



**American Academy of Sanitarians
2020 Board of Directors
Election**

Candidate Biographical Information

JIM DINGMAN
MS, REHS, RS, DLAAS, CPO, CPOI, CEO

Jim Dingman has been an Environmental Health Professional for 38 years. He has been employed by the City of Plano Texas Health Department as the Environmental Health Manager since 2005. Prior to Plano, Jim was a Staff Engineering Associate at Underwriters Laboratories in Northbrook, Illinois for 16 years. He coordinated regulatory activities for UL's Environmental & Public Health programs, including drinking water additives and system components, food safety, and swimming pool equipment. He also served as the Administrator of UL's International Environmental and Public Health Council. Prior to working at UL, Jim was employed by Tri-County Health Department in the Denver Colorado area for 16 years; last serving as their Education and Enforcement Coordinator. While in Colorado, Jim served two terms as President of the Colorado Environmental Health Association and also served as President of the Colorado Public Health Association. He was awarded CEHA's highest honor, the Milton M. Miller award. He also received the P.W. Jacoe Award for excellence in Environmental Health from the Colorado Public Health Association. He was the North Texas Chapter President of TEHA in 2018. Jim is a Past President and honorary life member of NEHA. He also served as Regional Vice-President for Region 3 for 6 years during his tenure in Colorado, as well as 6 years as Region 6 RVP while in Illinois. Jim was the recipient of NEHA's A. Harry Bliss Journal Editors Award in 2003. Jim is a Diplomate Laureate (#5) in the American Academy of Sanitarians, and has been an Academy member for over 25 years.

**Girvin Liggans, Ph.D., REHS, DAAS
Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition
Office of Food Safety
U.S. Food and Drug Administration**

Dr. Liggans is an experienced environmental health professional and researcher focused on advancing evidence-informed and equitable decision making in public policy. He has worked for regulatory agencies within local and state government and currently serves as senior Consumer Safety Officer and Technical Lead for Retail Food Policy within the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. His responsibilities include leading policy analysis and research initiatives and the development and evaluation of retail food safety policy. As a subject matter expert, Dr. Liggans represents FDA on working committees of standard setting and equipment evaluation organizations and provides technical assistance and advice to senior management on strategic planning, policy surveillance, research methods, emerging food safety issues, and precedent setting issues involving retail food safety. He has conducted research with both foreign and domestic organizations and plays an active role in identifying scientific knowledge gaps and pursuing research in support of policy development. His research interests include policy analysis, food safety, legal epidemiology, organizational behavior, and diversity and inclusion.

Dr. Liggans' interest in a Board appointment stems from a desire to contribute to the rich history of the American Academy of Sanitarians by further advancing and elevating the individual sanitarian, increasing and improving diversity and inclusion within the sanitarian profession, and applying our expertise to issues of social and environmental justice, food waste, and the emerging area of legal epidemiology.

TIMOTHY J. MURPHY, Ph.D.

R.E.H.S./R.S., D.A.A.S

Associate Professor and Department Chair, ESOH Programs

The University of Findlay

Education

Ph.D. Environmental Science, The Ohio State University, June 2004

M.Sc. Environmental Management, The University of Findlay, August 1988

B.Sc. Environmental Health, Ferris State College, November 1981

Research Interests

Primary interests include public health workforce development, public health leadership issues and environmental sustainability management.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council, President of the Board, 2014 to 2017, Member, 2011 to 2017, 2018 to present
- National Environmental Health Association, Member 1979 – present
- National Environmental Health Association, Technical Advisor, 2014 to present
- Diplomat, American Academy of Sanitarians
- Association of Environmental Health Academic Programs (AEHAP), Member 2011 to present, Treasurer, 2014 to 2018
- National Council for Science and the Environment, member – 2014 to present
- Council of Environmental Deans and Directors, member – 2014 to present

CERTIFICATIONS/PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

- Diplomat, American Academy of Sanitarians
- Registered Environmental Health Scientist, National Environmental Health Association, 1981 to present

· Certified Quality Control Officer under US Army Corps of Engineers QA/QC Program, 1996

Employment and Professional History

Department Chair, Associate professor, Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Management Programs, The University of Findlay, Findlay, Ohio, 1998 to present

Prior to 1998, was employed in the environmental remediation, environmental emergency response and public health fields since 1981. Fall 1981 to June 1983 was employed as Public Health Sanitarian/Planner for Roosevelt County Montana. During this time, I gained valuable knowledge in working with the public and implementation of inspection and enforcement programs as a public health sanitarian. The following 14 years were spent in the environmental remediation field employed as a Program Manager, Project Manager, Site Supervisor, Health and Safety Officer, and Technical Foreman.

Environmental Public Health Leadership Institute Fellow, Class of 2006-2007, The Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta GA. The fellowship is a program designed to identify, and train the future leaders in the field of environmental public health.

I would like to volunteer to sit on the Board of Directors of the Academy.

The reason that I want to serve is that I believe that the Academy is the pinnacle of the environmental health profession and I want to be part of its growth and success in the future. I believe that I can bring energy and experience to the Board as well as a different perspective all while remembering what the mission is of the Academy.

Vince Radke, MPH, RS, CP-FS, DLAAS, CPH
Sanitarian
Immediate Past President
National Environmental Health Association

Vince has worked in Public Health and Environmental Health for 50 years. Since 2001 and until his retirement on October 1, 2018 Vince had worked at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in food safety, vector control and emergency preparedness and response.

