

**American Public Health Association
Minutes of the Governing Council
Nov. 2 and Nov. 5, 2019
Philadelphia**

Session I – Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was convened by APHA President Pamela Aaltonen, PhD, RN, at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia. Speaker of the Council Linda Rae Murray, MD, MPH, presided, and Greg Ullrich, JD, served as parliamentarian.

2.0 Quorum Call

The roll call of Governing Councilors was taken at the time of registration. The Secretary of the Council, Georges Benjamin, MD, proclaimed that a quorum was present.

3.0 Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

4.0 Approval of the Governing Council meeting minutes from June 2019.

Speaker Murray called for a motion to approve the minutes of June 2019 Governing Council meeting. The motion was moved and seconded. Hearing no discussion, the Speaker called for a vote.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the June 2019 Governing Council meeting.

Outcome: Approved by acclamation.

5.0 2019 Policy Development Cycle and Process - Report and Archiving

Action Board Chair and JPC-Co-Chair Katherine Sutkowi, MSW, began by detailing action on the 2019 proposed policy statement development process since the June 2019 Governing Council meeting. She noted Aug. 15 was the deadline for authors to resubmit their proposed policy statements and stated that 14 proposed policy statements were resubmitted, including all 13 that initially received a conditional assessment and 1 that initially received a negative assessment. Ms. Sutkowi stated that Sept. 16 was the deadline for APHA’s Executive Board to consider any appeals regarding the JPC’s assessments of proposed policy statements. However, no appeals were received. Ms. Sutkowi then detailed the results of the JPC second review of the proposed policy statements, which was conducted via Zoom on Sept. 17, 2019. She stated 12 of the proposed policy statements received a positive assessment, and two received a negative

assessment. The authors of the proposed policy statements receiving a negative assessment were notified that they could either withdraw their proposed policy statement or proceed to the public hearings despite the negative assessment. Ms. Sutkowi stated one author opted to continue to the public hearings and the other author chose to withdraw the proposed policy statement from this review cycle. Ms. Sutkowi noted that the 13 remaining proposed policy statements moving forward in the process were posted on APHA's website on Oct. 14, along with the Science Board comments from their spring meeting, the JPC spring author letter and comment table with author responses, and the JPC fall author letter with comments. Ms. Sutkowi said authors were given the opportunity to submit a revised draft of their proposed policy statement following the JPC fall assessment. She stated that revised drafts were posted to the website with changes tracked.

Ms. Sutkowi then detailed the next steps in the policy statement review. She stated that the public hearings, during which members can provide feedback and ask questions of the authors, were scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 3, 2019 from 3:30-6 p.m., and encouraged all Governing Councilors to attend. Ms. Sutkowi noted that following the public hearing the JPC will meet in executive session on Nov. 4, 2019 from 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. to develop final recommendations to the Governing Council on the proposed policy statements. She stated the consent agenda and final versions of the proposed policy statements will be emailed to Governing Councilors Monday evening. The Governing Council will then vote on whether to adopt the proposed policy statements on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Next, Science Board Chair and JPC Co-Chair Nandi Marshall, DrPH, MPH, CHES, reminded the Governing Council that 623 policy statements adopted in 1999 and earlier are scheduled for archiving this year. She stated that 37 policy statements scheduled for archiving were requested to be kept active by the June 1, 2019 deadline via the process outlined in the Proposed Policy Statement Development Process Policies and Procedures guidelines. Dr. Marshall detailed the Science Board review criteria, noting that the current relevance of the scientific reasoning, references, and action steps in all 37 policy statements requested to be kept active were examined. If the majority of the board believed a policy statement to be outdated in any of the above categories, the Science Board recommended the policy statement be archived as scheduled. Dr. Marshall advised that 35 of the policy statements reviewed were recommended for archiving. She stated that the final recommendation for the other two policy statements will be decided at the Science Board's business meeting on Nov. 3. Dr. Marshall reminded the Governing Council that while archived policy statements will no longer guide APHA policy and practice, they continue to serve as historical documents and can be accessed by all APHA members and will be provided to non-members upon request.

6.0 Review of Nominations for the Nominations Committee

Speaker Murray listed the Governing Councilors nominated for the Nominations Committee in advance to the meeting:

- Allison Casola, PhD, MPH, CHES (Student Assembly)
- Timothy Sankary, MD, MPH (Epidemiology)
- Marsha Spence, PhD, MPH (Food and Nutrition)

Speaker Murray then opened nominations from the floor. Mary Armstrong, PhD, Jeffrey Goodman, DrPH, MPH, and Shenita Freeman, MSHIA, MPH, RHIA, HClSSP, CPHIMS, CPH, were nominated from the floor to represent the Mental Health, HIV/AIDS, and Aging and Public

Health Sections respectively. Hearing no other nominations, Speaker Murray asked for a motion to close nominations. The motion was moved and seconded, and hearing no discussion the speaker called for a voice vote.

Motion:	To close nominations for the Nominations Committee.
Outcome:	Approved by acclamation.

Speaker Murray reminded the Governing Council that voting for these six nominees for Nominations Committee would occur during Session II of the Governing Council Meeting on the morning of Tuesday, Nov. 5.

7.0 2021 and 2022 Annual Meeting Program Emphasis

Speaker Murray reminded the Governing Council that voting on the Annual Meeting program emphasis for both 2021 and 2022 (APHA’s 150th Anniversary) would take place on Tuesday, Nov. 5th. She then presented the proposed program emphasizes for 2021:

1. Creating the Healthiest Nation in a Generation: Healthy Aging for All Ages
2. Creating the Healthiest Nation: Technological Innovations in Public Health
3. Creating the Healthiest Nation: Strengthening Social Cohesion and Connectedness
4. Creating the Healthiest Nation: Public Health’s Greater Return on Investment

Speaker Murray then presented the proposed emphasizes for 2022:

1. Celebrating Our Past & Building Our Future
2. APHA @ 150: The Bending Arc of Public Health
3. APHA @ 150: What’s Next in The Evolution of Public Health

Speaker Murray then opened the floor to discussion, amendments or additional emphasis suggestions.

