



American Public Health Association
Minutes of the Governing Council
November 4 and November 7, 2017
Atlanta, Georgia

Session I – Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was convened by APHA President Thomas Quade, MPH, CPH, FRSPH, at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017 at the Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, Georgia. Speaker of the Council Barbara Giloth, DrPH, 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 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 2017.

Speaker Giloth then called for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 2017 mid-year Governing Council meeting. The motion was moved and seconded, and hearing no discussion, the Speaker called for a vote.

Motion:	To approve the minutes of the June 2017 mid-year Governing Council meeting.
Outcome:	Approved by acclamation.

5.0 Recognition of the APHA Nominations Committee

Dr. Giloth recognized the work of the members of the Nominations Committee, and noted the annual report of the Committee was included in the Governing Council Meeting materials. Dr. Giloth then introduced the 2017 slate of candidates.

The following nominees were selected by the Nominations Committee for President-Elect:

Pamela Aaltonen, PhD, RN

(PHN – IN)

Lynn Bethel Short, RDH, MPH

(OH - NV)

The following individuals were selected by the Nominations Committee for Speaker of the Governing Council:

Julie Graves, MD, MPH, PhD, FAAFP	(IH - Austin, TX & Saint Kitts)
Linda Rae Murray, MD, MPH	(OHS – IL)

The following nominees were selected to run for four open Executive Board positions with their term expiring in 2021 (one individual's term will expire in 2020):

Donna Beal, MPH, MCHES	(PHEHP – CA)
Eldonna Chesnut, MSN, BSN	(MCH – KS)
Catherine L. Troisi, PhD, MS	(EPI – TX)
Deanna Wathington, MD, MPH, FAAFP	(CHPPD – FL)
John C. Williams, DrPH, MPH, MBA	(HA – KY)
Karen H. Kim Yeary, PhD	(CBPHC – AR)

The following individuals were selected as nominees for the positions of Honorary Vice President for Latin America and the Caribbean, Canada and the United States. Their term expires in 2018:

Claude Betts, MD, MPH, MBA – Vice President for Latin America and the Caribbean
Suzanne F. Jackson, PhD, MSc, BSc – Vice President for Canada
Boris D. Lushniak, MD, MPH, RADM (Ret.) – Vice President for the 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.

6.0 Candidates Forum

Dr. Giloith introduced José Ramón Fernández-Peña, MD, MPA, Chair of the APHA Executive Board, who served as moderator of the candidates' forum.

Each candidate delivered a brief opening statement followed by a period of questions and answers. Questions were submitted by Governing Councilors in advance of the Annual Meeting.

At the conclusion of the candidates' forum, Speaker Giloith made a series of housekeeping announcements related to the meeting. At the conclusion of her remarks, she introduced APHA Executive Director, Georges Benjamin, MD, to welcome Governing Councilors to the 2017 Annual Meeting.

7.0 Welcome to the Annual Meeting

Dr. Benjamin welcomed Governing Councilors to Atlanta and briefly addressed the following topics the availability of APHA's 2017 Annual Report; United States Surgeon General Jerome Adams' presentation to the Governing Council and APHA Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, Nov. 7; and highlights of the 2017 Annual Meeting program.

Speaker Giloth thanked Dr. Benjamin for his welcome and introduced the next item on the meeting agenda.

8.0 APHA Leadership Panel Discussion

Speaker Giloth introduced Resa Jones, PhD, Vice Chair of the APHA Executive Board, who moderated the leadership panel discussion. Dr. Jones thanked Speaker Giloth for her introduction and welcomed the following to the stage:

Georges Benjamin, MD, Executive Director
Tom Quade, MPH, MA, President
José Ramón Fernández-Peña, MD, MPA, Chair, Executive Board
Benjamin Hernandez, MBA, Treasurer

Dr. Jones outlined the process for the session, and said the questions she would ask were submitted by APHA leaders in advance of the Annual Meeting.

Dr. Jones then asked a series of questions related to global health; APHA's place in a challenging political environment; the Association's plan to attract and retain members; the fiscal health of the Association; and specific questions for each of the panelists (Executive Director, staffing and strategic plan; President, Affiliate travel and comments from the field; Chair of the Executive Board, governance; and Treasurer, budget and overall fiscal wellbeing).

Dr. Giloth thanked Dr. Jones and the members of the leadership team for their participation, and due to time constraints, made the following announcements:

9.0 Bylaws Amendments:

Dr. Giloth briefly outlined the proposed bylaws amendments before the Council. They included:

- A simplification of agency membership requirements.
- The Elimination of Unaffiliated members of the Governing Council.
- SPIG seat allocation on the Governing Council.

