

2022 EHFC Leadership in Environmental Health Award Nomination

Dear Nomination Committee:

Please accept this nomination for Kari Engele-Carter for the 2022 Leadership in Environmental Health Award, sponsored by Hedgerow Software Ltd. Kari has consistently demonstrated outstanding leadership skills in various positions over the years. She has led, inspired and encouraged others to commit to and excel in their work. Her guiding principles include integrity, commitment and professionalism, and she is always approachable and attentive to any concerns.

Kari started out as CIPHI SK Branch Secretary in 2011 and quickly became the Saskatchewan Branch President on November 2013, retaining this position until July of 2017. During this time, she participated as a board member on the National Executive Council (NEC), chairing the National Appeal Review Panel from 2016 to 2018, and co-chairing the National Awards Committee from 2014- 2017.

Kari held the CIPHI National President-Elect position from July 2017 to December 2018, and was the Vice-Chair on the NEC. During this time, she also co-chaired the 2018 National Annual Educational Conference (AEC) in Saskatchewan, which was an unprecedented success.

In 2019, Kari became the National President of the CIPHI and demonstrated excellent leadership skills, working with new executive members, educating, coaching and mentoring while governing the daily workings of the Institute and as the Chair of the NEC. She also chaired the national Bylaw and Policy Committee, the Finance and Audit Committee, and participated on the Ethics and Communications committees. She was also the Co-chair of the National AEC in Halifax in February of 2019, guiding the attendees through the workings of the conference, even as there was no power due to a hurricane. Her combination of humour and calmness kept everyone in check and members followed her lead and rolled with the punches.

Kari has a genuine interest in building connections with other environmental public health organizations worldwide and is committed to increasing the profile of CIPHI. Kari was a board member of the Saskatchewan Public Health Association from 2016 to 2018. In January of 2019, as CIPHI President, Kari became a CIPHI council member for the International Federation of Environmental Health. In 2022, Kari attended the National Environmental Health Association's annual conference, and re-connected with the Americas Regional Group and represented CIPHI as a liaison, opening up opportunities for future collaborations with the organization on the field of Environmental Health. Her board experience as a member and as a President also extends to other organizations.

Kari has not only demonstrated outstanding leadership at the branch level, but also at the National Level for CIPHI. Currently, Kari is the Director of Education and CIPHI National Past President, and is working to improve member access to educational opportunities. She has been a mentor to her colleagues, continues to inspire and empower others to make a difference, and is always ready to help out when needed. For the above reasons, we nominate Kari Engele-Carter. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Natalie Lowdon, Kevin Kapell, Casey Neathway and Ann Thomas