A Councilor from the Aging and Public Health Section spoke in support of “Creating the Healthiest Nation in a Generation: Healthy Aging for All Ages” noting that it’s been over a decade since APHA emphasizing aging. He noted that with a rapidly aging U.S. population, this is an issue that will affect all APHA member units, and this emphasis would give APHA the chance to explore the changes and issues as the rest of baby boomers turn 65. Additionally, he noted that WHO has declared the 2020s the decade of the older person with emphasis on aging populations globally, so this would be a great chance for APHA to collaborate on this key issue.

Debate continued with some councilors expressing concern that an emphasis on healthy aging would not attract youth and others countering that “Healthy Aging for All Ages” is for all ages, there is room for young people to be interested in healthy aging, and aging related health issues often start in childhood and continue throughout the lifespan.

Several councilors spoke in support of “Creating the Healthiest Nation: Strengthening Social Cohesion and Connectedness” noting that a meeting centered on social connectedness would bring people together and arguing social cohesion spans across several key public health issues of our time including youth suicide, substance misuse, and healthy aging.

A councilor from the Epidemiology Section spoke in favor of “Creating the Healthiest Nation: Technological Innovations in Public Health” citing that since 2000 no APHA theme has recognized the importance of technology in public health research and practice.

Lastly, a Councilor from the Environment Section spoke against “Creating the Healthiest Nation: Public Health’s Greater Return on Investment (ROI)”, noting the Section was concerned that the theme sent a mixed message: while there is some work that shows in ROI, public health is a right and we shouldn’t focus so narrowly on ROI.

Speaker Murray then moved onto comments on the 2022 Annual Meeting program emphasis and reminded the Council again that this is the year APHA will celebrate its 150th anniversary.

Councilors debated the imagery created by “APHA @ 150: The Bending Arc of Public Health” with some arguing that an arch drops and others stating it was linked to the MLK Jr. quote, “The arc of the moral universe is long, but bends towards justice” and thus could highlight equity and racial justice issues.

The ARGC from New Jersey spoke in support of “Celebrating Our Past and Building Our Future” noting that in recognizing APHA’s 150th Anniversary it is critical to look back as well as forward.

Three additional program emphasizes for 2022 were received from the floor:

- APHA @ 150: Purpose and Process
- APHA @ 150: Leading the Path Towards Health Equity
- APHA @ 150: Bending Towards Justice

Hearing no additional program emphasizes, Speaker Murray reminded the Governing Council they would be voting on the themes for 2021 and 2022 on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

8.0 Report of the Nominations Committee

Nominations Committee Chair Marian Levy began by noting the responsibilities of the Nominations Committee:

1. Seek and secure candidates for leadership positions.
2. Maintain all levels of diversity in elected officers.

Dr. Levy noted that there were 50% more applicants than were selected and encouraged all those nominated to run again in the future. Dr. Levy stressed to the Governing Council that in order for the Nominations Committee to achieve their potential they need active participation from councilors to seek and nominate qualified candidates and answer the call for candidate questions. Dr. Levy thanked her fellow members of the Nominations Committee and announced Durrell Fox, BS will be Chair of the 2019-2020 Nominations Committee. She then thanked the ISC and CoA and reminded Councilors that they host a second candidate’s forum from 7-10 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 4. Dr. Levy concluded her presentation by introducing the 2019 slate of candidates.

The following nominees were selected by the Nominations Committee to run for president-elect:

- Richard Cohen, PhD, FACHE
- José Ramón Fernández-Peña, MD, MPA

The following nominee was selected to run for treasurer:

- Benjamin Hernandez, MBA

The following nominees were selected to run for three open Executive Board positions with their term expiring in 2023:

- Charlene Cariou, MHS, CHES
- Natalie DiPietro-Mager, PharmD, MPH
- Sarah Gareau, DrPH, MCHES
- Kathy Lituri, RDH, MPH
- Brittany Marshall, DrPH, MPH
- Mohammed Torrabi, PhD, MPH, MSPH

The following individuals were selected as nominees for the positions of Honorary Vice President for Canada, Latin America and the Caribbean and the United States. Their term expires in 2020:

- Richard Musto, MD, FRCPC – Canada
- Hernando Nieto, MD – Latin America and the Caribbean
- Vivek Murthy, MD, MBA – United States

Article V, Section 7(C) of the Bylaws provides that: “Upon petition of any twenty voting members of the Governing Council submitted to the APHA office no less than 40 days prior to the Annual Meeting, the Nominations Committee shall add to the list of candidates selected by it the name of any eligible candidate for the office specified in the petition, providing the petition is found to be valid by the Committee. The Committee’s report, including all the nominees for each of the offices, shall be presented immediately following the approval of the minutes at the first session of the Governing Council held at the Annual Meeting.” No petitions for additional nominees were received.

9.0 Candidates Forum

Nominations Committee Chair Dr. Marian Levy served as moderator of the candidates’ forum.

The forum was organized into four panels. The first included the two candidates for president-elect; the second for the candidate for treasurer; the third three of the six candidates running for Executive Board; and the fourth included the final three candidates for the Executive Board.

Each candidate delivered a brief opening statement, which was followed by a period of questions and answers and concluded with a closing statement. Questions were submitted by Governing Councilors in advance of the Annual Meeting and covered a range of topics including discussion of candidates’ experience, their views of APHA’s challenges and strengths, plans to strengthen Association advocacy efforts, APHA’s financial security, ideas to foster student engagement and overall member participation, and proposals to increase recruitment and retention.

At the conclusion of the candidates’ forum, Speaker Murray noted that voting for these candidates would occur at 3:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

10.0 Welcome to the Annual Meeting

Dr. Benjamin welcomed Governing Councilors to Philadelphia and highlighted notable 2019 Annual Meeting events, including:

- Sunday’s Opening Session, featuring APHA President Pamela Aaltonen, CDC Director Dr. Robert Redfield, and Dean of the Boston University School of Public Health Sandro Galea

- Monday's General Session focused on the power of prevention
- Wednesday's closing session *Health and Justice Denied* examining the spectrum of human bondage, from human trafficking to the impact of slavery, from a public health perspective
- Additional sessions featuring Drug Czar James Carroll; U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Jerome M. Adams; and Assistant Secretary for Health Admiral Brett P. Giroir

Speaker Murray thanked Dr. Benjamin for his welcome and introduced Executive Board Chair-Elect Dr. Chris Chansulkit to moderate and introduce the Leadership Panel.

