



# NDPHA ANNUAL MEETING Minutes

Wednesday, June 2, 2021  
8:30 – 11:00 AM CST

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## Join Zoom Meeting

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### **1. Call to Order / Roll Call**

### **2. Approval of Meeting Minutes 2020 Annual Meeting** (Attached for review.)

#### **A. Robin Histler motion, Second Danni Pinnick, UC**

### **3. Consent Agenda**

#### **A. Officer Reports – (*Submitted Reports Attached*)**

- a. President Report – Renae Moch
- b. Past President Report – Sherry Adams
- c. President Elect Report – Sue Kahler
- d. Vice President Report – Sarah Weninger
- e. ARGC Report – Andrea Huseh-Zosel
- f. Members at Large Report – Kelly Buettner Schmidt & Amy Burke

#### **B. Committee Reports – (*Submitted Reports Attached*)**

- a. Finance & Fundraising Committee – Sue Kahler
- b. Awards Committee – Amy Burke and Sarah Weninger
- c. Audit Committee – Sherry Adams
- d. Conference Task Force – Joni Tweeten
- e. Advocacy and Policy Committee – Danielle Pinnick
- f. Membership Committee – Kylie Hall
- g. Nominating Committee – Amy Burke and Sarah Weninger
- h. By-laws Committee – Renae Moch

#### **C. Section Reports – (*Submitted Reports Attached*)**

- a. Health Policy, Planning and Administration – Danielle Pinnick
- b. Nursing – Betsy Kanz
- c. Nutrition – Karen Ehrens
- d. Tobacco Prevention – Chelsea Ridge
- e. Student Section – Cathony Reid
- f. American Indian Public Health Section – Melanie Nadeau
- g. EPR/EH – Amber Lyon-Colbert
- h. Environmental Quality – Greg Wavra

**Motion: Julie Fariomic, Second Mark Strand, UC**

## **4. Regular Agenda**

### **A. Financial Reports** – Renae Moch (co-treasurer)-see report

- a. Profit and Loss Overview 2020-Total Assets \$22,420.89. Injury Prevention account \$1,202.62.
- b. Total expenses \$2,906.23 (2020) prior year \$11,478.42 (2019)
- c. Net Operation income \$5,742.85 for (2020)
- d. Jan-May 2021-Total assets \$25,155.88. Net income \$2,734.99.

**Motion to approve: Danni Pinnick, second Gretchen Dobervich, UC**

### **B. Budget Review & Approval** – Renae Moch-See report

- a. 2021 Proposed Budget \$12,200.00, Net Income/Loss \$4,208.00
- b. Are there fundraising costs that will occur in 2021 (Julie Ferry)? This will be up to Fundraising team.
  1. Looking for fresh ideas on fundraising ideas and welcome people to join fundraising committee. (Sue Kahler)

**Motion: Julie Ferry, second Alan Anderson, UC**

- c. With no Executive Director, money is saved
  1. Mark Strand-How long can we continue without an ED?
    - Could bring more of a presence during legislative session with an ED. Sustainable funding is a concern to hold this position. (Renae Moch)
    - Sarah Weninger grant (Network for Good) was for fundraising not an ED position.
- d. Virtual Legislative Day was a cost savings

### **C. Resolutions/Legislative Update** – Danielle Pinnick-no report

- a. Have not officially for advocacy, the primary way is to take request as they come and circulate.
  1. Calls to action from APHA
  2. Letter to the editor-encouraging Covid vaccination
  3. ND Legislature was challenging-most of the bills were counter productive to Public Health in general.
    - Talk about what we can do above and beyond resolutions.
    - At section breakout talk about how to move forward with advocacy and getting more information out there

