



Affiliate Annual Report for Calendar Year 2025

(Complete Attachment B to be considered for one or more 2026 Affiliate Awards.)

To maintain compliance with IAFP Constitution and Bylaws, Affiliates must return this completed report. Please send by email to Susan Smith at: ssmith@foodprotection.org.

Please return the following items **electronically** by **Tuesday, March 3, 2026** (late reports will not be considered for awards):

REQUIRED:

This completed form (*in English*).

Your Association's list of current term officers (complete Attachment A).

OPTIONAL:

Attachment B: Completion required **only** if your Association requests to be considered for one or more Affiliate Awards.

IAFP accepts **all** Affiliate Annual Reports electronically, including those vying for one or more of the Affiliate Awards. *Affiliates seeking to present the highest quality visual presentation are encouraged to present their Annual Report in the highest quality possible for review by the Selection Committee.*

To avoid errors and omissions, please limit your submission to ONE email with all attachments.

Digital photos (with names and descriptions) to appear in the *Affiliate View* quarterly newsletter.

Missouri Environmental Health Association

1. Your Official Delegate to IAFP Affiliate Council and Contact

Enter in the fields below the information requested for your Association's official Delegate to the IAFP Affiliate Council and your official Contact for IAFP correspondence. **Delegate must be an IAFP Member.**

Official Delegate to IAFP Affiliate Council

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IAFP Member? Y ☒ N ☐

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IAFP Member? Y ☐ N ☒

2. Membership List

- a. Indicate the current total number of members in your Association: 148
- b. How many NEW members joined your Association in 2025? 26

3. Meetings: Annual Meeting/Conference, Educational, Workshops, Webinars, etc.

a. On what date(s) was your most recent general membership or major meeting (i.e., Annual Meeting/Conference) during the past year? Please list number of attendees.
Annual Educational Conference April 9th to April 11th, 2025. We had 131 in attendance.

b. Please provide the date(s) and location of your next scheduled major meeting (i.e., Annual Meeting/Conference):
April 9th, 2026 we will have a business meeting . This will be a virtual meeting.

c. List all other general membership meetings held in 2025 (excluding board meetings). Include title, dates and attendance numbers.

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4. Awards and Scholarships

a. List members honored with an award from your Association and/or IAFP during 2025. Include name of award and qualification for award.

Mark Redecker	ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST OF THE YEAR AWARD This award is given for significant contributions in the field. These contributions involve but may not be limited to the following areas: 1. Noteworthy professional accomplishments involving the candidate's job-related achievements, leadership, contributions to programs and program effectiveness. The nominator should explain how these achievements have contributed to the health and welfare of citizens. 2. Professional organizational activities involving offices held, committee assignments and activities related to environmental organizations at all levels, local to international. 3. Continuing education, demonstrating that the nominee has kept current and how he or she has contributed to the education of others. 4. Personal attributes, indicating that the nominee has demonstrated abilities, character, judgement, efficient use of time, management skills, etc., that may bear significantly on the qualifications for the award. 5. Community service activities, explaining
Amber Pinder	WILBUR S. FEAGAN AWARD The Wilbur S. Feagan Award was first awarded in 1992. Mr. Wilbur S. Feagan, a former member of our association and now currently the owner of F & H Food Equipment Company in Springfield, Missouri wanted to recognize the front line sanitarians in the cities, counties, and state that carry out the day to day duties of environmental health, education and disease prevention. He requested only three criteria for this award. They are as follows: 1. The recipient must be a current member of the Missouri Environmental Health Association. 2. The recipient must spend at least 50% of his or her time in field activities. 3. The recipient must show outstanding efforts. The award comes with a \$600.00 honorarium and a handsome plaque. The wording on the plaque was the sentiments of Mr. Feagan at the Executive Board meeting when the award was finalized. On August 1st, 1991 Mr. Feagan set up a fund to be self-sustaining and to this end has donated over \$10,000 in an interest bearing mutual fund to assure that this award will continue. The award money and cost of the plaque are drawn from the interest from this account. In the past years Mr. Feagan has attended our AEC and presents the plaque and check at the Awards Banquet. The first recipient of the Wilbur S. Feagan Award in 1992 was Janet Murray, of the Randolph County Health department. Mr. Feagan also funded an industry award, the Black Pearl award, which is given yearly at the International Association of Food Protection Conference. Mr. Feagan himself was given the Lifetime Achievement Award from this Association in 1999 for his contributions not only to this association, but also to IAFP and to the field of public health as a whole.
Guy Gerard	ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD This award recognizes individuals that have exhibited exemplary behavior and have