Dr. Giloth explained the Council will vote on the proposed changes to the bylaws on Tuesday, Nov. 7. Speaker Giloth noted if Councilors had any additional amendments to the bylaws they must be presented at Session I of the meeting or emailed to governance@apha.org by 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4.

11.0 Candidates for Nominations Committee

Speaker Giloth introduced the candidates running to fill three open seats on the on the Nominations Committee. Information on the candidates was received in the Governing Council meeting materials. The following were the candidates in 2017:

- Kevin Borrup, JD, MPA, DrPH – ICHES
- Durrell J. Fox, CHW - CHW
- Teresa Garrett, DNP, RN, PHNA-BC – ARGC/UTAH
- Krista D. Mincey, DrPH, MPH - PHEHP

- Michael T. Scheltz, DrPH, MS - ENV

Speaker Giloth said voting will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017.

12.0 2019 Annual Meeting Program Emphasis

Speaker Giloth said four proposals for the 2019 Annual Meeting emphasis were received by the Governing Council and the information was in the meeting materials.

The Speaker outlined the process for submitting a proposed Annual Meeting theme, noting APHA members were invited through *The Nation's Health* and other communications to submit themes to the Science Board for consideration. The Science Board then reviewed the information received and recommended three potential themes to the Governing Council. Over a period of six weeks this past summer, Governing Councilors were given an opportunity via email to review these themes and make comments/suggestions, which were incorporated in the proposed themes.

The proposed themes for the 2019 Annual Meeting were:

- Creating the Healthiest Nation: The Year of Engagement
- Citizen Science: Creating the Healthiest Population through Public Participation and Research
- Prevention and Public Health: Improving the Health and Safety of All
- Creating the Healthiest Nation: Science, Truth, and Engagement

Speaker Giloth said voting will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2018.

At the conclusion of the announcements, Speaker Giloth introduced the next item on the agenda.

10.0 2017 Policy Statement Proposals: Here's Where We Are

The co-chairs of the Joint Policy Committee Co-Chairs Ayanna Buckner, MD, MPH, FACPM (Chair, Science Board), U. Tara Hayden, MHSA (Chair, Education Board), and Catherine Troisi, PhD, MS (Chair, Action Board).outlined the policy development process since the mid-year meeting of the Governing Council.

Ms. Hayden said 15 proposed policy statements were resubmitted for JPC review by the August 23 deadline (1 positive, 11 conditional, 3 negative). She said the JPC met via conference call on Sept. 25 and 27 to discuss the proposed policy statements and give their second assessment (13 proposed policy statements received a positive or conditional assessment, and two proposed policy statements received a negative assessment). Ms. Hayden said in early October the proposed policy statements were posted on the APHA website for review. She concluded by stating the JPC didn't receive any proposed late breaker policy statements (the deadline was Oct. 25).

Ms. Hayden then discussed the JPC's activities at the Annual Meeting. She shared information regarding the public hearings, the JPC's work on Monday, Nov. 6 to develop its final recommendations to the Governing Council, and finally, the JPC's presentation to the Council on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

Ms. Hayden then discussed the two proposed policy statements receiving a negative assessment moving forward to the public hearings (C1 – Addressing Law Enforcement Violence as a Public Health Issue and C2 – United Nation’s Accountability for its Role in the Haitian Cholera Epidemic).

At the conclusion of the presentation, the co-chairs took questions from the Governing Council. Councilors asked questions related to proposed policy statements C1 and C2; the policy statement development process; and transparency issues, namely sharing JPC comments related to proposed policy statements.

Hearing no further comments, the Speaker thanked the co-chairs for their presentation and reminded Councilor that Board and Committee reports were available online.

13.0 Board and Committee Reports

- 13.1 Report of the President
- 13.2 Report of the Chair of the Executive Board
- 13.3 Report of the Intersectional Council
- 13.4 Report of the Council of Affiliates
- 13.5 Report of the Action Board
- 13.6 Report of the *American Journal of Public Health* Editorial Board
- 13.7 Report of the Education Board
- 13.8 Report of the Nominations Committee
- 13.9 Report of the Committee on Bylaws
- 13.10 Report of the Publications Board
- 13.11 Report of the Science Board
- 13.12 Report of the Committee on Health Equity
- 13.13 Report of the Committee on Membership
- 13.14 Report of *The Nation’s Health* Advisory Committee
- 13.15 Report of the Committee on Women’s Rights
- 13.16 Update on the Racism Collaborative
- 13.17 Executive Board Minutes

Reports listed above were received in the meeting materials.

