

**OPHA BOARD Minutes – September 15, 2023**  
**10:00 am – 12:00 pm Virtually via Zoom**

	<i>Present Virtually</i>	<i>Absent Excused</i>
X	Kim Valdez	Briana Arnold
X	Armando Jimenez	Tamara Falls
X	Fatima Paola Herrera-Zarate	Angel Harris
X	Tabitha A. Jensen	JoAnn R. Miller
X	Julie Plagenhoef	Pam Pearce
X	Chantell Reed	Oralia Mendez
X	Marie Harvey	Kathryn McKelvey
X	Kayla Mayer	
X	Rebeckah Berry	
X	Renee’ Menkens	
X	Karen Chase	
X	Christian Moller-Andersen	
X	Alicia Lee	
X	Jackie Leung	
X	Phyusin Myint	
X	Robb Hutson	
		23 members
X	Policy Guide - Julie Reeder	Quorum = 12

**10:11 Called to Order – Phyusin Myint**

**Minutes from 08/18/23 BOD Meeting were approved** with a change suggested by Renee Menken to strike the following sentence from the Awards Committee update: “we have six award categories, should have 12, so still work in progress”. Motion to accept the minutes with proposed change made by Christian M-A and seconded by Renee Menken.

**Treasurer’s Report** - Robb Hutson mentioned that unrestricted net assets up \$28K over last year total assets up \$31K. Expenses decreased due to no ED salary expense.

**President’s Report** – Phyusin Myint asked Christian M-A to go over the OHCO proposal to OPHA’s Oral Health Section which was shared via email to the board 09/15/23. Motion to accept the proposal was made by Renee Menken and seconded by Marie Harvey. **Motion was approved.**

The OPHA Smart Surfaces grant application was accepted by APHA as one of the 10 public health associations nationwide who will receive a \$75,000 grant to support capacity building, public health education and outreach.

**Awards Committee** update provided by Renee Menkens. Meeting held on 9/13 to review nominations and select for awards, in the process of notifying recipients. Offered additional two awards to emerging leaders. How

do we look at nominations through an equity lens? Tough decisions, nevertheless, nominees have been selected. Karen Chase suggested that nominator should present the award to the nominee. We will look at alternatives next year.

**Policy Committee**, Julie Reeder, asked the board to vote on accepting the new Policy Committee Endorsement Form. Conversation about the question fields on the form and what is necessary. Motion made to accept the form was made by Karen Chase, seconded by Armando Jimenez. **Motion was approved.**

Conversation about endorsement request for gas stove legislation and more broadly about federal legislation and controversial initiatives. Policy Committee asked for guidance from board if this should be an issue that we take on? Suggested that OPHA should have a broader communications strategy behind controversial questions. No vote needed.

Draft Copy of BAI23354 GC5 "Title: To establish a Health Care Workforce Innovation Program to support and develop innovative approaches to recruiting, supporting, and training new health care providers" has been presented to OPHA by Wyden for our input. Renee Menken will email copy to Tabitha Jensen for initial input. No vote needed.

**ED Search Committee Update** - Tabitha Jensen will announce the successful ED candidate soon – hopefully have them attend the conference. Encouraged more OPHA board members to share their skills when work like recruitment and other tasks that require specialized skills present themselves.

**Nominations Committee** - PhyuSin Myint reported for Angel Harris that ballot will go out to all OPHA members by Friday, 9/15.

**Program Committee /Conference** Program outline is posted on the OPHA website now as reported by Marie Harvey. Critical for the success of the conference that everyone signs up as a volunteer [HERE](#). Reach out to Dana Merrill with any questions. Moderator for breakout and keynote Sign Up Sheet will be sent out via email soon. 313 registrants so far, which is on track.

PhyuSin Myint made a proposal to support Board member attendance and discount rates for volunteers at the annual conference. Robb Hutson suggested that we ask sponsors if they can donate any unused attendance slots to OPHA members at large. Will look at a formal process for next year's conference. No vote required.

**Development Committee** – Fatima Herrera-Zarate reported that we are \$9200 away from fundraising goal for conference. Also, a lot of interest for scholarship and we have been able to provide 10 scholarships with 45 applicants.

**11:46 Adjourned by PhyuSin Myint**