- b. Be aware of anti-public health groups
  - 1. Midwest Public Health Coalitions
- c. Suggestion-Try coordinate with other organization that supports the common ideas we all believe, such as NDSACHO, Schools of Public Health. Use this to network and keep groups informed and identify any gaps. Karen Ehrens
- d. Welcome students to come forward and strengthen the student relationship at the college level. Renae Moch
- e. Mark Strand-writing endorsement of PH to letters to editor. Can send letters to board and can vote on supporting them. How can we improve our presence and support Public Health.
  - 1. Circulate LTE to Governing Council for signing on.
  - 2. There is an unfortunate risk for having name on the LTE with potential threats which happened in 2020-2021. This could be a deterrent for some when composing and submitting this. Renae Moch
  - 3. An ED could be beneficial to take this responsibility Danni Pinnick
- f. When in section breakouts-bring forward resolutions.
  - 1. Next legislation-Thought about how we would testify on behalf of the NDPHA with conflicting job positions (if you work for the state). Sarah Weninger
  - 2. To bolster advocacy, we should have someone in Bismarck to register and lobby and testify. Calling lawmakers is also a good way to get information to legislators. Danni Pinnick
- g. Start advocating now to build momentum. At the end of this year districts will be re-drawn. Karen Ehrens
- h. The Department of Health was not very visible. Having a representative from public health available to answer questions would be very helpful. Odd districts are up for re-election. Please consider supporting candidates that support public health. As a member of the community, ask representatives on their support for public health. Gretchen Dobervich.
- i. Erin Berentson-Is on the BOD for the North Dakota Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics. They hired a lobbying firm this past session to help push new licensure bill forward. Although it is a cost, it was found to be invaluable to keep the organization up-to-date with any other bills that effect nutrition/health in the state. May be a possibility to investigate the cost of doing this to get our voice at the legislative session.
  - 1. Have Policy and Advocacy group investigate the cost. Renae Moch

## **D. NDPHA Section Discussion – Sarah Weninger**

### a. Process for establishing new sections

1. By-laws state sections are supposed to meet 2 times a year and minutes recorded. This has not been occurring.
2. NDPHA has almost double the then numbers of sections compared to states of similar size.
3. There is no section that infectious disease fits in. Is there a way to combine some sections?
4. Idea to combine Policy & Advocacy committee with Health Policy and Planning Administration section. Student section seems to be more of a barrier and the section does not seem to build. Would serve us better for students to choose a section. Danni Pinnick
  - Renae Moch also supports removing student section so they can choose their area of interest.
5. Mark Strand-based on bylaws a section can be dissolved by governing council. Make a motion (withdraw motion) requesting the dissolution of policy and advocacy committee and student section. Withdrew motion and stated have section chair and governing council act and find a resolution and abide by bylaws.
6. Danni Pinnick would be in favor of dissolving HPPA section and keeping Policy and Advocacy committee and sections kept around our expertise in public health and a call to action to sections that they have on their mind what healthy policy planning and administration they would want to see from their sections and how NDPHA could help the section. Agrees in dissolving section.
7. Julie Ferry-remember as sections some of us as small public health units pick and choose where we can't to go and jump around, (e.g. nutrition, nursing). Are we ready to dissolve committees and sections? We should put some thought into where we see NDPHA going.
8. Renae Moch-within Apricot-there is documentation of membership and an assigned committee chair.
9. Bylaw's article 6-state gov council can approve and disapprove. Can dissolve and add at gov council level.
10. **Mark Strand to make a motion to defer conversation to gov council to consider updates to sections with in the NDPHA, Danni Pinnick second, UC**

### b. Consider approval for - Maternal & Child Health Section

1. Approved prior to annual meeting

## **E. Historian Report (Video) - Jordyn Schaeffbauer**

- a. Can view video on NDPHA website

## **F. Section Breakouts – Zoom Rooms**

- Health Policy, Planning and Administration – Danielle Pinnick
  - Discussed and voted to change section name to Public Health System