11.0 APHA Leadership Panel Discussion

Dr. Chansulkit began by introducing the panel:

- Georges Benjamin, MD, Executive Director
- Pamela Aaltonen, PhD, RN, President
- Betty Daniels, PhD, RN, Chair, Executive Board
- Benjamin Hernandez, MBA, Treasurer

Dr. Chansulkit outlined the process for the session, and then asked a series of questions to the panelists, which included: discussions of the biggest challenges facing APHA in the next 3-5 years; accomplishments of the Executive Board; key takeaways from the president's travel to the Affiliates; and their thoughts on the value of being a member of APHA.

Dr. Benjamin noted that one of the greatest challenges for APHA is managing the generational transition. He noted different work patterns, needs, expectations, and use of tech among millennial and Gen Z members and expressed the need to re-examine everything APHA does to ensure inclusivity, engagement and meet needs for all members.

Mr. Hernandez noted the impact of a potential recession on APHA investments and operating income. He stated APHA is prepared to manage challenges for 1-3 years, is financially sound and should use its resources to strategically invest in the future.

Dr. Daniels stated she believed promoting new generations of leaders and creating an inclusive work environment and culture of growth and action were the greatest accomplishments of the Executive Board.

Dr. Aaltonen noted she was blown away by the professionalism, capabilities, enthusiasm and work of Affiliates, especially their state-level policy advocacy in the face of adverse legislative bodies. She encouraged the Governing Council to foster new leaders from the Affiliates.

All panelists agreed that the network of highly qualified, knowledgeable and committed individuals and the power of collective action by members is APHA's greatest member value. They noted people listen when APHA speaks, and there is great power in the ability to translate science into action.

Dr. Chansulkit then took questions from the audience.

Questions prompted a discussion of best practices for transformational leadership and the role of APHA in a time of political divisiveness. Panelists stressed the importance of mentorship and

innovation and noted that practices of the Student Assembly were particularly strong and should be considered for Association-wide adoption. Panelists also encourage Governing Councilors to continue to speak up, provide facts and evidence, vote, and model respect.

Dr. Chanysulkit concluded the panel by thanking the leaders.

12.0 Board and Committee Reports

The Speaker encouraged Governing Councilors to review the annual reports of APHA Boards and Committees distributed in advance of the meeting.

- 12.1 Report of the President
- 12.2 Report of the Chair of the Executive Board
- 12.3 Report of the Intersectional Council
- 12.4 Report of the Council of Affiliates
- 12.5 Report of the Action Board
- 12.6 Report of the *American Journal of Public Health* Editorial Board
- 12.7 Report of the Education Board
- 12.8 Report of the Nominations Committee
- 12.9 Report of the Committee on Bylaws
- 12.10 Report of the Publications Board
- 12.11 Report of the Science Board
- 12.12 Report of the Committee on Health Equity
- 12.13 Report of the Committee on Membership
- 12.14 Report of *The Nation's Health* Advisory Committee
- 12.15 Report of the Committee on Women's Rights
- 12.16 Executive Board Minutes

Speaker Murray made several housekeeping announcements, including relaying information related to the APHA Leadership Roundtable Session on Sunday morning, the Public Hearings on the proposed policy statements on Sunday afternoon, and Tuesday's Governing Council meeting.

There being no further business before the Council, the Speaker adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019

Session II – Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019

1.0 Call to Order

The second session of the Governing Council convened at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, at 9 a.m. on Nov. 5, 2019. Speaker of the Council Linda Rae Murray, MD, MPH, presided, and Greg Ullrich, JD, served as parliamentarian.

2.0 Quorum Call

The roll call of the councilors was taken at the time of registration. Governing Council Secretary Georges Benjamin, MD, proclaimed that a quorum was present.

Speaker Murray began the meeting by making several housekeeping announcements related to the meeting schedule and rules, noting that the Council would adopt the practice of having speakers for and against positions alternate speaking. She then held a brief tutorial on how to use the electronic voting apparatuses. At the conclusion of the tutorial, she introduced Dr. Georges Benjamin.

3.0 **Bylaws Proposal**

There were no bylaws proposals so business proceeded directly to the State of the American Public Health Association presented by Executive Director Dr. Georges Benjamin.

4.0 **State of the American Public Health Association**

Executive Director Georges Benjamin, MD, provided the Governing Council with a comprehensive overview of APHA's activities. He began by discussing APHA's core business as a membership association. He noted that APHA remains the "go to" organization for public health and remains a trusted partner on issues of health and social justice. He shared opportunities for program growth, including:

1. Growing APHA's conventions and meetings business through activities such as the Policy Action Institute, Student Advocacy Bootcamp, and enhanced online activities (webinars, etc.).
2. Building on APHA's suite of existing products, including publications.

He then turned to a discussion of membership, noting that memberships continues to grow thanks to new membership categories, including agency individual membership, and newly implemented efforts to retain members. Dr. Benjamin then announced the Member Unit Effectiveness and Engagement Project, which is an opportunity to look at APHA's internal organizational structure. He highlighted the project objectives: to conduct an assessment of the composition of APHA's member units (Sections, SPIGs and Forums NOT Caucuses, Affiliates or APHA staff), through review of organizational structure, internal governance and operational processes and to provide recommendations on how to reorganize member units to best address membership needs while maximizing effectiveness and efficiency. He noted that APHA reviewed three very strong proposals to conduct this assessment, which was ultimately awarded to Brighter Strategies, a women-owned, boutique consulting firm based out of Falls Church. Dr. Benjamin stated the project will take approximately two years, and transparency and member engagement will be of utmost importance with updates and feedback regularly provided and solicited. He noted that the Brighter Strategies team was in attendance at the Annual Meeting and will be observing business meetings. He highlighted future assessment activities including a member-wide survey, focus groups, interviews and listening sessions. Dr. Benjamin stressed the need to decide the future identity of APHA and ensure that everyone has a home at APHA. He then took questions from the Governing Council related to the project and plans for future Annual Meetings.

