

American Public Health Association
Minutes of the Governing Council Meetings
November 15 and November 18, 2014
New Orleans, Louisiana

Session I – Saturday, November 15, 2014

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was convened at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 15, 2014 at the New Orleans Hilton, New Orleans, Louisiana. Speaker of the Council, Barbara Giloth presided and opened the meeting. Rev. Suzanne Nichols, 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 Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

4.0 Approval of the Minutes

Motion:	To approve the minutes of the June 2014 mid-year Governing Council meeting.
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Motion:	Approved
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5.0 Report of the Nominations Committee

The report of the Nominations Committee as received by the Governing Council in the meeting materials was presented by Gerald Ohta, Chair.

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

Camara P. Jones, MD, MPH, PhD	(MC – GA)
Thomas Quade, MA, MPH, CPH	(HA – OH)

The following nominee was selected for Speaker of the Council:

Barbara E. Giloth, Dr.PH	(PHEHP – IL)
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The following nominees were selected for three Executive Board positions that will expire in 2018:

Elizabeth Daniels, PhD, RN	(PHN – GA)
Dabney Evans, PhD, MPH	(PHEHP – GA)
Ella Greene-Moton	(CHPPD – MI)
Jeffrey Hallman, PhD, CHES	(PHEHP – OH)
Resa Jones, MPH, PhD	(EPI – VA)
Vamsi Vasireddy, MD, MPH, DrPH	(HA – VA)

The following nominees were selected for the positions of Honorary Vice President with terms expiring in 2015:

Kenneth de Camargo, Jr., MD, PhD – Vice President for Latin America

and the Caribbean
Lynn McIntyre, MD, MHSc, FRCPC – Vice President for Canada
J. Henry Montes, MPH – Vice President for the United States

Article IX, Section 3 of the Bylaws provides that:

“Upon petition of any twenty voting members of the Governing Council Submitted to the Association office no less than 40 days prior to the Annual Meeting such Nominating Committee shall add to the list of candidates selected by it the name of any eligible candidate for the office specified in such petition, providing such petition is received by the Nominating Committee, 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”

No petitions for additional nominees were received.

6.0 Candidates Forum

This year’s candidate’s forum was presided over by APHA President Joyce Gaufin.

Each candidate gave a short presentation and was given an opportunity to respond to questions from Governing Councilors. In addition, pre-selected questions and answers were included in the meeting materials.

7.0 Report of the Executive Director

The Executive Director highlighted 2014 association and annual meeting activities in his presentation.

Dr. Benjamin welcomed Governing Councilors to New Orleans and discussed the Annual Meeting. He addressed the number of paid registrants and exhibitors. He discussed the opening, Monday special, and closing general sessions. He briefly mentioned general session speakers including Acting United States Surgeon General Boris Lushniak, Pulitzer Prize winning author Isabelle Wilkerson, Robert Wood Johnson President Resa Lavizzo-Maurey, and those participating in the Surgeons General session Monday afternoon. He concluded his remarks on the annual meeting by highlighting the convention mobile application and pointing out several new activities for 2014.

Dr. Benjamin then turned his attention to National Public Health Week 2015. He said that NPHW will take place the first full week of April 6 – 12, 2015, and that the theme for 2015 is “Healthiest Nation 2030.” The theme was selected to align with APHA’s strategic goal of creating the healthiest nation in a generation by 2030.

Dr. Benjamin highlighted APHA’s legislative successes in 2014. Successes include CDC’s funding being restored to pre-sequestration levels; successfully fighting changes to child nutrition programs proposed in the House; stopping various attacks on the Clean Air Act. In addition to these successes he discussed APHA’s being a leader in the area of climate change.

Dr. Benjamin also touched on several other subjects including APHA’s new partnerships formed in 2014; launching APHA’s new website; he shared his insights surrounding the Ebola outbreak; and the midterm Congressional elections noting the potential impact on health policy.

At the conclusion of his remarks he took questions from Governing Councilors.

8.0 Report of the Executive Board

8.1 Report of the President

The report of the President was received in the meeting materials.