Speaker Giloth made several housekeeping announcements related to the Governing Council Roundtable Session and Tuesday’s Governing Council meeting. The Speaker also announced the results of the Executive Board election for Chair and Vice Chair for 2017 – 2018. She said Resa M. Jones, MPH, PhD, will serve as Chair, and Ella Greene-Moton will serve as Vice Chair. Hearing no further business, Speaker Giloth recessed the meeting.

The Governing Council was recessed until Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017

Session II – Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017

1.0 Call to Order

The second session of the Governing Council convened at the Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, Georgia. Speaker of the Council Barbara Giloth, DrPH, 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. The Secretary of the Council proclaimed that a quorum was present.

Speaker Giloth began the meeting by making several housekeeping announcements related to the meeting schedule, new business and meeting materials. She then held a brief tutorial on how to use the Governing Council voting apparatus. At the conclusion of the tutorial, she introduced the next item on the agenda.

3.0 State of the American Public Health Association

Georges Benjamin, MD, Executive Director, provided the Governing Council with a comprehensive overview of Association activities. He discussed APHA strengths (fiscally sound, influential and relevant, respected and sought after for advice by policymakers and media) and challenges (capacity versus demand, competition for limited resources in the public health community and high segmentation, which impacts focus).

Dr. Benjamin discussed APHA's role in defending public health. He shared the Association's: policy agenda for 2017 and 2018; health reform strategy; what the Association is doing to promote public health; and summarized APHA's year of Climate Change and Health initiative.

Dr. Benjamin talked about the Association's plans to shift the narrative on climate change; the importance of being a trusted science and policy resource; APHA's role in galvanizing action; addressing gun violence as a public health priority; and the Association's place in supporting the public health workforce and APHA's role as a standard-setting organization.

At the conclusion of his presentation, Dr. Benjamin took questions from the Council. After a brief period of discussion, Dr. Benjamin asked the Council to bestow an honorary APHA membership to Lord Kamlesh Patel of the Royal Society of Public Health.

Speaker Giloth thanked Dr. Benjamin for his presentation and asked the Governing Council to bestow an honorary APHA membership to Lord Kamlesh Patel 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:	To bestow an honorary APHA membership to Lord Kamlesh Patel of the Royal Society of Public Health.
Outcome:	Approved by acclamation.

Speaker Giloth then introduced the next item on the meeting agenda

4.0 Report of the Governing Council/Intersectional Council/Council of Affiliates Joint Breakout Session

Jeanie Holt, Chair of the Council of Affiliates, and Heather McCabe, Chair of the Intersectional Council summarized the APHA joint leadership breakout session held on Sunday, Nov. 5. Ms. McCabe said the goal of the session was to break down the silos between APHA Components and Affiliates and identify avenues of collaborations around National Public Health Week, the Annual Meeting, and other APHA activities.

Ms. Holt then summarized the action plans developed by each region. Ms. Holt concluded her remarks by saying she will provide the Governing Council with an update at its mid-year meeting in June 2018.

Speaker Giloth thanked Ms. Holt and Ms. McCabe and all who participated in the event, and introduced the next item on the agenda.

5.0 Selection of the Annual Meeting Theme

Speaker Giloth discussed previous Annual Meeting themes and the process for accepting proposed themes for the 2019 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. The Speaker asked Governing Councilors for their comments related to the proposed themes presented for consideration:

1. Creating the Healthiest Nation: The Year of Engagement
2. Citizen Science: Creating the Healthiest Population through Public Participation and Research
3. Prevention and Public Health: Improving the Health and Safety of All
4. Creating the Healthiest Nation: Science, Truth, and Engagement

After a period of discussion, Speaker Giloth called for the vote. Theme number four, *Creating the Healthiest Nation: Science, Truth, and Engagement* was selected as the theme of the 2019 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. It should be noted theme number four received 53 percent of the vote.

6.0 Election of the 2017 Nominations Committee

Voting for the Nominations Committee (term 2018 – 2020) was done by electronic ballot. The results of the election were announced at the conclusion of Session II of the Governing Council.

