

Bio for Ellyn (Mel) Bromberg MCPH

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Ellyn (Mel) Bromberg, brings more than 35 years of professional experience and knowledge in the public and environmental health sciences to water with an emphasis on water quality, water quantity, water resource management, drinking water and wastewater treatment and distribution issues and water diplomacy. As principal and owner of her own consulting company in 2008, *WaterSHED International LLC*, Bromberg assisted other countries in finding solutions to water access, water distribution and treatment problems, including water related sanitation problems. Bromberg has served as Rotary International's Team Leader for WASRAG: a water, sanitation action group which serves over 34,000 global Rotary Clubs and their partnering water organizations including the United Nations, US Department of State, and several related non-profit water based organizations. In addition, Bromberg served as International Chair of her US Sustainability Summit (focus on water and energy) where through US Consulate Offices based in Chicago, Illinois, Bromberg worked with and invited her contacts as other water sustainability experts to annual conferences from the countries of Israel, UK, France, Germany, China, Japan, India, Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Morocco, Ethiopia, South Africa, Bangladesh, Denmark, Mexico and more concerning sustainability and financing of their water resources. Bromberg served as Water Leader for the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal's Education Caucus in preparation for the Rio 20+ Summit from 2009-2016.

Bromberg was both a research based science director at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee's Marine and Freshwater Biomedical Sciences Center for an NIEHS- Science Education Partnership Award (SEPA) Grant (2002-2008) to help educate middle school teachers and their students to environmental toxicology, water based health issues and science education. Prior to that, Bromberg worked at the University of Illinois USDA's Agricultural Extension Service as a Water/ Health Specialist. Bromberg holds Master's degrees from both the Ohio State University and the University of Cincinnati in Environmental Sciences, Public Health and Community Planning. Her B.S. undergraduate degree in Environmental Science, Planning / Geography was from the State University of New York at Binghamton.

Bromberg has taught in both university and elementary school classrooms as educator/ instructor on water, sustainable development, watershed management and more. She is published author and contributor in over 30 peer reviewed monographs, journals, and chapter books on water. She is a past member of AWWA- Wisconsin and Illinois Chapters, Wisconsin Public Health Association, International Chair for League of Women Voters Natural Resource Team, Great Lakes Task Force on Climate Change, FEMA Preparedness Task Force, Milwaukee Water's Technology Council, Illinois State Water Quality Task Force, Illinois State Water Survey partner with Extension Service. Bromberg developed and conducted a table top drill for the Wisconsin Water Association's Annual Conference (2005) concerning emergency preparedness and response plans around water security issues. She is presently First Vice President of the St. Lucie County League of Women Voters where she also serves as lead and co-chair to the Natural Resources Team as related to water resource concerns. She also represents St. Lucie County on the Indian River Lagoon Council's Management Advisory Board, part of the National Estuary Program. Bromberg lives in Port St. Lucie with her husband, Ellis in the Lakes. Her daughter resides in New York City.