

Candidate Statement for CSHEMA Board of Trustees Election 2026

Candidate Name:

Brandon Calitree

Current Professional Role:

Director of Environmental Health & Safety, University of Delaware

Paragraph 1 – Professional Experience

I currently serve as Director of Environmental Health & Safety and Chemical Hygiene Officer at the University of Delaware and have been with EHS since 2017. I hold a PhD in Medicinal Chemistry, have 10 years of bench chemistry experience, and earned an MBA in Strategic Leadership. This combination of hands-on research experience and executive training shapes how I approach EHS: as a practical, research-informed partner that enables teaching, research, and discovery. In my role, I develop long-term safety strategies, lead cross-functional committees, and collaborate with senior institutional leadership to manage complex, enterprise-level risk and embed safety into decision-making across the institution.

Paragraph 2 – CSHEMA Involvement and Leadership

I have been an active and engaged CSHEMA member since 2015, with my first conference attendance in D.C. My continued involvement focuses on a sense of belonging for all new and seasoned EHS professionals. I strive for community networking and the free sharing of solutions to others with shared struggles, because we have all been there. I served on CSHEMA's Annual Conference Planning Committee for Indianapolis and on several subcommittees over the years. I currently co-lead the Technology Community of Practice, supporting peer collaboration and dialogue around the effective use of technology and data in EHS programs. Through these roles, I have worked alongside colleagues from institutions across the country and gained valuable experience leading within a professional association to support CSHEMA's mission.

Paragraph 3 – Goals for Service on the Board of Trustees

If elected to the CSHEMA Board of Trustees, my goal is to help ensure the Association continues to provide strong, relevant support to EHS leaders at all career stages. A key focus of my service would be strengthening CSHEMA's leadership development and training offerings, including advancing structured onboarding and "bootcamp"-style training for individuals new to campus EHS roles. I am also committed to fostering innovation through technology, mentorship, and knowledge sharing that help members address evolving institutional risks. Through Board service, I hope to contribute to

CSHEMA's long-term sustainability and its continued role as the premier professional organization for campus safety, health, and environmental leaders.