Dr. Benjamin then turned to a discussion of APHA's advocacy and policy impact. He highlighted APHA's gun violence advocacy work including media outreach, journal articles, Congressional letters, support of physician groups and the *Policies That Work to Reduce Gun Violence* event co-sponsored by the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health held on Sept. 23rd at the Newseum. Dr. Benjamin reminded councilors that the Policy Action Institute will be held in Washington, D.C., on Feb. 12, 2020 and that registration is now open. Additionally, he noted APHA will host an invitation-only Policy Leaders' Summit in partnership with Kaiser Permanente entitled *Addressing the Impacts of Non-Clinical Social Needs on Health*. Lastly, Dr. Benjamin noted APHA plans to be involved in deliberations on health reform and environmental health issues.

Dr. Benjamin then briefly discussed APHA's investments highlighting four key areas: cash, stocks, bonds, and the headquarters building. He noted that the Association practices socially responsible investing and therefore does not invest in alcohol, tobacco, firearms, oil, or the Nestle corporation. He stated that APHA's portfolio has done relatively well over the last five years with

8.8% gains in long-term and 5.79% gains in immediate term investments. Dr. Benjamin stressed that the property value of APHA headquarters has doubled to nearly \$22 million dollars since it was built, and APHA is making improvements to best use the space and increase efficiency.

Dr. Benjamin concluded his remarks by thanking the Governing Councilors and calling for questions. Hearing no further questions, he turned proceedings back to Speaker Murray.

Speaker Murray thanked Dr. Benjamin for his presentation and asked the Governing Council for a motion to bestow an honorary APHA membership to Professor Carol A Wallace, PhD, CSci, PGCE, FRSPH, FIFST, FHEA, MIAFP, of the Royal Society of Public Health based in the United Kingdom. A motion was made and seconded, and hearing no discussion, the Speaker called for a vote.

Motion: Professor Carol A Wallace, PhD, CSci, PGCE, FRSPH, FIFST, FHEA, MIAFP of the Royal Society of Public Health.

Outcome: Approved by acclamation.

5.0 Selection of the Annual Meeting Program Emphasis

Speaker Murray then announced voting for the Annual Meeting program emphasis (theme) for 2021 and 2022 (APHA's 150th Anniversary). The Speaker presented the four proposed themes for 2021:

1. Creating the Healthiest Nation: Healthy Aging for All Ages
2. Creating the Healthiest Nation: Technological Innovations in Public Health
3. Creating the Healthiest Nation: Strengthening Social Cohesion and Connectedness
4. Creating the Healthiest Nation: Public Health's Greater Return on Investment

Speaker Murray noted that for their first vote, Councilors should select the themes in order of preference (1-4). She stated that the votes would be weighted and the top two themes pulled for a second vote in which Councilors select only their top choice. She then called for discussion. Hearing no discussion, Speaker Murray called for the vote.

Theme number three, *Creating the Healthiest Nation: Strengthening Social Cohesion and Connectedness* was selected as the theme of the 2021 Annual Meeting in Denver by a vote of 103 to 75 (58%).

The Speaker then presented the six proposed themes for 2022:

1. Celebrating Our Past & Building Our Future
2. APHA @ 150: The Bending Arc of Public Health
3. APHA @ 150: What's Next in The Evolution of Public Health
4. APHA@150: Purpose and Process
5. APHA@150: Leading the Path Towards Equity
6. APHA@150: Bending Towards Justice

Speaker Murray noted that for the first vote, Councilors should select the themes in order of preference (1-6). She stated that the votes would be weighted and the top three themes pulled for a second vote in which Councilors select only their top choice. She then called for discussion. Hearing no discussion, Speaker Murray called for the vote. There was an issue with the voting

apparatuses, so Speaker Murray proceeded to Agenda Item 6.0, the Financial Report, to allow time to resolve the issue.

Following, Mr. Hernandez's presentation three votes were held (as the second vote did not result in a clear majority).

Theme number five, *APHA@150: Leading the Path Towards Equity* was selected as the theme of the 2022 Annual Meeting in Boston (150th Anniversary) with 106 votes (58%).

Speaker Murray then moved to voting on the nominees for Nominations Committee, Agenda Item 7.0, summarizing the role of the Committee.

6.0 Financial Report

APHA Treasurer, Benjamin Hernandez, MBA, provided the Council with an update on APHA's finances in the form of a game that included discussion of:

1. Fiscal Year 2019
2. Fiscal Year 2019 audit
3. Fiscal Year 2020 budget
4. Fiscal Year 2020 (first quarter)

Mr. Hernandez stressed that APHA is in sound financial shape. He stated that APHA ended last year in the black, had a clean audit, healthy contract revenue, and good controls in place.

Mr. Hernandez directed the Council to the full financial report which includes:

- Finance Committee roles and responsibilities
- FY 2019 financial report
- FY 2019 audit
- FY 2020 financial report.

He stated FY 2019 profit was \$1,695,921 and total revenue was \$17.9 million. Mr. Hernandez stated that the budget for FY 2020 (July 2019-June 2020) is \$17,043,620 and this is a balanced budget. Mr. Hernandez noted that APHA is in a good position to address financial challenges should they come and that last year's net assets were \$20,405,422. He stated the cash balance for last year was \$10,677,489 and convention revenue was \$7,262,221.

Mr. Hernandez then presented the results of the FY 2019 financial audit conducted by Tate and Tyron, which stated that "financial statements fairly presented the financial position of the Association."

At the conclusion of his presentation, Mr. Hernandez took questions from the Council.

Hearing no further questions, Speaker Murray thanked Mr. Hernandez for his presentation and returned to voting on the 2022 Annual Meeting program emphasis (see Item 5.0)

7.0 Election of the 2018 Nominations Committee

Speaker Murray presented the six nominees to the Council:

1. Allison Casola, PhD, MPH, CHES – Student Assembly
2. Timothy Sankary, MD, MPH – Epidemiology
3. Marsha Spence, PhD, MPH – Food and Nutrition
4. Mary Armstong, PhD – Mental Health

5. Shenita Freeman, MSHIA, MPH, RHIA, HClSSP, CPHIMS, CPH – Aging and Public Health
6. Jeff Goodman, DrPH, MPH – HIV/AIDS

A Governing Councilor rose and stated that Governing Councilors only had information on the three original candidates and asked that the three individuals nominated from the floor be allowed the opportunity to provide said information. The Vermont ARGC countered this statement noting the Council had information for four of the six candidates in advance. He then made a motion that the two candidates for whom this information was not received be given the chance to verbally address the Council. The motion was seconded, but eventually withdrawn after discussion.