President Gaufin reported to the Governing Council that she visited 29 state affiliates, 4 countries, attended numerous student meetings, facilitated workshops and traveled approximately 180,000 miles in the past year.

She discussed APHA's vision of creating the Healthiest Nation in One Generation, and challenged Councilors to be creative, innovative and imaginative to help accomplish that goal.

In the end, President Gaufin thanked Governing Councilors for their support and stressed to them the importance of continuing to provide sound, evidence-based information; communicate more effectively; conduct research and ensure that it can be applied to practice; eliminate health disparities and ensure the United States has universal health coverage for all.

8.2 Report of the Chair

Executive Board Chair, Lisa Carlson, summarized the work of the Board and committees, in the written report received in the meeting materials.

Chair Carlson briefly highlighted the accomplishments of the Executive Board in 2014. She noted the activities of the Ad Hoc Committee on Executive Session Chaired by Gail Bellamy. She said that the Executive Board approved the policy in June and that Governing Councilors will vote on it during Session III of the meeting.

She discussed the actions of the Committee on Social Responsibility chaired by Diane Downing, and the work done by the development committee chaired by Ayman El-Mohandes.

She mentioned that the Governance Committee Chaired by Pam Aaltonen was active this year creating a new liaison initiative, updating the Executive Board Handbook, evaluating the effectiveness of Executive Board meetings and offering recommendations for improvement, and discussing the means of keeping those who rotate off boards and out of key leadership positions engaged with the association.

The Personnel Committee Chair by Tom Quade completed the annual review of the Executive Director, completed an APHA staff turnover assessment, and is coordinating the AJPH Editor-in-Chief search which should wrap-up in January 2015.

She said that the Strategic Planning Committee Chaired by Paul Meissner and its Membership Subcommittee Chaired by Durrell Fox have been very busy this year developing metrics to evaluate APHA's strategic plan, organizing the Governing Council's roundtable discussion, holding a joint meeting with the Science Board at the Annual Meeting to identify science and policy priorities towards becoming the healthiest nation, and focusing on membership retention.

She concluded her remarks by thanking the Executive Board and Governing Council for their support and introducing the next Chair of the Executive Board, Pam Aaltonen, and the next Vice Chair of the Executive Board José Ramón Fernández-Peña.

8.3 Report of the Treasurer

Richard Cohen, Treasurer, gave a summary of the written report received in the meeting materials.

Dr. Cohen began his remarks by thanking the members of the Finance and Audit Committee and APHA's Chief Financial Officer Kemi Oluwafemi for their work over the past year. He discussed the Committee's roles and responsibilities within the organization. He said that in 2014 APHA received an unmodified opinion (clean audit) from its auditors Tate and Tryon.

Highlights of the 2104 audit include:

- Overall net assets increase of \$830,711 which are identified as follows:
 - \$503,276 unrestricted (operating) revenue
 - \$344,514 investment income
 - (\$23,790) reduction in temporary restricted revenue
 - \$6,711 increase in permanently restricted revenue

Dr. Cohen then turned his attention to the APHA's 2015 fiscal year. The following is a summary of APHA's finances as of September 30, 2014:

The Executive Board Approved Fiscal Year 2015 budget:

Revenue \$17,183,950

Expenses \$17,650,590

Revenues are at \$7,035,007

(The above figure represents 41% of budget; under projection by \$470,895; under prior year by \$541,730).

The following revenue streams are under budget:

- Membership dues - \$120,795
- Subscriptions - \$1,923
- Advertising - \$27,476
- Book sales - \$30,914
- Interest income - \$6,942
- Contracts and grants - \$343,564

APHA expenses are at \$4,053,238

(The above figure represents 23% of budget; under budget by \$535,752; under prior year by \$188,420).

Overall APHA is ahead of budget by \$66,695.

Dr. Cohen discussed APHA's financial trends, and discussed a plan of action. He noted that the Executive Board plans to propose an increase in dues to be discussed and approved at the Governing Council's midyear meeting in June. The rate proposed will be 10% and it will include the deferred CPI increase scheduled for January 2015.

Dr. Cohen then took questions from Governing Councilors regarding his report.

