

OPHA BOARD Minutes – March 17, 2023, 10:00 – 12:00
Held virtually via Zoom.

Friday, February 17, 2023	Present	Absent - Excused
Alicia Lee	x	
Angel Harris	x	
Armando Jimenez	x	
Briana Arnold	x	
Chantell H. Reed	x	
Christian Moller-Andersen (CMA)	x	
Fatima Paola Herrera-Zarate		x
Jackie Leung	x	
JoAnn R. Miller	x	
Julie Plagenhoef	x	
Kala Mayer	x	
Karen Chase	x	
Kathryn McKelvey	x	
Kimberly Valdez		x
Marie Harvey	x	
Oralia Mendez	x	
Pam Pearce		x
Phyusin Myint	x	
Rebeckah Berry		x
Renee' Menkens	x	
Robb Hutson	x	
Tabitha A. Jensen	x	
Tamara Falls	x	
Guests:		
Julie Reeder	x	
Staff:		
Dana Merrill		
Jessica Nischik-Long (JNL)	x	

Meeting Called to Order at 10:03 by President Phyusin Myint

Board Meeting Minutes

February meeting minutes were moved to be approved by Renee Menken, seconded by Armando Jimenez, motion carried, and minutes were approved as written.

Program Committee

Marie Harvey indicated that the Program Committee has landed on APHA president, Dr. Chris Chanyasulkit, as keynote speaker. Other options for speakers could include “Disability as a public health issue” and “Gun violence as public health issue”. No additional speakers secured yet. More information at next month’s BOD meeting.

Treasurer’s Report

February financials presented by treasurer Robb Hutson. Mostly just expenses from payroll and very little income. Majority of revenue will come from conference and membership later in the year.

President’s Report

- PhyuSin Myint asked that “Conflict of Interest” forms MUST be sent to Jessica Nischik-Long. Only two have been received so far. Hard deadline for Friday 3/24.
- We need to appoint two board members to the Nominations Committee which will reach out to potential candidates. Work should be completed by August. Point made about need for robust talking points to help conversations for nomination team with potential candidates. Chantell H. Reed spoke about the opportunity to bring new skills to the board by looking at attracting a much more diverse group of people. Two board members volunteered for the Nomination Committee: Angel Harris and Oralia Mendez. Motion to accept the nominees made by Tabitha Jensen, seconded by Jackie Leung. **Motion carried.**

Policy Committee

Update from Julie Reeder on HB 3298 – which directs Oregon Health Authority to disburse to Oregon Health and Science University funds to support entity established within Oregon Health and Science University that advocates for improved maternal and neonatal outcomes. Bill was short on detail which is why the Policy Committee made a motion to abstain from voting on HB 3298. **Motion carried.**

Bills Update

- SB 868_Healthy Heating and Cooling for All. SB 869_Build Smart from the Start. SB 870_Building Performance Standard. All three bills recommended to endorse by the Policy Committee. **Motion carried.**
- SB 871_Smart State Buildings. Policy Committee voted for a conditional endorsement, with the intent to track the bill in case the final language is out to step with OPHA’s value. In which case we might withdraw our support. **Motion carried.**
- HB 2395: Opioid Harm Reduction Policy Package. Test strip question is a little vague. Policy committee recommended to endorse. **Motion Carried**
- Jessica Nischik-Long provided an update on “Racism is a Public Health Crisis” 2023 bills. HB 2918 moving forward to House Ways and Means. HB 2925 had a little hiccup but is now also moving on to House Ways and Means. Strategy is to meet 1:1 with leadership from Human Services subcommittee and House Ways and Means committee. Comments that “rural” is used by some people as code language for “white”, which was part of the delay on HB 2925. As OPHA representatives we need to have the same message about what “rural” means and ensure that we break the code when the term is used in public forums as a synonym for “white”.

National Public Health Week

- Jessica Nischik-Long provided an update on an NPHW event - several board members have volunteered to be on the Oregon Public Health Association Leaders panel Friday, April 7 at noon. OHA events are mostly internal, but if they open to public, Jessica will share with OPHA.
- Bylaws need to be wrapped up, as indicated by Atty. Michael Jonas. Atty recommends a two-hour work session to create a new set of bylaws by sometime in April. The OPHA BOD can delegate the detailed work to the Executive Committee. For the final approval BOD can have a separate meeting to finalize the bylaws. Could be done during May 19th extended meeting. Motion to ask the EC to finalize the work on the bylaws and present to the BOD by May 19th meeting by Armando Jimenez, seconded by Karen Chase. **Motion carried.**

In-person Board Meeting Friday, May 19

Jessica Nischik-Long mentioned that OPHA has a list of facilities around the state that can be used for OPHA meetings, and she will ask Dana Merrill to share with BOD. JoAnn Miller indicated that Rural locations should be part of the rotation of meeting facilities so that we can all get to know the regional challenges and wins better.

Affiliate Representative to the Governing Council (ARGC) – Briana Arnold

Briana Arnold provided an overview of the responsibilities of the ARGC position and the reason behind the existence of the function. Phyusin Myint and Jessica Nischik-Long both added that everyone knows much more about the position because of Briana's detailed involvement.

Development & Fundraising Committee

Jessica Nischik-Long Considering changing approach to update development materials, reach out to foundations for smaller grants to offset transportation/loss of income for conference-goers etc. It will help if board members can write narratives or articles to support the conference and OPHA. Tabitha Jensen suggested creating a matrix with narratives for each category of Public Health stakeholders.

12:02 PM – Adjourned by Phyusin Myint