



# Illinois Environmental Health Association

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## A Brief Timeline of IEHA History

- 1949 A group of public health officials gather to form a professional association.
- 1950 Hold first program in Springfield, Illinois. Call themselves “Illinois Association of Sanitarians” and elect their first president.
- 1960 Became an affiliate of the National Association of Sanitarians.
- 1965 The Illinois Sanitarian Registration Act passed.  
  
The National Association of Sanitarians changed its name to the National Environmental Health Association. The Illinois group followed suit and changed its name to the Illinois Environmental Health Association (IEHA).
- 1966 First Sanitarians registered by examination in Illinois.
- 1970 Initiated “Sanitarian of the Year” award. IEHA became incorporated as an Illinois not-for-profit corporation.
- 1984 Sanitarian Registration is sunsetted by the Illinois legislature.
- 1985 IEHA begins voluntary registration program.
- 1986 IEHA opens first office staffed part-time. Membership 256.
- 1987 Membership climbs to 350 after first membership drive.
- 1992 Illinois Environmental Health Practitioner Licensing Act passed by Illinois legislature.
- 1993 IEHA initiates student stipend award program.
- 1995 Licensing program for Environmental Health Practitioners.
- 1996 The National Environmental Health Association holds annual educational conference in Chicago
- 1998 IEHA initiates Tom Chojnacki NEHA Stipend Award
- 2000 IEHA celebrates 50th anniversary
- 2001 IEHA opens full-time office
- 2002 Illinois Environmental Health Practitioners Licensing Act renewed for four years.
- 2006 Illinois Environmental Health Practitioners Licensing Act extended for one year.
- 2008 Illinois Environmental Health Practitioners Licensing Act extended for ten years.