The list of candidates follows:

- Kevin Borrup, JD, MPA, DrPH – ICHES
- Durrell J. Fox, CHW - CHW
- Teresa Garrett, DNP, RN, PHNA-BC – ARGC/UT
- Krista D. Mincey, DrPH, MPH - PHEHP
- Michael T. Scheltz, DrPH, MS - ENV

In Memoriam

Counselors rose for a moment of silence in memory of APHA members who passed away during the preceding year.

At the conclusion of the moment of silence, Speaker Giloth introduced the next item on the agenda.

7.0 Financial Report

Benjamin Hernandez, APHA Treasurer, provided the Council with an update on APHA finances. He began by giving the Council a snapshot of APHA's fiscal year. He noted the fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. He said the budget is developed between February and May each year, and the budget is usually around \$16 million annually.

Mr. Hernandez then summarized APHA's performance in FY2017. He said APHA ended the fiscal year with a profit of \$300,454.55 from operations, and when you add in investment income, the Association made \$518,215.88. He said APHA received a clean audit, which is a testament to the hard work of APHA's Chief Financial Officer, Kemi Oluwafemi, and the leadership team.

Mr. Hernandez then discussed APHA's FY2018 budget approved by the Executive Board in May 2017. He explained the Executive Board approved a deficit budget to pay for a cost of living increase for the staff, which means the revenues for FY 2018 are at \$15,902,205 and expenses are at \$16,085,354 (\$183,149 to pay for the COLA). He said the FY2018 budget is \$848,446 (5%) less than FY2017, and the budget includes a \$50,000 contingency fund.

Mr. Hernandez then presented the status of the FY2018 budget as of Sept. 30, 2017 (the October financials weren't available for the November meeting of the Council). Mr. Hernandez said, the year-to-date Change in Net Assets including Investment Appreciation/Depreciation in the month of September is \$3,484,416. This is over budget by \$632,459 and over prior year by \$386,157.

Mr. Hernandez concluded his presentation by discussing Section budget allocations. He said he spoke with a number of APHA leaders who were concerned with their Sections' annual budget. Mr. Benjamin said he would look into the matter and report back to the Council at a future meeting. He then took questions from the Council.

Hearing no further questions, Speaker Giloth thanked Mr. Hernandez for his presentation and introduced the next item on the meeting agenda.

8.0 Bylaws Proposals

Mitch Haas, Chair of the Committee on Bylaws, began by thanking the members of the Committee for their work over the past year. He then outlined the proposed amendments to the bylaws, which were received by the Governing Council in the meeting materials.

Amendment one:

Will simplify the language for Agency membership and require the Executive Board to maintain a policy governing Agency Member eligibility. The discharge of financial obligations will be removed here, since it is already covered under Article X, Section 1.

III.2.A. Agency Membership shall be open to federal, state and local official and voluntary organizations engaged in public health work related to health according to the policy and procedures established by the Executive Board.
~~or other programs...recognized standing in the health field.~~

III.2.D. In return for benefits derived from membership or for services rendered, Agency Members may elect to discharge their financial obligations to APHA through fees, as established by the Executive Board, instead of, or in addition to, the dues specified in Article X, Section 1C.

VI.7.K. To prescribe procedures for establishing eligibility for individual and Agency membership; elect Agency members by three-fourths vote; and recommend Honorary Membership for approval by the Governing Council.

[Item 1: Committee on Bylaws 2017 Annual Report to the Governing Council]

Dr. Haas then made the following motion:

The Bylaws Committee moves to amend the bylaws to clarify the scope of eligibility, and to require the Executive Board to keep a policy governing eligibility for Agency Membership. Dr. Giloth then opened the floor for discussion. After a brief period of discussion, and hearing no further comments, Speaker Giloth called for the vote.

Motion: Bylaws Committee moves to amend the bylaws to clarify the scope of eligibility, and to require the Executive Board to keep a policy governing eligibility for Agency Membership.

Outcome: Yes – 91% No – 9% The motion was approved.

Amendment two:

Will eliminate Article IX, Section 6, which gives unaffiliated members the right to organize and serve on Councils. In effect, this amendment will eliminate unaffiliated Governing Council seats. However, the transition plan ensures that all current unaffiliated Councilors can complete their terms (one in 2017 and four in 2018).

~~IX.6. Section 6. Unaffiliated.~~

~~Unaffiliated members may organize, elect officers, and participate in Councils, after which provisions of Article IX Section 1 may be utilized in nominating and voting for Governing Council members.~~

V.1.A.i. Two elected representatives of each Section; such additional number of elected representatives of each Section ~~and of the unaffiliated membership~~ based on the ratio of members in each ~~group~~ Section to the total membership of all ~~groups~~ Sections and endorsed annually by the Executive Board.