- and Practice section. This separated the duties from Policy and Advocacy committee better. Kelly Negal was elected as section chair.
- Policy Advocacy and Committee Chair will remain separate and a committee with Danni Pinnick begin the chair.
  - Talked about ways to advocate more-sections would be a better fit to promote resolutions for organizations. These would be circulated through governing council.
- Nursing – Betsy Kanz
    - Nikki Medalen-want to make sure to keep section. Want to have someone to represent us. Nikki Medalen agreed to take on section chair for 1 year. Would like a list of membership for this section.
    - Discussed the skeptic and watchfulness of people and views on public health issues and vaccines.
  - Nutrition – Karen Ehrens
    - Wishes to remain a section and stay section chair. Sections are a good way to stay linked an informed and engage membership. Is aware of a pilot project in ND within Maternal and Child Health to ensure nutrition. Nutrition section would welcome working with the MCH section.
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  - Tobacco Prevention – Chelsea Ridge
    - Julie Ferry reports that Chelsea is going to stay on as chair. Spoke about tobacco bills and structure to engage more people in tobacco and control. Would like to reach out to other members of NDPHA and TFND and grow database for tobacco.
  - American Indian Public Health Section – Melanie Nadeau
    - Cheri Kiefer spoke with Jacob Davis and learned about the Indian community and how to connect oral health with initiatives. Melanie was not present. Follow up with Melanie if she wants to be chair!
  - EPR/EH – Amber Lyon-Colbert
    - Greg Wavra and Amy Lyon-Collbert met on how to grow this section and promoting student memberships. Talked about water quality at the state level and lead levels in schools. Shared resources.
    - Greg Wavra-look at local health units and how we interact. Proposed that we combine EQ into EPR/EH. Amber would be remaining on as section chair and Greg as an advisor for this section. Would be great to bring in people with all skills to each section.
      - Environmental Quality – Greg Wavra-combine with EPR/EH. Greg Wavra offered to be an advisor
  - Maternal & Child Health – Andrew Williams
    - Serving as chair for MCH-
      - Focus was how can we work together as a workforce. MCH community is very diverse with academia, state, and nonprofit organizations.
      - Grant writing workshops and resources to better develop the skills to serve populations

- Brown bag sessions a couple times year to get an idea of what everyone is doing statewide.
- Welcome others to join section and initiatives.
- To join section, have everyone look at what section they want to belong to. Have NDPHA send out an update on addition of the MCH section.

## **G. Section Reports & Resolution Recommendation Discussion**

### **H. Committee Sign Up Recommendation**

- If you would like to sign up for a committee, reach out.
  - Finance and Fundraising Committee
  - Awards Committee
  - Audit Committee
  - Conference Task Force
  - Advocacy and Policy Committee
  - Membership Committee
  - Nominating Committee
  - Bylaws Committee
- We need presence and leadership. Would ask membership chairs to put forth the effort to be active if taking a role.
- Future discussions on adding a Behavioral and Mental Health section

### **I. Slate of Officers & Elections – Amy Burke & Sarah Weninger**

- Immediate Past President-Renae Moch
- President-Sue Kahler
- President Elect-Sarah Weninger
- Open-Vice President**-Andrea Huseth Zosel seeking nomination
- Open-ARGC Rep** Vacant-Kelly Buettner Schmidt seeking nomination
- Open-Historian** Vacant-Ashlee Kleveland seeking nomination
- Task Force Chair-Joni Tweten
- Open-Members at Large** -Matt Strand seeking nomination and Amy Burke
- Environmental Health/EP-Amber Lyon Colbert
- Update:** Health Policy, Planning and Administration -Danni Pinnick
  - Kelly Negal to step into role as chair. Danni to step down.
  - Name change to Public Health System and Practice section
- Nutrition-Karen Ehrens
- American Indian-Melanie Nadeau
- Nursing-Betsy Kanz
  - Betsy Kanz is stepping down from Nursing chair and Nikki Medalen is filling this.
- Tobacco-Chelsea Ridge

- o. Student Cathony Reid
- p. Policy and Advocacy Committee-Danni Pinnick
- q. **Open-Treasurer**- Brittany Bloch nomination

**Motion Theresa Will, second Danni Pinnick, UC**

**J. Transfer of Gavel to New NDPHA President (Sue Kahler)**

**K. Presentation of Awards** - Amy Burke and Sarah Weninger

- a. Longevity Awards – *(Will be mailed to recipients)*.
- b. Public Health Worker of the Year to Molly Howell from ND Dept of Health
- c. Outstanding Service Award-Theresa Knox GF Public Health Dept
- d. Team of the Year

**L. Other Business**

- a. Renae Moch thanks everyone for their work and role in the NDPHA
- b. Ashlee-Talk about adding a behavioral/mental health section.

**M. Adjourn- Move to adjourn Danni Pinnick, second Amy Burke, UC 11:11am**

**N. Next Governing Council meeting Sept 13<sup>th</sup>.**