Motion: Allow the two candidates for whom information was not received the chance to verbally express it to the Council.

Outcome: Motion was withdrawn.

A motion was then made to allow the Council to hear from all six candidates. The motion was seconded. An additional amendment was proposed that each candidate be given three minutes to speak, and discussion followed.

Motion: Allow each nominee for the Nominations Committee to briefly address the Governing Council reciting the information collected on the nominations form.

Amendment: Allow each candidate to speak for three minutes.

Outcome: Amendment failed by a vote of 52 to 119 (70% opposed); original motion passed by a vote of 127 to 50 (72% in favor).

Following passage of the motion, each candidate addressed the Council and highlighted their experience with APHA. Speaker Murray then called for a vote instructing Governing Councilors to select three nominees. Voting was conducted electronically and results were announced at the conclusion of Session II (see item 9.0)

Speaker Murray then described the work and composition of the Joint Policy Committee and called for the JPC report. She noted that discussion and voting on the proposed amendments to the Proposed Policy Statement Development Process document and archiving would occur now, but discussion and voting on the proposed policy statements would be held until Session III.

8.0 Joint Policy Committee – 2019 Report – Archiving and Guidelines Updates

Presenting the Joint Policy Committee report were JPC Co-Chairs Harry Kwon (Education Board Chair), Nandi Marshall (Science Board Chair) and Katie Sutkowi (Action Board Chair).

JPC Co-Chair and Education Board Chair Harry Kwon began by summarizing the JPC's proposed changes to the Proposed Policy Statement Development Guidelines. He noted that the

changes represented an effort to clarify requirements and provide additional information and insight into the policy statement development process. Dr. Kwon highlighted the three areas of change:

- Format clarifications, including setting firm limits on pages and # of references.
- The addition of information on the fall JPC meeting and second assessment of proposed policy statements.
- Update of archiving process, detailing archiving review criteria, and the process for requesting a policy statement scheduled for archived by kept active.

The Speaker called for a vote on the motion to approve the JPC’s recommended changes to the Proposed Policy Statement Development Processes and Procedures documents.

Motion:	To approve the JPC’s recommended changes to the Proposed Policy Statement Development Processes and Procedures documents.
Outcome:	The motion was approved by a vote of 166 to 7 (96% in favor).

Next, JPC Co-Chair and Science Board Chair, Nandi Marshall, reviewed the archiving process, noting that there were 623 policy statements, adopted in 1999 or earlier, scheduled for archiving this year. She stated that members were provided the opportunity to submit requests to keep policy statements scheduled for archiving active and 37 requests were received. Dr. Marshall stated therefore, the remaining 588 policy statements will be automatically archived, as per the guidelines adopted by the Governing Council in 2013.

Dr. Marshall discussed the Science Board’s review of the 37 policy statements requested to be kept active, noting that the Board assessed the current relevance of scientific reasoning, references, and action steps. Dr. Marshall stated that if the majority of the board believed a policy statement to be outdated in any of the above categories, the Science Board recommended the policy statement be archived. She stated following its review the Board recommends that 36 of the 37 statements be archived.

Dr. Marshall then drew Councilors’ attention to archiving consent agenda, which called for archiving of the following 36 policy statements: 6501, 6803, 7005, 7025, 7118, 7123, 7219, 7220, 7302, 7303, 7304, 7703, 7704, 7804, 7924, 8002, 8012, 8018, 8209, 8218, 8223, 8513, 8514, 8526, 8612, 8728, 8812, 8901, 8919, 9003, 9502, 9519, 9520, 9715, 9716, and 9922.

Speaker Murray reminded the Council of the process of removing items from the consent agenda and then asked if any Councilors would like to remove items from the archiving consent agenda. Hearing no discussion the Speaker called for a vote on the motion to approve the archiving consent agenda and archive the 36 policy statements listed above.

Motion:	To archive policy statements, 6501, 6803, 7005, 7025, 7118, 7123, 7219, 7220, 7302, 7303, 7304, 7703, 7704, 7804, 7924, 8002, 8012, 8018, 8209, 8218, 8223, 8513, 8514, 8526, 8612, 8728, 8812, 8901, 8919, 9003, 9502, 9519, 9520, 9715, 9716, and 9922.
Outcome:	The motion was approved by a vote of 170 to 10 (94%).

Dr. Marshall then discussed the remaining policy statement not on the archiving consent agenda. She stated that the Executive Board recommends Policy Statement 9115, Support for Women’s Health Research, remain active.

Speaker Murray called for a vote on the motion to keep active policy statement 9115.

Motion:	To keep active policy statements 9115.
Outcome:	The motion was approved by 167 to 13 (93%).

Following the vote, Dr. Murray announced that the rest of the JPC report would be delivered during Session III and that voting on the Executive Board would occur at 3:15 p.m.

9.0 Announcement of the Nominations Committee Election Results

Speaker Murray introduced the Councilors elected to the Nominations Committee:

Term ending in 2022:

- Allison Casola, PhD, MPH, CHES – Student Assembly
- Shenita Freeman, MSHIA, MPH, RHIA, HClSSP, CPHIMS, CPH – Aging and Public Health
- Marsha Spence, PhD, MPH – Food and Nutrition

APHA President Dr. Pamela Aaltonen appointed Durrell Fox, BS, to chair the Nominations Committee in 2020.

Session II of the Governing Council was recessed until 2 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019

Session III – Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019

1.0 Call to Order

The third session of the Governing Council convened at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, at 2 p.m. on Nov. 5, 2019. Speaker of the Council Linda Rae Murray, MD, MPH, presided, and Greg Ullrich, JD, served as parliamentarian.

2.0 Quorum Call

The roll call of the Councilors was taken at the time of registration. Governing Council Secretary Georges Benjamin, MD, proclaimed that a quorum was present.