V.2. Councilors elected by Sections, and Student Assembly, ~~and the unaffiliated membership~~ shall be elected to two-year terms....Governing Council elections shall be held annually on the basis of an apportionment determined from APHA Section ~~and unaffiliated membership~~ on September 1 of the preceding year.

V.7.I. Provision shall be made for voting by proxy by the Executive Board, Sections, ~~unaffiliated members~~, and the Student Assembly....

~~iii. Unaffiliated member: The Unaffiliated members shall elect their Governing Councilors and elect an additional fifty percent of the number of Council seats that they hold as potential proxies or replacements for positions that become vacant more than ninety days before the end of a term. When needed, the appointment of a proxy or replacement will start with the individual who received the highest number of votes for this purpose.~~

[Item 2: Committee on Bylaws 2017 Annual Report to the Governing Council]

Dr. Haas then made the following motion:

The Bylaws Committee moves to amend the bylaws to remove election of unaffiliated representatives to the Governing Council. Dr. Giloth then opened the floor for discussion. After a brief period of discussion, and hearing no further comments, Speaker Giloth called for the vote.

Motion: The Bylaws Committee moves to amend the bylaws to remove election of unaffiliated representatives to the Governing Council.

Outcome: Yes – 96% No – 4% The motion was approved.

Amendment three:

Will create one Governing Council position with vote for each Special Interest Group (SPIG). Dr. Haas noted four of the five unaffiliated seats are held by members of the two current SPIGs.

V.1.A. The voting members shall be:

v. One elected representative of each Special Interest Group.

V.2. Councilors elected by Sections, Student Assembly, and Special Interest Groups shall be elected to two-year terms and shall not be eligible to serve in that capacity for at least two years after expiration of three consecutive terms.

V.7.I. Provision shall be made for voting by proxy by the Executive Board, Sections, Special Interest Groups, and the Student Assembly....

iii. Special Interest Group: The leader of the SPIG may select a proxy from the SPIG that the elected Councilor or vacant seat represents. If the leader is unavailable, the authority to select a proxy shall shift to the elected Councilor who will be absent. SPIG members who are not voting members of the Governing Council shall be eligible to hold the proxy.

[Item 3: *Committee on Bylaws 2017 Annual Report to the Governing Council*]

Dr. Haas then made the following motion:

The Bylaws Committee moves to amend the bylaws to give each Special Interest Group one elected voting representative of the Governing Council. Dr. Giloth then opened the floor for discussion. After a brief period of discussion, and hearing no further comments, Speaker Giloth called for the vote.

Motion: The Bylaws Committee moves to amend the bylaws to give each Special Interest Group one elected voting representative of the Governing Council.

Outcome: Yes – 90% No – 10% The motion was approved.

At the conclusion of the vote, Dr. Haas moved that the Governing Council authorize the Committee on Bylaws to make editorial, numerical, grammatical and conforming changes to reflect the intent of these amendments. Speaker Giloth called for comments, and hearing none called for a vote.

Motion: That the Governing Council authorizes the Committee on Bylaws to make editorial, numerical, grammatical and conforming changes to reflect the intent of these amendments.

Outcome: Yes – 97% No – 3% The motion was approved.

Note: The updated version of the bylaws is available [here](#).

At the conclusion of the vote, Speaker Giloth thanked Dr. Haas and the members of the Committee on Bylaws for their efforts, and moved to the next item on the agenda.

9.0 Caucus Collaborative Update

Ben King, Chair of the Caucus Collaborative, provided the Governing Council with a report on the status of the Collaborative. He began by giving a high level overview of the Collaborative, including the number of APHA Caucuses (17 independent organizations, affiliated with APHA via a Memorandum of Understanding, and each Caucus has a required number of APHA members). He reminded Councilors the Caucuses have a range of organizational structures, governance, leadership roles, and terms of service.

He said the Collaborative was formed because of a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. He said each Caucus has a Chair and Chair-Elect and an Executive Board liaison. Additionally, the Collaborative holds monthly meetings to organize feedback from all and disseminate news from the Executive Board and Governing Council.