8.4 Council of Affiliates Proposals

Chair of the Council of Affiliates, Nancy Shapiro summarized the CoA's proposals for approving Puerto Rico as the 54 Affiliate and approving the assessment of Affiliate organizational dues at 1% of their total organizational dues revenue, effective January 2015.

After which a motion was made to vote on the Puerto Rico proposal, the motion was seconded and Speaker Giloth called for a voice vote.

Motion:	To approve the affiliation application from the Puerto Rico Public Health Association
Motion:	Approved (by voice vote)

At the conclusion of the Puerto Rico vote a motion was made and seconded to vote on the Affiliate organizational dues assessment proposal. Speaker Giloth called for a voice vote.

Motion:	To approve the assessment of Affiliate organizational dues at 1% of their total organizational dues revenue, effective January 2015.
Motion:	Approved (by voice vote)

9.0 Report of the Committee in Bylaws

The report of the Committee on Bylaws was received in the Governing Council meeting materials. Mitch Haas Chair, reviewed the proposed amendments to the bylaws

- The Bylaws Committee moves to amend the bylaws to give the Intersectional Council Steering Committee the responsibility of drafting policy on the removal of Section, SPIG, and Forum leadership and to require approval by the governing authorities.

Notice was given for proposed bylaws changes. Proposed bylaws changes must be presented during Session I of the meeting or handed in to the APHA office by 6:00 pm to be reviewed by the Committee on Bylaws and readied for Tuesday's Sessions.

Action on the above proposed bylaws change will occur on Tuesday, November 18.

In Memoriam

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

10.0 Election of Nomination Committee

Speaker Giloth introduced the candidates running to fill three full terms and one partial term on the Nominations Committee. Information on the candidates was received in the Governing Council meeting materials. The following are the nominees:

Christine M. Arcari , PhD, MPH - EPI
J. Alan Baker – HA
Cassandra Chess, MPH – ARGC: MWPHA
Pamela J. Luna, DrPH, MEd – SHES
Nancy Simcox, MS – OHS

Cheryl Archbald, MD, MPH – CHPPD
Michael Case, MPA – ARGC: NCPHA
Andrea P. Lowe, MPH, PhD – PHEHP
Michael W. Plankey, PhD – HIV/AIDS

Voting will take place on Tuesday, November 18

11.0 2016 Annual Meeting Program Emphasis

Five proposals for the 2016 annual meeting emphasis were received by the Governing Council in the meeting materials.

APHA members were invited through The Nation's Health and other communication to submit themes to the Science Board for consideration. The Science Board then reviewed the information received and recommended four 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 for comment and suggestions which were incorporated in the proposed themes. One theme was added during the summer Governing Council review.

The proposed themes are:

1. Building the Healthiest Nation: Ensuring the Right to Health
2. Closing the Loop: Integrating Public Health and Clinical Practice
3. Building the Healthiest Nation: Innovation, Influence and Impact
4. Building the Healthiest Nation: Translating Research into Practice
5. Building the Healthiest Nation One Community at a Time – Real Changes at the Local Level that Strengthen our Health

Voting will take place on Tuesday, November 18.

12.0 Board and Committee Reports

- 12.1 Report on Joint Membership Pilot
- 12.2 Report of the Intersectional Council (ISC)
- 12.3 Report of the Council of Affiliates (CoA)
- 12.4 Report of the Action Board
- 12.5 Report of the American Journal of Public Health Editorial Board
- 12.6 Report of the Education Board
- 12.7 Report of the Committee on Bylaws
- 12.8 Report of the Publications Board
- 12.9 Report of the Science Board

- 12.10 Report of the Equal Health Opportunity Committee
- 12.11 Report of the International Human Rights Committee
- 12.12 Report of the Committee on Membership
- 12.13 Report of The Nation's Health Advisory Committee
- 12.14 Report of the Committee on Women's Rights
- 12.15 Executive Board Minutes

Reports listed above were received in the meeting materials.