3.0 Joint Policy Committee – 2019 Report (cont.) – New Policy Proposals

Speaker Murray began Session III by asking the JPC co-chairs to continue their report. She noted that the consent agenda would be presented and voted on first. Dr. Murray reminded the Council that any policy statement could be removed from the consent agenda if requested by a Governing Councilor (no second is needed). She noted that following the vote on the consent agenda, the

Council would move to debate and voting on the one policy statement not on consent agenda, then the late-breakers, and finally to the items removed from the consent agenda.

Katie Sutkowi, co-chair of the JPC, then resumed the JPC report. She reviewed the actions of the JPC since Session I of the Governing Council, including the Public Hearings held on Sunday, Nov. 3 and JPC’s Executive Session on Monday, Nov. 4. Ms. Sutkowi then presented the recommended consent agenda:

The JPC *RECOMMENDS* the following 12 proposed policy statements for adoption by the Governing Council:

A1: Coordinated Nationwide Approaches to Promote Eye Health and Reduce Vision Impairment
A6: A global call to action to improve maternal health through investment in maternal mental health
B1: Eliminating Exposure to Asbestos
B2: Precautionary Moratorium on New and Expanding Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations
B4: Drinking Water and Public Health in the United States
B5: Addressing the Impacts of Climate Change on Mental Health and Well-being
B6: Addressing Environmental Justice to Achieve Health Equity
C1: Support for Long-Term Public Health Response in High-Impact, Post-Disaster Settings
C2: Preventing and Reducing the Harm of the “Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance” Policy in Global Reproductive Health
C3: A call to end violent attacks on health workers and health facilities in war and armed conflict settings
D1: Dietary Guidelines for Americans: Broadening the Evidence Base, the Applicability, and the Implementation to Advance Public Health
D2: Addressing alcohol-related harms: A population-level response

Speaker Murray then opened to floor for Councilors to pull policy statements from the consent agenda. C3, C2, C1, and D1 were removed from the consent agenda. Dr. Murray then moved for a vote on the revised consent agenda:

A1: Coordinated Nationwide Approaches to Promote Eye Health and Reduce Vision Impairment
A6: A global call to action to improve maternal health through investment in maternal mental health
B1: Eliminating Exposure to Asbestos
B2: Precautionary Moratorium on New and Expanding Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations
B4: Drinking Water and Public Health in the United States
B5: Addressing the Impacts of Climate Change on Mental Health and Well-being
B6: Addressing Environmental Justice to Achieve Health Equity
D2: Addressing alcohol-related harms: A population-level response

Motion: That the Governing Council adopt proposed policy statements A1, A6, B1, B2, B4, B5, B6 and D2.

Outcome: The motion was approved by a vote of 156 to 4 (98% in favor).

Ms. Sutkowi then stated that the JPC provided a negative final assessment of proposed policy statement B3 and recommends that it not be adopted by the Governing Council. She reminded the Council that a negative assessment does not mean that the JPC feels the topic is not important or

of value, but rather the proposed policy statement is simply not ready for adoption at this time. Ms. Sutkowi summarized concerns about the proposed policy statement raised by multiple Sections at the public hearings

Speaker Murray presented the motion “that the Governing Council adopt proposed policy statement B3” despite the JPC’s negative recommendation and opened the floor for discussion.

A councilor from Environment Section presented the Section’s concerns regarding inadequacy of PPS in discussing the perspective of community affected by ethylene oxide, as well as its inadequate coverage of environmental justice and equity issues. A councilor from CHPPD also expressed that the section did not support the policy as it felt the opposing arguments were insufficient, action steps were not clear and the strength of the evidence is weak.

A councilor from Food and Nutrition then spoke in favor of B3, noting that the American Medical Association is in favor of eliminating the use of ethylene oxide.

Hearing no further discussion, the speaker called for the vote on the motion that the Governing Council adopt proposed policy statement B3: Reducing Emissions And, Where Possible, The Use of Ethylene Oxide As A Sterilant For Medical Devices And Supplies.

Motion:	That the Governing Council adopt proposed policy statements B3.
Outcome:	The motion was failed by a vote of 29 to 130 (82% opposed).

Ms. Sutkowi then provided the Council with the JPC’s assessment of the latebreaker proposed policy statements, noting that both LB1: A call to end the bombing of Yemen and blockage on its ports and LB2: APHA Opposes Separation and Confinement to Detention Centers of Immigrant and Refugee Children and Families were given a positive final assessment by the JPC. She reminded the Council that any late-breaker policy statement adopted by the Governing Council this year must be resubmitted into the regular proposed policy statement process for 2020, otherwise they will be archived after one year.

Speaker Murray then presented the motion that the Governing Council adopt latebreaker proposed policy statement LB1: A call to end the bombing of Yemen and blockage on its ports and opened the floor for discussion.

A Councilor from CHPPD expressed the Section’s support of this proposed policy statement. Hearing no further discussion, Speaker Murray called for the vote on the motion to adopt LB1.

Motion:	That the Governing Council adopt proposed policy statements LB1.
Outcome:	The motion was adopted by a vote of 149 to 21 (88% in favor).

Speaker Murray then presented the motion that the Governing Council adopt late breaker proposed policy statement LB2: APHA Opposes Separation and Confinement to Detention Centers of Immigrant and Refugee Children and Families and opened the floor for discussion.

Councilors from the Injury Control and Emergency Health Services, Mental Health, CHPPD, Environment, Maternal and Child Health and Food and Nutrition Sections and the Louisiana Affiliate spoke in support of LB2. The Food and Nutrition Section also offered to assist the authors with revisions over the next year to include information on the poor nutrition children in detention are receiving.

Hearing no further discussion Speaker Murray called for a vote on LB2.

Motion: That the Governing Council adopt proposed policy statements LB2.

Outcome: The motion was adopted by a vote of 167 to 4 (98% in favor).

Speaker Murray then moved to discussion on the proposed policy statements removed from the consent agenda and began with discussion of C1: Public Health Support for Long-Term Responses in High-Impact, Post-Disaster Settings.

