Upper Peninsula Environmental Health Association

FEBRUARY 3-5, 2027 THE NORTHERN CENTER - MARQUETTE, MI

2027 ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE

DRAFT AGENDA

Wednesday - Feb 3
Food Safety Culture
Microbiology & Temp. Abuse
Charitable Foods
Food Sustainability

Thursday - Feb 4
Wild Plants in Drainfields
PFAs Origins & Impact
Case Study: Downstate Flooding
Papermill Sludge Land Apply
Plumbing Code & Grease Traps
Contained Aquifers
Municipal Overflows

Friday - Feb 5
Body Art
PFAs Mushrooms Study Update
Harmful Algae Blooms

UPEHA BUSINESS MEETING
AND AWARD PRESENTATION

Thursday, February 4, 2027
11:15 AM (Eastern)
Contact WebberM3@michigan.gov for agenda items.

PRE-CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

To Be Determined

If confirmed, it will be held
Tuesday, February 2nd in the afternoon
at the Northern Center

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ONLINE SILENT AUCTION

The AEC silent auction is asking for your contributions. Please contact Evanne Lehrke at elehrke@lmasdhd.org to submit donations or donation suggestions.

We are always looking for:
Unique items and Special experiences
Hobby-related donations such as handmade crafts, local delicacies, or art
Gift cards to favorite resorts, restaurants, and tourist destinations

Does your town have a favorite restaurant, historic hotel, museum, or tourist trap that may be willing to donate?
Let Evanne know and she'll do the asking.

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SEEKING NOMINATIONS

THE ROB WOLFE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Rob Wolfe Lifetime Achievement Award is UPEHA's highest honor, presented to an individual who has made a lasting impact on environmental health in the Upper Peninsula through decades of dedicated service, mentorship, and leadership. This award recognizes a career defined by commitment to public health, professional excellence, and the development of future generations in the field.

Requirements for nomination

This award is typically awarded upon or after retirement, or after 20+ years of significant service. This award can be given posthumously.

- The nominees shall be or have been active in UPEHA
- The nominee must have made significant contributions to the field of environmental health over the course of their career.
- Current UPEHA board members are not eligible during their term.

THE PINES SANITARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Pinnacle In Northern Environmental Sanitarians (PINES) Award is presented to an active UPEHA member who exemplifies the highest standards of Professionalism, Integrity, Notable impact, Excellence, and Service in the field of environmental health. This award honors individuals who go above and beyond in their service to their communities and contribute to the advancement of environmental health.

Requirements for nomination

This award is presented to past and present UPEHA members in good standing in recognition of outstanding service to Environmental Health

- The nominees shall be or have been active in the Upper Peninsula environmental health field for two or more years
- The nominee must have demonstrated professional impact in the field of environmental health through strong performance, innovation, community, service, or leadership.
- Current UPEHA board members are not eligible during their term.

NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS!

We invite members to nominate deserving collegues who exemplify the spirit of these awards.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:
DECEMBER 31, 2026

Nomination form and full award details are available here