Mr. King said in 2016, the Collaborative created a needs assessment survey and disseminated it to each Caucus. He said 100 percent of the Caucuses responded to the assessment, and the following are the top issues and needs identified:

- Continuity of leadership structure, (e.g. institutional memory)
- Collaboration with other components
- Recruitment
- Fundraising, budgeting
- Communications
- Bylaws & governance

Mr. King then discussed some of the pressing matters facing the Caucuses in 2017. He talked about the Collaborative's desire for greater collaboration across all APHA units; the need for additional funding to assist in growing their membership; discussions with the Executive Board about representation on the GC and EB; and the importance of each Caucus having a governance structure and scope of leadership roles.

He concluded his presentation by sharing the results to questions related to Collaborative representation on the Governing Council and Executive Board. He said the Caucuses were split on the subject, and additional discussion is warranted. At the conclusion of his presentation, he took questions from the Council.

Speaker Giloth thanked Mr. King for his presentation, and introduced the next item on the meeting agenda.

10.0 Joint Policy Committee – Report of the 2017 JPC Process

Presenting the list of policy statements being auto-archived and proposed policy statements as received by the Governing Council were Joint Policy Committee Co-Chairs Ayanna Buckner, MD, MPH, FACPM (Chair, Science Board), U. Tara Hayden, MHSA (Chair, Education Board), and Catherine Troisi, PhD, MS (Chair, Action Board).

JPC Co-Chair and Action Board Chair, Cathy Troisi discussed the 12 policies marked for auto-archiving. Auto-archiving affects policies that are event specific have been superseded by a more current policy, refer to a law or regulation that's no longer in place or active, and, finally, is

policies that are no longer germane to public health. Dr. Troisi then introduced the policies that will be auto-archived at the conclusion of the 2017 Annual Meeting.

The policies on the auto-archiving list are:

6501	6522	6606
6502	6526 (PP)	6614
6503	6527 (PP)	
6504	6528 (PP)	
6512	6601	

Dr. Troisi then explained the auto-archiving process moving forward. She said, in 2016, the archiving process was updated in an effort to more efficiently and effectively address the large number of active policy statements in the database that need to be archived or updated. At APHA's 2016 Annual Meeting, the Governing Council updated the archiving review process so that beginning in 2019, policy statements adopted 20 or more years ago will automatically archived unless a policy statement scheduled for archiving is deemed current after a thorough review by the Science Board and approved to remain as active by the Governing Council. In order to remain active, the science, references, and action steps in the policy statement must be current.

Additional information concerning the updated archiving procedures can be found on the [APHA website](#). (You must log in to the website to view the information.)

The Council then discussed the proposed policy statements receiving a negative assessment by the JPC. The two policies were C1 - Addressing Law Enforcement Violence as a Public Health Issue and C2 - United Nations' Accountability for its Role in the Haitian Cholera Epidemic. The JPC co-chairs stated proposed policy statement C1 was given a negative assessment because revisions were made but the authors did not adequately address the recommendations for improvement and the policy statement was still under revision at the time it was submitted.

The co-chairs said proposed policy statement C2 was given a negative assessment because the authors chose not to address any of the JPC's recommendations to the proposed policy statement provided during the May and September reviews.

Members of the Council then shared their thoughts related to proposed policy statement C1. Councilors spoke both in favor of and against the proposed policy statement. After voting to extend the period of discussion three times, Speaker Giloth asked that the vote to continue discussion on proposed policy statement C1 take place at the beginning of Session III of the Governing Council (due to time constraints). Councilors agreed to the Speaker's recommendation.

11.0 Announcement of the Nominations Committee Election Results

Speaker Giloth introduced the Councilors elected to the Nominations Committee:

Term ending in 2020:

Durrell Fox, CHW (CHW)

Teresa Garrett, DNP, RN, PHNA-BC (ARCG/UT)

Krista Mincey, DrPH, MPH (PHEHP)

President Tom Quade appointed Catherine Cooksley, DrPH, MPH, to chair the Nominations Committee in 2018.

Session II of the Governing Council was recessed until 2 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017

Session III – Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015

1.0 Call to Order

The third session of the Governing Council convened at the Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, Georgia. Speaker of the Council Barbara Giloth, DrPH, 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. The Secretary of the Council proclaimed that a quorum was present.

3.0 Joint Policy Committee – New Policy Proposals and Archiving Continued

Speaker Giloth began the afternoon session by calling for a vote to extend discussion around proposed policy statement C1. The motion failed (45% yes continue discussion, and 55% no do not continue discussion). The speaker then called for a vote on proposed policy statement C1- Addressing Law Enforcement Violence as a Public Health Issue.