A Councilor from CHPPD stated that the Section does not support proposed policy statement C1 as they feel it lacks the perspective of individuals affected by disasters, needs to better address issues associated with emergency health workers leaving and ensure that funds for surveillance will not compete with disaster relief.

Councilors from Food and Nutrition and Injury Control and Emergency Health Services Sections expressed their Sections' support for C1. Lastly a councilor from Aging and Public Health, expressed concern that the proposed policy statement does not include mention of older adults who are often the most affected by disasters.

Hearing no further discussion, Speaker Murray called for the vote on the motion to adopt C1.

Motion: That the Governing Council adopt proposed policy statement C1.

Outcome: The motion was adopted by a vote of 131 to 39 (77% in favor).

Speaker Murray then advised the Council that C3 would be discussed last and called for discussion of C2.

A councilor from the Maternal and Child Health Section noted that the Section had been in contact with the authors and the agreed to a small change. She moved to make a motion to amend to the proposed policy statement to add the following language to the action steps: "Legislative action should be taken to repeal PLGHA and to prevent similar policies in the future. Efforts should include public health professionals communicating 12 the evidence of harm caused by PLGHA to policymakers in the executive, legislative, and 13 judicial branches of the U.S. government, including communicating through the submission of 14 amicus briefs." The motion

was seconded, and Speaker Murray called for discussion. Hearing no further discussion, she called for a vote on the proposed amendment to C2.

Motion: That the Governing Council amend proposed policy statement C2 to add the following to the Action Steps section: Legislative action should be taken to repeal PLGHA and to prevent similar policies in the future. Efforts should include public health professionals communicating 12 the evidence of harm caused by PLGHA to policymakers in the executive, legislative, and 13 judicial branches of the US government, including communicating through the submission of 14 amicus briefs."

Outcome: The motion was adopted by a vote of 160 to 9 (95% in favor).

Following passage of the amendment, Speaker Murray called for further discussion of C2. Hearing none, the Speaker called for a vote on the motion to adopt C2.

Motion: That the Governing Council adopt proposed policy statement C2 as amended.

Outcome: The motion was adopted by a vote of 165 to 9 (95% in favor).

Following the vote on C2, Speaker Murray called for discussion of D1.

A councilor from the Food and Nutrition Section made a motion to amend proposed policy statement D1 to remove lines 9-10 on pg. 11: "and industry, such as the fruit and vegetable growers." Speaker Murray called for discussion of the amendment, and hearing none, called for a vote on the proposed amendment to D1.

Motion: That the Governing Council amend proposed policy statement D1 to remove from lines 9-10 on pg. 11- "and industry, such as the fruit and vegetable growers."

Outcome: The motion was adopted by a vote of 172 to 7 (96% in favor).

Following passage of the amendment, Speaker Murray called for further discussion of D1. A councilor from the Disability Section rose to make a motion to amend D1 to add "and disabilities" to pg.6, line 22. The Speaker called for discussion of the motion and hearing none moved to vote on the amendment to D1.

Motion: That the Governing Council amend proposed policy statement D1 to add “and disabilities” to pg. 6, line 22.

Outcome: The motion was adopted by a vote of 174 to 4 (98% in favor).

Following passage of the second amendment, Speaker Murray called for further discussion of D1. Hearing none she called for a vote on the motion to adopt D1. A councilor from the Aging and Public Health Section moved to amend D1 to add “age” to pg. 6, line 22. The Speaker called for discussion on the amendment, and hearing none called for a vote.

Motion: That the Governing Council amend proposed policy statement D1 to add “age” pg. 6, line 22.

Outcome: The motion was adopted by a vote of 164 to 11 (94% in favor).

Following passage of the amendment, Speaker Murray called for further discussion of D1. Hearing none, she called for a vote on the motion to adopt D1 as amended.

Motion: That the Governing Council adopt proposed policy statement D1 as amended.

Outcome: The motion was adopted by a vote of 173 to 0 (100% in favor).

Speaker Murray then called for discussion of C3: A call to end violent attacks on health workers and health facilities in war and armed conflict settings. She reminded Councilors that she would hear statement for and against the proposed policy statement in alternating order, so that both sides were equally heard.

Councilors opposed to C3 expressed concern that the proposed policy statement targets Israel and stated that what APHA needs is a universal policy against attacks on health care workers and requested that all mention of specific attacks and countries be removed. One Councilor expressed specific concern over the lines 9-10 on pg. 10- “Israel, in particular, points to the need to defend itself from protesters who have attacked its forces with stones, Molotov cocktails, and other explosive devices.”

Councilors in support of C3 noted that they believe the authors were accommodating in removing several pages of text that referred to specific countries and found it well-referenced and balanced. They stated that harming health care workers in war is a violation of the Geneva Conventions and APHA needs to take a stand that this is unacceptable.

Leonard Rubenstein, one of the authors of the proposed policy statement, requested permission to speak. A motion to suspend the rules and allow Mr. Rubenstein to speak was made and seconded. Speaker Murray called for a vote by acclamation.

Motion: To suspend that rules to allow Leonard Rubenstein, JD, to speak on the floor of the Governing Council.

Outcome: Approved by acclamation.

Mr. Rubenstein noted the resolution is based on evidence, including evidence collected by a new WHO program which is methodologically sound and based on good surveillance techniques to catalog individual attacks. He stressed that the authors did not intentionally single out Israel, but rather originally included specific information on 5-6 countries with the highest number of attacks. Mr. Rubenstein stated that per members' request at the public hearing, the authors removed close to two pages of the proposed policy statement that detailed specific attacks. He noted that lines 9-10, pg. 10 were added based on a request from review of an early draft to explain why Israel would feel the need to defend itself. Mr. Rubenstein agreed to remove the sentence.

A motion was then made to remove lines 9-10, pg. 10 of C3 "Israel, in particular, points to the need to defend itself from protesters who have attacked its forces with stones, Molotov cocktails, and other explosive devices." Speaker Murray called for discussion, and hearing none called for a vote on the proposed amendment.

Motion: That the Governing Council amends proposed policy statement C3 to remove the sentence on pg. 10, lines 9-10- "Israel, in particular, points to the need to defend itself from protesters who have attacked its forces with stones, Molotov cocktails, and other explosive devices."

