

**Gerontological Health Section  
Business Meeting I  
Sunday, November 8, 2009**

**Attendees:** Nancy Miller, Pat Alt, R. Becker, Jim Swan, Susan Hughes, PJ Desai, Rick Fortinsky, Dana Mukamel, Daniela Friedman, Cindy Bryant, Charles Mouton, Susan Altfeld, Deneen L. Hamlin, Shubing Cai, Nan Tracy Zheng, Irena Pesis-Katz, Helena Temkin-Greener, Susan Miller, Esteban Calvo, Lene Levy-Storms, Fox Wetle, Connie Evashwick, Steven Wallace, Gerry Eggert, Paula Gardner, Honda Meng, Denys Lau, Larry Branch, Kathy Sykes, Mary Boutain, Debra Torres, Mary Ellen Kullman, Lea Kiefer, Karen Peters, Alex W. Costley

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

II. Minutes from the 9/18 conference call: Approved.

III. Announcements:

The APHA publications committee is developing a policy for the AJPH about prior publication. There are some concerns with web publications and some potential copyright issues if the university holds it (the possibility exists of a charge around \$2,500). AJPH is considering an issue on elders and public health, and they also plan to highlight articles from the past.

IV. Section election results:

Susan Miller reported on the GHS election. Lene Levy-Storms is the new Chair-elect; Caryn Etkin, Secretary; Charles Mouton was elected to the Governing Council; and Pat Alt and Allan Goldman will be Section Councilors.

V. Annual Report:

There was particular attention given to the budget, and discussion of how GHS and APHA deal with our funds. Conservative investments through APHA have kept our funds in reasonable shape. We took all our permanently restricted funds into a CD, which earned 1.5%.

VI. Booth sign-up:

The sign-up sheet was passed around again, and the section scavenger hunt information described.

VII. Membership:

The section has been picking up new members, particularly with secondary memberships (they constitute 11% of our current members).

VII. 2010 APHA Conference: The section will be more centrally located at the Denver conference.

IX. Priorities, Goals, etc. :

Nancy reported that APHA has a list of ~12 things which they want the groups to do. We've been very good at these, including running competitive slates, etc. We can do more with leadership positions for APHA itself, including nominating someone to serve on the nominating committee. This requires being prepared well before the APHA meeting. For example, we

haven't had anyone on the Executive Board in years. Steve Wallace suggested sending out a list of potential positions and "job descriptions" to go with them.

#### X. Policy Committee:

Last year we did a late-breaker panel on prevention. Do we want to do it again? It does require a lot of documentation, but this might be a good time to be involved. There was discussion of the CLASS act and the requirement in it of a mandatory personal care benefit.

Fox pointed out that there will be a major impact on Medicare funding, and that the health reform bills will be phased in over several years.

Alan stated that we can and should push APHA to work for it.

Nancy summed up the discussion as follows: We want to work with APHA to see how our concerns fit in with the CLASS Act and other health reform efforts. This requires determining which existing APHA policies apply and proposing new ones only if needed.

#### XI. Governing Council Activities:

The section submitted a theme for the 2011 DC meeting, which is one of the final four being considered. Ours was "Insuring Healthy Communities for a Healthy and Long Life".

There was also some discussion of potential Governing Council candidates, including Linda Rae Murray for President-elect and Drew Harris, Maggie Huff Rousselle, and Adewale Troutman.

#### XII. Planning for Second Business Meeting:

The second business meeting will be held on Tuesday, 11/10, and will focus primarily on how to better serve students and membership activities for next year.

The meeting was adjourned with thanks to all.