

THE PROBE*

Oregon Public Health Association 65th Annual Meeting & Conference

October 26 and 27, 2009
LaSells Stewart Center, OSU Campus
Corvallis, OR

Join your public health colleagues October 26 and 27 in Corvallis for the 65th annual OPHA meeting and conference.

This will be an exciting two days of education, networking, and working together to shape the future of public health in Oregon. The OPHA annual business meeting, section meetings, award presentations, and elections will be featured throughout the conference. We think you will find the plenary speakers and breakout sessions especially informative.

Come see what your colleagues are working on throughout the state, hear about successes and lessons learned, help guide the direction of OPHA, and meet friends.

The registration packet is available on the new OPHA website: www.oregonpublichealth.org.



Plenary speakers include:

Melvin Kohn, M.D., Interim Public Health Director, State of Oregon

Philip Mote, Climatologist and national leader in analyzing the impacts of climate change; Director of the new Oregon Climate Change Research Institute (OCCRI) at OSU.

Karen Hooker, Ph.D. Professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Sciences; Director of Program on Gerontology; Director of the Center on Healthy Aging and Research at OSU.

The Northwest Health Foundation will sponsor a speaker from the Prevention Institute.

Bookmark the new OPHA web site!

www.oregonpublichealth.org

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Committee updates

Nominations Committee

2009 Nominations

President Elect: Charlie Fautin

Region 1: Andrew Epstein (Multnomah)

Particulars: Must reside in Multnomah County

Region 3: Lisa Lyman (Washington)

Particulars: Must reside in Clatsop, Columbia, Lincoln, Tillamook, Washington or Yamhill county

Director at Large 01, 02, 04, 05:

Renee Hackenmiller-Paradis

Molly Emmons

Chris Kable

Jan Wallinder

Kerri Lopez

Nominations Committee:

David Brown

Cyndi Durham

Jennifer Mead

2009 OPHA award nominations

As you look forward to our 2009 annual meeting and the celebration of the 65th anniversary of OPHA, please take a moment to reflect on the contributions of our fellow OPHA members, organizations, colleagues and community members that have contributed to public health in our communities. Each year during our annual meeting, OPHA gives awards for outstanding contributions affecting the health of Oregonians.

Nomination deadline: September 21, 2009

See the nomination form on [page 5](#) for details.



President's corner

Volunteerism—one of the most gratifying activities that connects caring people.

I am proud to share two changes at OPHA that could not have happened without volunteers giving their precious gift of time.

First, we have a new OPHA web site:

www.oregonpublichealth.org.

I felt like I had received a tremendous gift when I first saw the web site. It is vibrant and modern. I was able to register for our 2009 conference and renew my membership online. Do you want to know more about OPHA? Find out about professional opportunities and internships? Learn about opportunities to network with other like-minded people? Connect to other public health web sites or learn about public health events? You can do all these things and more on the new web site.

Secondly, The Probe has been updated to mirror the new web site. The Probe will have fewer long articles, with an emphasis on news briefs that link to web stories. I'm excited to watch this new Probe develop.

These changes are the result of a dream our Board members shared – that OPHA could be more than it has been. In particular, Jan Wallinder led us to submit a Kellogg Grant application that allowed us to hire Mary Peaslee, M.D., as our Executive Director, allowing us to build OPHA's capacity. So please take advantage of the new web site and the new Probe! Then, look for opportunities to volunteer as we promote Oregon's public health.

Upcoming events



Date: September 15, 2009

Event: APHA Get Ready Day

Details: The Get Ready Campaign, sponsored by the American Public Health Association (APHA), provides information, resources and tools so that all individuals, families and communities in the United States are more prepared for a potential influenza pandemic, outbreak of an emerging infectious disease or other hazard or disaster. Get Ready Day is an annual event, timed to coincide with National Preparedness Month.

For more information: Visit www.getreadyforflu.org

Date: October 4, 2009

Event: Binational Health Week 2009 - Health Fair

Location: Lincoln High School, Portland, Oregon

For more information: Contact Ursula at 503-664-6071 or ime.oregon@gmail.com.

Date: October 5 - 6, 2009

Event: Washington State 16th Annual Joint Conference on Health

Location: Yakima Convention Center, Yakima, Washington

For more information: Visit www.wspha.org

Date: October 16, 2009

Event: Community Health Partnership's Public Health Genius Awards Luncheon

Location: Portland, Oregon

Details: To recognize and honor outstanding Oregonians who are working to improve the public's health, Community Health Partnership: Oregon's Public Health Institute will confer the 8th Annual Genius Awards on October 16, 2009. Please plan to join this celebratory luncheon.

For more information or to sponsor a table: Contact Ebony Williams at 503-227-5502 or ebony@communityhealthpartnership.org.

Date: November 7 - 11, 2009

Event: American Public Health Association annual meeting

Location: Philadelphia, PA

Details: The APHA Annual Meeting and Exposition is the premier national public health educational forum! Learn from the experts in the field, hear about cutting edge research and exceptional best practices, discover the latest public health products and services, and share your public health experience with your peers.

For more information: Visit www.apha.org/meetings

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* A New Look

Changing the name of "The Probe"

We are currently soliciting suggestions for a new name for our quarterly publication.

As we continue to transform the image of OPHA, we would like input from you, the members of our organization. Please send your ideas to tinkers555@hotmail.com.

We look forward to hearing from you!



Oregon Public
Health Association

2009 OPHA Award Nomination Form

Please nominate a person or organization that you would like to see receive an OPHA award. If you have nominated a person or organization in the past that has not received an award, please consider re-nominating them or updating your previous nomination form.

Award categories (please check one):

2009 Lifetime Achievement Award

This award will be given to a person(s) or organization(s) who has demonstrated a lifetime commitment to public health, to the improvement of health in Oregon.

2009 Legislator of the Year Award

This award will be given to an Oregon legislator who has made an outstanding contribution to public health in Oregon.

2009 Emerging Leader Award

This award will be given to a person(s) who has demonstrated leadership, innovation, and creativity in the beginning of his or her public health career.

Nominee's name and degrees: _____

Nominee's phone number: _____

Please give at least 3 reasons why your nominee deserves the award (please limit to one typed page and attach to your nomination form).

Nominations are due September 21, 2009 by mail or e-mail:

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Awards will be presented at the OPHA 2009 Annual Meeting and Conference.

Thank you for giving thought to acknowledging excellence in the field of public health. By spotlighting these exceptional colleagues, OPHA aims to spark ideas and excitement and provide pathfinders for future leaders.