS in Environmental Health in 1993.

Roy has spent over a quarter of a century learning, practicing and educating others in the field of Environmental Health.

Roy believes NEHA is improving its representation of the Environmental Health professional and would like to continue that momentum by working with the Board of Directors, staff, membership and NEHA's many partners to make NEHA a more prominent voice in Washington and around the environmental health world.

To prepare for this future, Roy proposes a platform and a vision consisting of:

- Educating and pushing students and young professionals to lead NEHA and Environmental Health into the future.
- Giving all Environmental Health professionals a voice in the association from our historical core to those in emerging EH fields such as Sustainability, Built Environment and Public Health Preparedness.
- Building a stronger network of professionals so that everyone has the opportunity to lean on their peers when necessary to make Environmental Health more responsive to our public's needs.
- Creating an atmosphere and opportunity in which Environmental Health professionals can learn the new skills, techniques and scientific methods needed to protect the public and environment.

- Soliciting input and ideas from the policy makers/decision makers that shape our Environmental Health framework.

Roy Kroeger is a Registered Environmental Health Specialist and Environmental Health Supervisor with the Cheyenne-Laramie County Health Department in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Roy has worked as an Environmental Health professional for over twenty-four years at the local level providing public health to the citizens of the community. He has had the good fortune of working in multiple programs from food safety to mosquito and vector control and from wastewater treatment to recreational water quality. As a supervisor, he has wide-ranging experience managing budgets and staff, creating the department's first strategic plan, developing policy, and advocating for environmental health. He understands that the profession is critically important to the lives of countless people. He also believes that NEHA has a unique ability to serve these professionals and to further our cause at the national and even international level. Roy has served as the Regional Vice President for Region Three representing Colorado, Montana, Utah and Wyoming since 2007. He has served on multiple NEHA committees including sustainability, finance, and is currently chairing the AEC committee. He has worked on both the REHS and CP-FS teams to update and improve these credentials.

Roy has made a commitment to improving Environmental Health outside of NEHA as well, working on the retail curriculum team for FDA and IFPTI to develop a training curriculum for food safety professionals from the time they start their careers to the time they retire. Continuing education has been one of his passions, and the activities he has been associated with clearly show that interest.

Roy is currently serving on the FDA's Partnership for Food Protection Governing Council where he represents the local food safety professional in building an integrated food safety system. He has also served on the Environmental Health Accreditation Council (EHAC), and even though he is not currently a voting council member, he has agreed to review university programs for accreditation as well as make on-site visits to those universities when needed.

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Roy has served environmental health in numerous ways during his twenty-four year career including serving as the President for the Wyoming Environmental Health Association for two years and as the President for the Wyoming Food Safety Coalition concurrently. He has been awarded the Outstanding Environmental Health Specialist and the Arthur Williamson Award by the Wyoming affiliate for his contributions to the profession and the association.

He and his wife, Cecilia, have raised three wonderful children ranging in age between 20 and 32 years old. Each of them are in

or have finished college and are ready to do their part to make this a better world. Roy believes that the quality of their future is largely dependent on the work that we all do to protect our environmental health.

Please support Roy Kroeger for 2nd Vice-President in the 2018 election. You can find Roy on most of the social media sites including Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat and more. 🐼

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