Motion: Shall proposed policy statement C1 – Addressing Law Enforcement Violence as a Public Health Issue be adopted.

Outcome: Yes – 35% No – 65% The proposed policy statement was not adopted.

The JPC co-chairs then discussed the other proposed policy statement receiving a negative assessment, C2 – United Nations’ Accountability for its Role in the Haitian Cholera Epidemic. They discussed in detail their rationale for giving a negative assessment. At the conclusion of their remarks, Councilors spoke out in favor and against the proposed policy statement. Hearing no further comments, the Speaker called for a vote on proposed policy statement C2 - United Nations’ Accountability for its Role in the Haitian Cholera Epidemic.

Motion: Shall proposed policy statement C2 – United Nations’ Accountability for its Role in the Haitian Cholera Epidemic be adopted.

Outcome: Yes – 24% No – 76% The proposed policy statement was not adopted.

At the conclusion of the vote, the JPC co-chairs discussed the 13 proposed policy statements recommended for adoption by the Council. The following are the proposed policy statements:

- A1 - Supporting the Updated National Physical Activity Plan
- A2 - Supporting Research and Evidence-Based Public Health Practice in State and Local Health Agencies
- A6 - Public Health and Early Childhood Education: Support for Universal Preschool in the United States

- B2 – The Critical Need to Reform Workers’ Compensation
- B3 - Ensuring Language Justice in Occupational Safety and Health Training
- B4 – Strengthen the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration Standards for Inorganic Lead to Protect Worker’s Health
- B5 – Improving Working Conditions for U.S. Farm and Food Production Workers
- C3 – Housing and Homelessness as a Public Health Issue
- C4 – Reducing Income Inequality to Advance Health
- D1 – Protecting Children’s Environmental Health: A Comprehensive Framework
- D2 – Public Health Opportunities to Address the Health Effects of Air Pollution
- D3 - Advancing a ‘One Health’ Approach to Promote Health at the Human-Animal-Environment Interface
- D4 - Establishing Environmental Public Health Systems for Children at Risk or with Environmental Exposures in Schools

Speaker Giloth thanked the co-chairs for their presentation and asked if any proposed policy statements should be removed from the consent agenda for discussion. No proposed policy statements were removed from the consent agenda. Speaker Giloth then called for a vote on the 13 proposed policy statements on the consent agenda.

Motion: To approve the 13 proposed policy statements on the consent agenda.

Outcome: Yes – 99% No – 1% The proposed policy statements on the consent agenda were adopted.

At the conclusion of the vote, Speaker Giloth entertained a motion to amend the APHA Policy Statement Development Process. The following motion was moved, and seconded, and after a period of discussion, the Speaker called for a vote.

Motion: JPC moves that the following statement be added to the Policy Development Process on Page 5 just above Author Involvement statement: "At this time the JPC will also communicate on the APHA website all of their assessments and recommendations to authors including comments from the JPC, Science Board and the authors responses, if any. Member response or feedback regarding the proposed policy revisions or recommendations should be shared at the public hearings.

Outcome: Yes – 97% No – 3% The motion was approved.

At the conclusion of the vote, Speaker Giloth introduced U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams, who addressed the Governing Council. At the conclusion of his remarks, Speaker Giloth introduced the next item on the agenda.

4.0 Leadership Appreciation

Speaker Giloth invited APHA President Tom Quade to the dais.

Mr. Quade began by thanking the members of the Governing Council for everything they do for the Association. He then showed a brief presentation highlighting the accomplishments of APHA over the past 12 months. At the conclusion of the presentation, Mr. Quade encouraged Governing Councilors to contribute to APHA, noting that no contribution is too small.

Speaker Giloth thanked Mr. Quade and moved to the next item on the agenda.

5.0 Election of the 2018 Executive Board Officers and Members

Voting for Executive Board officers and members was done by electronic ballot.

The 2018 Honorary Vice Presidents were elected by acclamation.

Canada – Suzanne F. Jackson, PhD, MSc

Latin America and the Caribbean - Claude Betts, MD, MPH, MBA

United States – Boris D. Lushniak, MD, MPH, RADM (Ret.)

Results of the election of President-Elect, Speaker of the Governing Council, and members of the Executive Board were announced at the conclusion of Session III.

At the conclusion of the vote, Speaker Giloth introduced the next item on the agenda.

