# **OPHA Board Meeting Minutes**

# **O**REGON PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION BOARD OF **D**IRECTORS MEETING

# **DETAILS**

The meeting was held on Zoom on February 18, 2022. The meeting started at: 10:00AM and finished at 12:00PM.

#### **ATTENDEES**

People present at the meeting:

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# **KEY FINDINGS AND DECISIONS**

The following key findings and decisions were made:

- Conference dates for the OPHA annual conference have been set for October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 2022.
- Conference rates will increase by \$25 for general and non-member conference tickets.

- A meeting will be scheduled for board and section members to continue the conversation about section requirements.
- · OPHA will participate with the Fund for Global Health and co-host forum with Sen. Merkley

#### **DETAILS AND BACKGROUND**

10:00 Call to Order – Tabitha Jensen Introductions/Roll call

10:05 January Board Meeting Minutes – Tamara Falls – Information and Adoption (vote) Motion from Renee Menkens. Marie Harvey second. One abstention. Motion carried

10:10 Treasurer's Report – Robb Hutson – Information January financials

10:15 2022 Budget revisions – Jessica Nischik-Long – Information and Vote

- The anticipated net income from the last budget reported changed the anticipated budget is now a net loss of (\$42,485) in stead of the previously reported anticipated loss of (\$37,840)
- Despite the planned loss, the OPHA budget is actually in a better position than it was this time last year.

Motion from Tom Engle to approve the amended budget. Renee Menkens second. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

10:35 President's Report – Tabitha Jensen – Information and Discussion Section support

- There are OPHA Sections that are not active and not meeting current requirements around meeting, leadership, and membership.
- Each Section has a budget; those sections that are not active are not using their budget and the funds remain unused.
- Board member assistance is needed to help sections understand how to remain in tact
  (assistance with finding/electing leadership, holding meetings, etc.), or help determining if
  that section needs to dissolve.
- A matrix will be sent out to Board members listing out sections, including what is required
  for sections to meet the requirements to remain a section and a list of sections that are not
  currently meeting those requirements (including what requirements are currently missing).
- Marie shared that the Epi Bio Stats section has discussed the issue of not having anyone who can currently take on a leadership role for the section, however, they feel the section is important and want to continue once they have the bandwidth.
- Discussion regarding creating a process to allow a hold for sections with a temporary issue with meeting requirements.
- Discussion regarding the need for a sunsetting process for inactive sections. Currently the by-laws state that if a group hasn't met for two years, the Board can dissolve the section.
- Discussion regarding issues in the current sections funds policies that make it difficult for sections to spend their funds (due to restrictions on what and how money can be spent).
- Discussion regarding whether or not sections are even aware they have funds to use and how to access them. There may be a need to have discussions with section members to communicate the requirements for sections and expectations around sections funds.
- A meeting will be scheduled with the executive committee and section members to further discuss the section requirements.

#### **Committee Reports**

10:50 Program Committee – Marie Harvey – Information, Discussion and Vote

- New conference dates, October 17 & 18, 2022
- Proposal for increased 2022 registration rates (vote)
  - There is also a recommendation to increase the number and amount of scholarship funds to allow more people to attend.

Vote to increase the registration rate by \$25 for general and non-member general admission. The special rate would not increase. Vote passed unanimously.

• Recommended strategy for subsequent rate increases

11:00 Development Committee – Fatima Herrera-Zarate & Jessica Nischik-Long – Information and Discussion

- The development committee needs representation from Board members on the committee.
  - Assisting with fundraising is a part of all Board member responsibilities, however, the Development Committee coordinates the conference sponsor lists and tracks giving and past and potential new sponsors.
    - Julie Plagenhoef volunteered to join the committee
  - o Time commitment is 1 hour per month.
- The committee is also currently seeking co-chair.

Fundraising mentorship

11:20 Policy Committee – Jessica Nischik-Long – Information & Vote Tom Sincic from Healthcare for All Oregon Update on the Hope Amendment Referred by the Legislature via SJR 12: <a href="https://www.hcao.org/hope-amendment-sjr12">https://www.hcao.org/hope-amendment-sjr12</a> https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/ORSOS/bulletins/2ee398d

- The vote on this amendment will be in November of 2023
  - SJR12 proposes an amendment to the Oregon Constitution establishing a state obligation to ensure every Oregon resident has access to cost-effective, clinically appropriate, and affordable health care. No opposition at this point.
- There is a need for statements of support and organizations to sign on to support.
- Request to consider having OPHA endorse Healthcare for All Oregon.

Daniel Droppers moved to support const amendment IIR401 which states that healthcare should be a right in Oregon, currently referred to as SJR12. Angel Harris second. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

HB 4052 Racism is a PH Crisis – update on current status

- Progress in the short session; the bill has moved out of the house and passed unanimously.
- The bill will now move on to the Ways and Means committee to consider funding.

11:45 DEI Committee – Phyusin Myint – Information and Discussion Board anti-racism training planned for March 18 meeting

• The DEI Committee will open up opportunities for additional Board members to join the committee very soon.

11:50 New Business, Coalition & Section Updates – Tabitha Jensen – Information & Discussion Forum with Senator Jeff Merkley, tentatively planned for March 2022

- OPHA will participate with the Fund for Global Health and co-host forum with Sen. Merkley
- Jessica is creating a brief survey for OPHA members to collect questions to submit at the forum.
  - o Please let Jessica know if you have thoughts about developing a survey.

Request for a panel of OPHA leaders to present for students at OHSU-PSU during NPHW

- OPHA Board members are needed to be part of a panel to talk with OHSU-PSU students about OPHA.
  - Chandra, Tabitha, Fatima, and Julie indicated they are interested in participating in the panel.
- The nursing section is hosting a luncheon with the State Director of Oregon Nursing as a guest speaker. An announcement will be sent out soon.

# 12:00 - Adjourn

Upcoming Board Schedule: Board Meeting, Friday, March 18, 10:00 – 12:00 Board Meeting, Friday, April 15, 10:00 – 12:00 Board Meeting, Friday, May 20, 10:00 – 12:00

#### Other Important Dates:

Executive Committee meeting, March 8, 12:00 pm Program Committee meeting, March 11, 9:00 am DEI Committee meeting, March 16, 8:00 am Policy Committee meeting, March 17, 1:00 pm