Before CDC, Vince spent 22 years in environmental health in the states of CT, WV, VA and MN.

Vince was part of the Smallpox Eradication Program, first as a Peace Corps Volunteer (Surveillance and Assessment Officer) in Ethiopia (1970-74) and then later as a technical advisor with the World Health Organization in Bangladesh (1976) and Kenya (1977-79). He received The Order of the Bifurcated Needle from the World Health Organization in 1980 for his work during the Smallpox Eradication Program. He was Director of Environmental Health for the City of Stamford, CT in the early 1980's.

Vince is a Registered Sanitarian. He holds a Masters of Public Health degree (1977) from the University of Pittsburgh. Vince has served as Chairman of the American Academy of Sanitarians 2014-2015. He has been President of the National Capital Area Environmental Health Association and the Virginia Environmental Health Association.

He received the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service during Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma in 2005 and the Distinguished Service and Professional Achievement Award from the Environmental Section of the American Public Health Association in 2006. Vince was honored with the 2011 Environmental Protection Agency Bronze Medal Award. In 2015, he received the Excellence in Leadership Award from the National Center for Environmental Health at CDC.

As a member of the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Sanitarians I hope to position the Academy with other like-minded organizations to move the profession to better serve our communities.

**Michèle Samarya-Timm, MA, HO, REHS, MCHES, CPH, CFPM, CFOI, CBHM,
DLAAS**

MY FOCUS FOR THE American Academy of Sanitarians

The AAS regularly struggles with the perception of being preferential, old-boy, and old-school.

Our Association needs to eliminate this image and move forward to assure relevance in 2020 and beyond. I will continue to work with the AAS board and members to achieve the following Vision:

Transform into a MODERN association that is viewed with respect and significance in EH ■ Initiate a FRESH APPROACH to deliver an experience members value and build a stronger foundation for future growth ■ STRENGTHEN engagement of all Diplomates thorough TRANSPARENCY, shared opportunities and regular COMMUNICATION ■ An updated and regularly maintained website ■ Electronic meetings open to the membership with published agendas/minutes ■ Smart networking and engagement opportunities offered to all members ■ Providing collaborative leadership on critical EH issues ■ Assuring diversity, equity, and inclusion ■ Bolster the association's INFLUENCE in national environmental health issues by LEVERAGING the wide ranging knowledge and expertise of the membership ■ Actively PARTICIPATING in relevant local, state and national discussions ■ Becoming a widely known and trusted RESOURCE and think tank in environmental health ■ Promote and live up to the American Academy of Sanitarian's mission :

Improving the **practice**, elevating the **standards**, and **advancing the profession** of Environmental Health.

Michèle is a career public health professional. She studied environmental health at Rutgers University, obtained a Masters in Health Education from Montclair State University and a Masters in Homeland Security and Defense from the United States Naval Postgraduate School. Credentialed as a Masters Certified Health Education Specialist, a Registered Environmental Health Specialist and a New Jersey Health Officer, she has been a part of the Somerset County Department of Health team since 2009. In her public health capacity, she has extensive involvement in emergency preparedness and response, food safety and outbreak prevention, program development and health communications. She is recipient of a Special Citation from the FDA Commissioner for her educational work to reduce foodborne illness in the United States, and has also received recognition for her efforts in maximizing collaborative efforts between federal, state and local regulators. Currently she is overseeing the COVID-19 public health education and communication response in Somerset County.

LEON F. VINCI, DHA, DAAS, MPH, BA, RS

Leon F. Vinci received his Bachelors Degree from Wesleyan University (CT.), and his MPH from the Yale University School of Medicine's Department of Epidemiology and Public Health. He completed his doctorate from the College of Health Professions at the Medical University of South Carolina where he graduated with Honors.

Dr. Vinci's thirty-year public health career has involved him in a variety of aspects of the environmental health profession. In addition to his widely-recognized leadership initiatives, he has received national stature in such areas as school health issues, hazardous materials management, Health Reform, Public Health Preparedness, continuing education, institutional sanitation, Bioterrorism/Emergency Preparedness, Environmental Health, and infectious diseases (including COVID-19, Zika, H1N1, Ebola, SARS, Coronavirus, Avian Flu, and MRSA). He is the founder of Health Promotion Consultants (HPC), a health consulting firm and is CEO.

Prior to his current position, he also provided leadership for the Departments of Public Health in Connecticut (Avon, Middletown, Waterbury, and Westbrook); posts in Colorado and Montana; and as the Health Director for Johnson County (KS) and Lincoln-Lancaster County (NE).

Leon remains active with national professional organizations including NEHA, NEMC, APHA, and NALBOH. With the NEHA he established their first national registration credential (which he holds: RS) and the NEHA Scholarship Fund.

His service as National Technical Adviser for Climate Change (2015-2017) was with the National Environmental Health Association, assisting NEHA with critical issues on global concerns in environmental health. Presently Dr. Vinci is a Climate Leader with eco-America and a Climate & Health Ambassador with NEHA. He also serves NEHA as the Chair of the NEHA History Task Force and is Vice President of Programs with the Virginia Environmental Health Association (VaEHA).

STATEMENT:

As a Diplomate with the AAS, I look forward to serving the Academy as member of the Board. I have over 25 years' service as a Practitioner, Educator, and Administrator in Environmental Health. This unique experience provides me with a value-added background which I can bring to the Board as a member. I know the professionalism the AAS strives for, and look forward to continuing on that track as we move the Environmental Health field forward.

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