

Greetings,

As I start my term as chair of this section, I feel it is only appropriate to acknowledge the team of leaders within the section who truly make this section exemplary! Many thanks to our Section Council, Governing Council and Committee Chairs for your continued commitment to public health and the work of this section. **Leadership matters, but teamwork defines true success.**

It also seems appropriate to highlight the accomplishments of our section over the past year.

2010 APHA Highlights

- We had 50 members join us at this year's Meet and Greet. Many of them signed up to work on various section committees.
- Our Social was a huge success with over 300 people in attendance. This year we had SHES and PA members joining us for the fun and festivities.
- Our booth was very well done and APHA staff took photos of it to show other sections how to make it work with very little budget.
- The Section Award winners were:
- We received 50 abstracts for our Student Awards Contest and selected 9 winners.

There were 35-40 people who came to our Materials Contest winner session and the Student Award winners Poster session looked very busy. Congratulations to all of our award winners.

We continue to be the largest section of APHA with over 4,000 members. Our section received 705 abstracts this year. We offered a wide variety of public health sessions.

Finally, as I think about the coming year, I want to share with you my goal for the section.

2010-11 Section Goals

1. By December 2010, finalize Section Manual, an *internal reference* document that future leadership can use to better understand the Purpose, membership and duties of the various committees, workgroups, elected and appointed positions of the Section.
2. By April 2011, develop an online new member orientation tool through a web-based platform. This tool will give new members a broad overview of APHA, the section, section work and how to get involved.

3. By May 2011, develop a fundraising package for the section. This package would be used to help develop strategic partnerships with funders.
4. By November 2011, increase student engagement in the section through the activation of the Student Engagement Workgroup.

Now is your chance to get more involved with the section. If you are interested in learning more about the PHEHP section and what we do, please contact Meg Shepard, Membership Chair at meshepard@cchs.ua.edu or myself at dkp99@hotmail.com and we will be happy to help you find your niche within the largest section of APHA.

I would also like to invite you to join us on one or more of our Social Media sites:

1. PHEHP section website: <http://www.apha.org/membergroups/sections/aphasections/phehp/>
2. Facebook page: [facebook.com/APHA.PHEHP](https://www.facebook.com/APHA.PHEHP)
3. Twitter account: http://twitter.com/apha_phehp

These sites are a simply, yet highly effective way to stay connected with the section throughout the year.

I look forward to a very productive year and welcome you to become more involved in the section if you aren't already.

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