

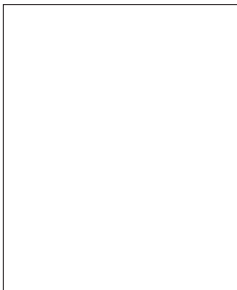
Only after this work of introspection and identification of our goals can the exciting task of developing a new logo take place. Designing a logo does not simply consist of appealing shapes and deciding if we like blue more than green. We must look at the deep values that make up our organization and the persona we want to portray with our logo. For example, do we value innovation over tradition? Do we want to be seen as an association for everyone or a more exclusive institution that serves a more niche market? Are we fast moving and risk taking or methodical and structured? These are just a few examples and a brand will rarely fall to the extreme of any of these values. Identifying where NEHA falls in the spectrum of these principles will then drive the deliberate elements behind the development of our new logo. Each element of the logo will be thoughtfully designed to represent our unique identity in the market.

The NEHA rebranding team is currently working hard to be introspective, listen to the needs of our members, and be intentional about who we are and what we hope to be for our members. It is important to understand that no one organization can be all things to all people and we offer more value when we understand our identity and how that aligns with the needs of our members. We are confident that our new brand will reinvigorate our board of directors, staff, and membership, as well as paint a clearer picture of our future.

The rebranding team is currently in the process of discussing several new logo concepts and will decide on two options that will be presented to the NEHA Board of Directors in November. The board will have the final decision regarding which logo they feel best portrays our value and persona. The rebranding team expects to unveil the new NEHA logo in 2022.

NEHA Staff Profiles

As part of tradition, NEHA features new staff members in the Journal around the time of their 1-year anniversary. These profiles give you an opportunity to get to know the NEHA staff better and to learn more about the great programs and activities going on in your association. This month we are pleased to introduce you to two NEHA staff members. Contact information for all NEHA staff can be found on pages 46 and 47.



Gina Bare

I had the pleasure of joining NEHA in November 2020 as the associate director of Program and Partnership Development (PPD). As a long-time NEHA member, I have always admired the organization but it wasn't until I took on this role that I truly understood the extraordinary value NEHA brings to its members and the profession.

I have been in the medical and public health fields for over 25 years. Most recently I worked at Boulder County Public Health as

both a registered nurse and an environmental health professional. Stepping into my new shoes at NEHA gave me a chance to reflect on the work of my colleagues in environmental health who had been going nonstop since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic to save