	contributed in an outstanding way to the field of environmental health. Qualifications: 1. Nominees must be within the first five years of employment in the field. 2. A strong commitment to the ideals and programs relating to environmental public health issues. 3. Possess a high level of motivation and willingness to accept new challenges
Tiffany Taylor	SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD This award has been created to recognize special contributions to the environmental, public health and protection field. Qualifications: 1. Membership in the Missouri Association is not a prerequisite of eligibility. 2. A candidate shall have made a significant contribution in the field of food or environmental protection in the state of Missouri. 3. The award may be made to co-workers if they have contributed equally to the work for which the nomination is made. 4. Members of the Executive Board are not eligible for this award. Nominations: 1. Nominations must be made by an active member of the Missouri Environmental Health Association. 2. No member may nominate more than one person in a given year provided this will not exclude nominations of multiple individuals as co-contributors. 3. Each nomination must be accompanied by factual information about the nominee(s) and a resume of work and achievements (reprints, news articles, awards, etc. will be accepted), as well as a description of the contribution to be recognized. 4. Forms for nominations may be obtained from the Awards Committee, the Secretary, the bi-annual newsletter, or the MEHA web site 5. All members of the association shall be notified by the newsletter at least 60 days prior to the deadline date for accepting nominations. 6. All nominations and supporting evidence must be presented to the chairman of the Awards Committee by December 1st. 7. The Awards Committee shall review
Deb Sees	PRESIDENTS AWARD The Presidents Award was first awarded in 1997 and is designed to honor those members of the Association who have made significant contributions to the Association or the Executive Board. Nominations come from the Executive Board members themselves, although suggestions from association members will be considered. The Executive Board members determine the number of awards to be given each year. Criteria for the Award are as follows: 1. The recipient must be a current Association member. 2. The recipient must have given significant service to the Association or the executive Board.
Aaron Winslow	LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD The Lifetime Achievement Award was created by the Association's Executive Board and first awarded in 1999. The award is the most prestigious award given by the organization. This award is bestowed upon long-time members with dedication to the high ideals of the MEHA and its mission. The recipient's accomplishments reflect his or her unselfish dedication and service to the field of Public Health and the goals of the Missouri Environmental Health Association. Nominations for the Lifetime Achievement Award are made solely by the Executive

	Board members, although suggestions from the membership will be considered.

b. List scholarships awarded during 2025; include recipient and qualification for scholarship.

Scholarship Name/Amount	J.E. Edmondson Scholarship J. E. EDMONDSON SCHOLARSHIP A scholarship of \$500.00 is awarded to an upper-class undergraduate student who meets the following criteria: • At least a 2.8 out of a 4.0 GPA or a graduate student with a GPA of 3.25 out of 4.0 or above. • The student must be majoring in a field related to milk, food or environmental sanitation. The basis of the award should include good moral character, financial need and activities as well as academic performance. The scholarship committee of the Department of Food Science and Nutrition at the University of Missouri-Columbia is responsible for obtaining applications from eligible students and shall screen the applications to find one highly qualified candidate. The treasurer of MEHA shall send the check to: Mizzou Gift Processing 407 Reynolds Alumni Center Columbia, MO 65211 The letter of transmittal shall indicate that the amount sent should be applied to the J. E. Edmondson Scholarship. The Awards Committee chairman should make contact with the scholarship chair for the Department of Food Science and Nutrition no later than January 15th concerning the Joe Edmondson Scholarship. Name of selected candidate should be received by February 17th so that the conference brochure can be submitted for printing by March 1s
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5. Web Communication

Please be sure to keep the IAFP office on your mailing list for newsletters, email, and other communications to your general membership.

Please provide your existing Affiliate's Web site address AND date last updated:

<https://mehamo.org/> Updated February of 2026

Did you launch a new Affiliate Web site in 2025? Y ☐ N ☒

Attachment A (completion required)

Association Officers List

*Provide the contact information requested below for all current officers of your Association. **Please indicate if each officer is an IAFP Member (reminder: Your President and Delegate are required to be IAFP Members).** The information you provide here is published on our website and in select membership materials. The information may be typed in the fields below or may be sent to our office by email, fax or regular mail.*

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enter term dates

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