6.0 Policy Statement Development Process – Revised Executive Board Appeals Process

Dr. Resa Jones, Vice Chair of the Executive Board, discussed the changes to the Executive Board policy statement appeals process. She said the intention of the revisions were to ensure there are no procedural irregularities for any specific proposed policy statement (missed deadline, failure to report a conflict of interest, etc.). Dr. Jones made it clear the Executive Board would not revisit the scientific merit, or strengths or weaknesses of a proposed policy statement.

Dr. Jones then outlined the process for appeals; authors will have to send a letter to the Executive Director and Chair of the Executive Board outlining their issue. The Chair and Executive Director would review the request, and gather additional information from staff. The information would then be shared with the Executive Committee of the Board for their review. At this point, the Executive Committee could reject the appeal or send the appeal to the full Board for review.

At the September meeting of the Executive Board, the lead author would have 5 minutes to present their issue, the JPC Co-Chairs would have 5 minutes to share their thoughts, and the Executive Board would go into executive session to discuss and either approve or reject the appeal (the JPC co-chairs would not participate in the executive session). Finally, the chair of the Executive Board would notify the lead author in writing the decision of the Executive Board.

At the conclusion of her presentation, Governing Councilors asked questions related to the revised appeals process.

Hearing no further discussion, Dr. Giloth thanked Dr. Jones for her presentation, and introduced the next item on the agenda.

7.0 Metrics for the Strategic Plan

Jeff Hallam, PhD, Chair of the Strategic Implementation Committee of the Executive Board, provided the Governing Council with an update on the status of the work of the Committee. He said the Committee is creating an ongoing process to support the vision and goals articulated by the strategic plan, and will drive an ongoing, active process to identify, prioritize and recommend actions related to the document.

He said the active process is designed to measure the implementation of the strategic plan, identify funding mechanisms to support implementation, and develop an effective process to communicate implementation of the strategic plan. Dr. Hallam then outlined the strategic plan's core approaches and strategies to support those approaches. He then touched on the 46 metrics that have currently been developed to gauge how well Association activities are changing to support the goals of the strategic plan.

Dr. Hallam concluded his presentation by sharing key data points under each of the core approaches. He then took questions related to his presentation.

Speaker Giloth thanked Dr. Hallam for his report and moved into the next item on the agenda.

8.0 Review of the Past 10 Years of Governing Council Work

Since Dr. Giloth was stepping down as Speaker of the Governing Council at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, she took a moment to discuss some of the Council's accomplishments over the past 10 years. She discussed her personal goals, which included: accomplishing meeting objectives and ending meetings on time; increasing transparency in decision-making; better informing Councilors about their role; and increasing engagement of Governing Councilors.

She went on to discuss the policy statement development process, noting the Council adopted 126 policy statements, and both the archiving and Executive Board appeals processes were streamlined under her Speakership. She talked about the number of new Components approved, internal policies and dues actions, and selected changes to the bylaws. Speaker Giloth addressed the importance of the Governing Council breakout sessions, and some of the Speaker initiatives she championed.

She also addressed future challenges facing the Council; they include, but aren't limited to, how to address policy gaps, being more nimble to address critical policy issues, increasing Councilor activities outside of the Annual Meeting, and making in-person meeting more interactive.

In conclusion, Speaker Giloth thanked the members of the Governing Council for their support over the last 10 years, and wished them well in their future endeavors.

At the conclusion of her presentation, a motion was made to ask The Nation's Health to print Speaker Giloth's description of the Governing Council's accomplishments over the past 10 years, and recognize her outstanding service to the Association. The motion was seconded and hearing no comments, the Speaker called for a vote.

Motion:	To ask the editor in chief of <i>The Nation's Health</i> newspaper to print Speaker Giloth's description of the Governing Council's accomplishments over the past 10 years, and recognize her outstanding service to the Association.
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Outcome:	Approved by acclamation.
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9.0 New Business

The Speaker answered a question related to late-breaker policy statements. There were no additional items discussed under new business.

10.0 Announcement of Executive Board Election Results

The results of the Executive Board election are as follows:

President-Elect: Pamela Aaltonen, PhD, RN

Speaker of the Governing Council: Linda Rae Murray, MD, MPH

Term ending in 2020

Executive Board: Eldonna Chesnut, BSN, MSN

Term ending in 2021

Executive Board: Donna Beal, MPH, MCHES

Executive Board: Catherine Troisi, PhD, MS

Executive Board: Deanna Wathington, MD, MPH, FAAFP

11.0 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 18, 2018 at 2 p.m. EDT