Outcome: The motion was adopted by a vote of 138 to 44 (76% in favor).

Following the vote, the Speaker informed the Council had exhausted the 15 minute discussion period.

A motion was received and seconded to extend the discussion for an additional 15 minutes and the speaker called for vote by acclamation.

Motion: To continue discussion on proposed policy statement C3 for an additional 15 minutes.

Outcome: Approved by acclamation.

A councilor from the Ethics Section proposed an amendment to strengthen opposing arguments by inserting on pg. 10, line 9, according to Physicians for Human Rights, “the notion that a doctor who treats my enemy must be my enemy.” The amendment was seconded, and the speaker called for a vote.

Motion: That the Governing Council amends proposed policy statement C3 to insert on pg. 10, line 9 “the notion that a doctor who treats my enemy must be my enemy”.

Outcome: The motion was approved by acclamation.

As time for discussion was expiring, Speaker Murray then called for a vote on the main motion “to adopt proposed policy statement C3.

Motion: That the Governing Council adopt proposed policy statement C3 as amended.

Outcome: The motion was adopted by a vote of 164 to 19 (90% in favor).

JPC Co-Chair Katherine Sutkowi closed by thanking the Governing Council for their consideration and reminded Councilors that all of the policy statements adopted will undergo copyediting prior to being published as final policy statements.

Speaker Murray then invited Dr. Benjamin to speak. Dr. Benjamin asked the Council to rise and acknowledge in a moment of silence colleagues who passed over the last year.

The Council then broke for a 10 minute break. Session III resumed at 3:15 p.m.

4.0 Election of the 2019 Executive Board Officers and Members

The 2019 - 2020 Honorary Vice Presidents were elected by acclamation:

- Richard Musto, MD, FRCPC – Canada
- Hernando Nieto, MD – Latin America and the Caribbean
- Vivek Murthy, MD, MBA – United States

Voting for treasurer was done by acclamation. Benjamin Hernandez, MBA was re-elected.

Voting for president-elect and Executive Board members was then done by electronic ballot (due to issues with the electronic voting system, voting had to be repeated).

Results of the election of president-elect, treasurer and members of the Executive Board were announced at the conclusion of Session III.

Speaker Murray invited APHA Executive Board Member and Development Committee member Donna Beal, MPH, to the podium.

5.0 Leadership Appreciation

Ms. Beal thanked the members of the Governing Council for everything they do for APHA. She encouraged Governing Councilors to contribute to APHA, noting that no contribution is too small. She also noted the easiest way to donate is by clicking the donate button in the development email sent to all Councilors that morning (11/5). Ms. Beal then showed a video produced by Dr. Chanyasulkit and the members of the Development Committee of the Executive Board.

Speaker Murray thanked Ms. Beal and the members of the Development Committee of the Executive Board and introduced the next item on the agenda.

7.0 APHA Strategic Plan

William “Bill” Courtney, DVM, APHA Executive Board member and chair of the Strategic Planning Committee of the Executive Board, provided the Governing Council with a history of the Strategic Plan, the mission of which was to provide a framework to track and achieve APHA’s vision to create the healthiest nation in a generation. He noted that the plan includes core approaches, strategies, and metrics to track leading health indicators. Dr. Courtney stated the first year of significant data was 2017, which will serve as a baseline. He said this year the Committee worked to revise the plan, and while the revised version still includes the three core approaches, strategies and tactics, the number of metrics has been reduced from 49 to 25. Dr. Courtney also noted a data dictionary was created. He then detailed future activities, including involvement of APHA Affiliates in the plan.

Dr. Courtney highlighted some metrics including participation in webinars, number of advocacy alerts acted on, leading health indicators, and the data dictionary. Dr. Courtney closed by directing councilors to <https://www.apha.org/about-apha/our-vision/strategic-plan-summary> for additional information.

Speaker Murray thanked Dr. Courtney for his report and moved into the next item on the agenda.

8.0 New Business

Speaker Murray called for new business.

A councilor from the Ethics Section moved that the names of Governing Councilors and APHA entity they represent be accessible on the APHA website (to members only) in order to facilitate communication among, and with, Governing Councilors. The motion was seconded, and the Speaker called for a vote.

Motion: That the names of Governing Councilors and APHA entity they represent be accessible on the APHA website (to members only) in order to facilitate communication among, and with, Governing Councilors.

Outcome: Approved by acclamation.

A Councilor from the Maternal and Child Health Section requested the Executive Board look further into not scheduling/re-scheduling Annual Meetings so that they do not coincide with Election Day.

A councilor from the Medical Care Section requested that sexual orientation of members be collected by APHA. Dr. Benjamin assured the councilor he would look into this.

Concern was then raised by a councilor from the Environment Section that the cost of membership and the Annual Meeting restricts community participation. He requested that a new membership category be considered, and another councilor followed up suggesting that membership dues be prorated based on income.

David Reyes, the Affiliate Representative for Region X, then rose to acknowledge the service of Rosemary Chaudry who is stepping down after many years of service.

Lastly a councilor from the Environment Section requested APHA consider adopting a policy on decorum and civility among APHA members. She noted an increase in hostile communication between members and intolerance for differing opinions. Dr. Benjamin stated that he would look to see if a policy exists and if not assured the Council one will be drafted for a vote by the Governing Council.

No additional new business was raised, so Speaker Murray moved to the announcement of Executive Board election results.

9.0 Announcement of Executive Board Election Results

The results of the Executive Board election are as follows:

President-Elect: José Ramón Fernández-Peña, MD, MPA

Treasurer: Benjamin Hernandez, MBA

Executive Board Member (*Term ending in 2023*):

Charlene Cariou, MHS, CPH, CHES

Sarah Gareau, DrPH, MCHES

Brittany Marshall, DrPH, MPH, CPH

Speaker Murray invited all councilors to attend the APHA Awards Ceremony, held in Ballroom A of the Pennsylvania Convention Center at 6:30 p.m.

10.0 Adjournment

There being no further business pending before the Council, the Speaker called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved by acclamation.

The Governing Council's midyear meeting will take place via webinar on Monday, June 15, 2020 at 2 p.m. EDT.