



Oregon Public  
Health Association

# OPHA 2016 Annual Business Meeting

## Tuesday, October 11, 2016

12:15 - 1:30 pm

OSU Alumni Center Ballroom, Corvallis, OR

### MINUTES

#### Call to Order

President Robina Ingram-Rich called the meeting to order at 12:25 PM.

#### **2015 Annual Meeting Minutes - Marti Franc**

The minutes of the 2015 annual meeting were reviewed.

**Motion to accept the minutes as written, second: ayes all, motion carried.**

#### **Treasurers Report - Brian Johnson**

Brian Johnson reviewed the annual fiscal report, distributed to members. We are in good shape financially, and have been focusing on enhancing corporate gifts and sponsorships and gaining membership. He is projecting a small year end deficit relative to the last few years.

**Motion to accept the report, second: ayes all, motion carried.**

#### **Executive Director Report – Jessica Nischik-Long**

Jessica acknowledged OPHA volunteers:

- Board members
- Section leaders
- Members who volunteer for sections and committees, as well as helping with the conference in many ways. She acknowledged Lisa Oakley from OSU, who was instrumental this year at the conference, as our hard working Kim Krull is on leave with her new baby.

Jessica reviewed the many activities and benefits of belonging to OPHA. We are completing the second year of our 3 year strategic plan and have made progress on each goal. She commented on the success of our Capital Visit Day and PH Week actions. We are involved in several coalitions and have sought and received grants to foster public health. She encouraged supporting OPHA with a call for donations (tax deductible).

#### **Proposed Bylaws Amendments - Mitch Haas, Bylaws Committee Chair**

The committee provided advanced notice of pending vote on the following proposed amendments, which were presented at the meeting:

1. Amend the duties of the President to allow, with approval of the Board, delegation of responsibility for signing documents on behalf of OPHA to a paid staff member (generally the Executive Director). The committee recommends the following change to bylaws wording, "The President, upon approval of the Board, shall

sign, or delegate a paid staff member to sign, on behalf of the Association all contracts and their instruments binding on the Association.”

**Motion by Bylaws Committee, Ayes all, motion carried.**

2. Clarify how we allocate funds to sections and state that the rate of allocation is the same for all individual members. The committee recommends the following change to bylaw wording, “Each Section shall receive 20% of the Association’s general membership dues rate for each OPHA member who affiliates with the Section.”

**Motion by Bylaws Committee, Ayes all, motion carried.**

### **2016 OPHA Student Poster Award – Marie Harvey**

Marie announced the winners of the Outstanding Student Poster Award:

- Roop Datta - Title: A follow-up study on oral health in NW Tribal families participating in the TOTS study
- Megan McEwen - Title: Understanding the high prevalence of pediatric dental carries in Southeastern Oregon

In addition to receiving a plaque, the awardees will also receive a free one year membership to OPHA

Marie also thanked:

- Lisa Oakley who assisted in organizing this event
- Liana Winett, Jonathan Garcia, Harold Bae, and Laura Zeigen for serving as judges
- all students who presented posters; this year we had over 30 student posters, the largest number ever presented at OPHA

### **Twitter Contest Winner – Robb Hutson, Communications Chair**

There has been a great turnout in the social media booth, with lots of tweets and interviews posted on Facebook. Clarice Amorim won a free membership to OPHA in the “what OPHA membership means to me” contest. Alyssa Tucker won an iPad mini, donated by Rede Group, for most Tweets.

### **2016 OPHA Awards – Caryn Wheeler**

- Emerging Leader Awarded to Dr. Melinda Davis, who works with rural health research engaging communities and partners in transforming health care delivery
- Policy Champion Awarded to Morgan Cowling, Executive Director of the Conference of Local Health Officials, a tireless advocate and policy champion for public health
- Lifetime Achievement Awarded to Beth Johnson for 25 years of effort as a community volunteer to improve health services and equitability for Benton County residents and Oregonians.

Information about the award winners can be found on the OPHA website.

### **2016 OPHA Board Election Results**

The elections committee consisted of Marti Franc, chair, Leslie Uebel and Jim Becraft. Leslie gave the committee report to the annual meeting.

The officers elected were:

- President Elect – Marti Franc
- Affiliate Representative to the Governing Council of APHA - Tom Engle
- Directors At Large – Tamara Falls, Jenny Faith, and Mohamed Alyajouri
- Regional Representative-Region 2 - Caryn Wheeler
- Regional Representative-Region 5 - Phillip Mason
- Nomination Com. – Sandra Bean (chair), Melissa Langager, David Huntley

**Motion to accept the voting results; second: Ayes all, motion carried.**

### **Recognition of Directors Completing their Service – Robi Ingram-Rich**

- Lila Wickham
- Charlie Fautin
- Abraham Meressa
- Tamara Falls
- Katy King
- Maria Elena Castro
- Jocelyn Warren
- Rosa Sepulveda Klein

### **Transfer of OPHA Presidency – Robina Ingram-Rich to Dianna Pickett**

Since Dianna was unable to be present due to illness, Jessica stepped in to convey the thanks of Dianna and the membership for Robi's service to the organization as President of the Board and presented her with a gift as a token of appreciation.

### **Adjourn**

Robi adjourned the meeting at 1:25 PM.