

**Gerontological Health Section
Leadership Conference Call
January 16, 2009**

Attendees: Nancy Miller, Steven Wallace, Gerry Eggert, Susan Miller, Pat Alt, Karen Peters, Connie Evashwick, Ashley Love, Daniel Meng, Jim Swan, Allan Goldman, Helena Temkin-Greener, Jan Warren-Findlow,

I. Welcome and introduction: Nancy Miller opened the meeting and welcomed all.

II. Minutes from 8/08 and 10/08 meetings: It was agreed that any changes to the minutes should be forwarded to Pat Alt.

III. Election status: Susan stated that we have two candidates for the Governing Council and three for the Section Council, as well as one for Secretary. Chair-elect candidates are still being confirmed. All nominations are due by February 9.

III. Annual Meeting plans: Ashley stated that the call for abstracts is out (they are due by 2/12). There is also a call out for special sessions which is due on the web by 2/13. Some ideas discussed were disaster preparedness and climate change. Jim and his students may propose something. We are trying to send information to all students, especially award winners from past years. There was discussion of how to find the lists of all former winners, and whether to target a mailing to people whose membership has recently lapsed. Also, there was a discussion of who did the ads for the awards and how to get information from old issues of the Nation's Health. We may just send a reminder to everyone.

IV. Awards: Daniela will chair the awards committee, and all the subchairs agreed to continue this year. Connie reported on publicity for the new Erickson award. In addition to the usual places, she's also planning to send it to groups we don't always connect with (HAN, for instance). We are also marketing the new awards via the APHA web site. There was some discussion of marketing our awards to affiliates, perhaps through the Aging Forum. The deadline for distributing all of it is 2/12, so ideas need to come back to Connie quickly.

V. Policy Issues:

a. Long Term Care and Obama – Allan pointed out that all sorts of groups are coming up with ideas, and that APHA liked what we did on Medicare Part D. February 17 is the deadline for proposing new APHA policies. There was also discussion of resubmitting Allan's policy about prevention centers and their funding. Nancy suggested a note to the listserv seeking LTC policy ideas.

b. Community Benefit – This is not a late breaker, so doesn't have to go through the process. We can just send it to the staff. (Chronic care isn't a popular buzzword like LTC)

VI. Webinar Update: P. J. from UIC checked into sponsoring a webinar. It might be possible to have it free to section members and charge others. This still needs to be determined. Other sections claim that webinars have been helpful, but have not set them up through APHA. APHA is starting e-communities with section leadership, which will go beyond listservs once they are finalized. There was some discussion of what such a community would contain: discussions, bulletin board, leaders' corner, etc.

VII. Membership Activities: Nancy, Daniel, and the membership committee will consult before our next call.

VIII. Budget/development Activities: There will be another call on this. We are considering an annual report on our finances and awards. We need to decide whether to be more transparent and whether to spend on the budget or endowment.

IX. Other Announcements:

- a. Newsletter information needs to be in to Steve Alpert by the end of the month.
- b. This is the 25th anniversary of the Weiler (formerly Key) Award.
- c. The Archstone Award former recipients have become very well known.

The meeting was adjourned with thanks to all at 2 p.m..