

## **Governing Council Speaker Report Council Year 2022**

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Governing Council Speaker over the last year. In the role of Speaker, I view my primary responsibility as ensuring that you, as Governing Councilors, have the resources and information to serve in your role, as well as a liaison from the Association and Executive Board to the Governing Council when it is not in session. Over the last year, we have undertaken some exciting initiatives focused on advancing the work of the Governing Council and of APHA. Below I provide a summary of everything I have worked on, with Governance Staff, over the last year. I want to highlight our commitment to responding to Governing Council Concerns: *We have added additional time to the MYM for questions, developed additional means of asking questions, and reduced the time of Governing Council Activities at the Annual Meeting.*

I want to give a special thank you to our Governance Consultant, Courtney Taylor, for all her work over the last year. I also want to thank our parliamentarian, Greg Ullrich and to all of those who served on the Ad Hoc Speakers Task Force.

I look forward to our continued engagement and our continued advancement in 2023. I am more than happy to meet with component groups if you have questions or would like additional information about the Governing Council. As always, please reach out to me when you have questions or comments – [aaron.guest@asu.edu](mailto:aaron.guest@asu.edu).

Submitted,  
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Speaker of the Governing Council

### **List of Major Activities**

- One of the major activities was completing the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on Governing Council Engagement.
- The Speaker served in the following capacities:
  - as a member of the APHA Executive Board (meetings in January, March, May, July, September, and November)
    - as a member of the Finance Committee of the Executive Board (monthly)
    - as a member of the APHA Executive Board Executive Committee (ad hoc)
  - As an ex-officio member of the Bylaws Committee of APHA (ad hoc)
- Served as liaison between the Executive Board, Governing Council, and assigned groups.
- Hosted 3 Speaking with Speaker Series (January – September)
- Developed evaluation of the Governing Council and reported findings to the Governing Council (January).
- Evaluated 2021 Governing Council and Exiting Councilor Experiences through surveys.
- Split orientation into two parts: Governing Council Orientation and Orientation into Parliamentary Procedure (March and May) and hosted those orientations.

- Met with member components, the Council of Affiliates, the Intersectional Council, and the Caucus Collaborative.
- Represented the Governing Council Activities to the Caucus Collaborative.
- Participated in the ISC/CoA Meet the Candidates Event.
- Planned and hosted the Mid-Year and Annual Meetings of the Governing Council.
- Evaluated Governing Council Meetings and made changes based on feedback.
- Revised the Governing Council Evaluation tool for the MYM and Annual Meeting.
- Responded to questions following MYM using a new response process.
- Developed and launched a Governing Council LEAD Community.
- Worked with staff to create an emergency proxy process.
- Developed recordings of orientation to share with new Councilors and Proxies.
- Hosted office hours at the APHA Annual Meeting.
- Held monthly meetings with APHA Governance Staff.
- Reduced the length of the Governing Council at the Annual Meeting.
- Attended the Policy Review Hearings of the JPC.
- Worked with relevant committees to ensure their ideas are represented in the Governing Council.
- Targeted outreach to the Caucus Collaborative and Past Presidents to encourage participation in the Governing Council.
- Responded to e-mails and telephone calls from Governing Councilors and other APHA leaders regarding Governing Council Activities – including emerging concerns, challenges, etc.
- Additional duties and responsibilities as necessary for the successful operating of the Governing Council.