Session I of the Governing Council was recessed until Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Session II – Tuesday, November 18, 2014

1.0 Call to Order

The second session of the Governing Council convened at the New Orleans Hilton, New Orleans, Louisiana. Speaker of the Council, Barbara Giloth presided and opened the meeting. Rev. Suzanne Nichols, 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 Feedback on Governing Council Roundtables

Paul Meissner, Chair of the Executive Board's Strategic Planning Committee summarized the finding of the Governing Council roundtable discussions surrounding building a movement, and forming partnerships.

4.0 Selection of Annual Meeting Program Emphasis 2016, Denver

The Governing Council discussed and voted on the five themes presented for consideration:

1. Building the Healthiest Nation: Ensuring the Right to Health
2. Closing the Loop: Integrating Public Health and Clinical Practice
3. Building the Healthiest Nation: Innovation, Influence and Impact
4. Building the Healthiest Nation: Translating Research into Practice
5. Building the Healthiest Nation One Community at a Time – Real Changes at the Local Level that Strengthen our Health

During this past summer Governing Councilors were given six weeks to comment on the proposed themes. Those comments were included in the description of the themes.

After a period of discussion, and two rounds of voting a majority of Councilors chose theme one, Building the Healthiest Nation: Ensuring the Right to Health as the annual meeting theme for 2016.

5.0 Intersectional Council Actions

The Chair of the Intersectional Council, Donna Beal discussed the ISC Steering Committee's work to develop policy regarding the establishment and dissolution of a SPIG. Their work was based on a bylaws change passed at the midyear Governing Council meeting in June 2014.

Ms. Beal reported that the ISC Steering Committee reviewed relevant TFAIR guidelines, and drafted a policy for Governing Council Approval. She went on to say that if the policy was approved the ISC Steering Committee will review and revise current procedures and draft similar policies for Sections and Forums in 2015.

At the completion of her remarks Ms. Beal called for a motion for the Governing Council to accept the proposed policy on Special Interest Groups (SPIGS), hearing a second Speaker Giloth called for a vote.

Motion:	The Intersectional Steering Committee moves acceptance by the Governing Council of the proposed policy on Special Interest Groups (SPIGs).		
Motion:	Accepted:	YES – 93%	NO – 7%

At the conclusion of the vote Ms. Beal asked the Governing Council to consider the ISC Steering Committees recommendation to create a Pharmacy SPIG. She noted that the Steering Committee received the Pharmacy application and that it met the eligibility criteria as specified in proposed policy. That all ISC Steering Committee members reviewed the application, and that the ISC Steering Committee voted on and approved the establishment of the Pharmacy SPIG.

At the conclusion of her remarks Ms. Beal called for a motion for the Governing Council to approve the Pharmacy SPIG, hearing a second Speaker Giloth called for a vote.

Motion:	The ISC Steering Committee moves acceptance by the Governing Council of the new Pharmacy SPIG.		
Motion:	Accepted:	Yes – 87%	NO – 13%

6.0 Election of 2014 Nominations Committee

Voting for the Nominations Committee (2015 – 2017 term) was done by electronic ballot with the results to be announced later in the meeting. The list of candidates follows:

Christine M. Arcari , PhD, MPH - EPI	Cheryl Archbald, MD, MPH – CHPPD
J. Alan Baker – HA	Michael Case, MPA – ARG: NCPHA
Cassandra Chess, MPH – ARG: MWPHA	Andrea P. Lowe, MPH, PhD – PHEHP
Pamela J. Luna, DrPH, MEd – SHES	Michael W. Plankey, PhD – HIV/AIDS
Nancy Simcox, MS – OHS	

7.0 Bylaws Committee

Committee on Bylaws Chair, Mitch Haas, presented the proposed changes to the bylaws which were received by the Governing Council in the meeting materials.

The recommended bylaws changes and motions follow. The rational for the change is shaded in gray.

Motion: **The Bylaws Committee moves to amend the bylaws to give the Intersectional Council Steering Committee the responsibility of drafting policy on the removal of Section, SPIG, and Forum leadership and to require approval by the governing authorities:**

IX.2.D.iii. [The Steering Committee shall be responsible for recommending policy on the removal of leadership from Sections, SPIGs, and Forums. The policy pertaining to Sections and SPIGs shall be approved by the Governing Council and the policy pertaining to Forums shall be approved by the Executive Board.](#)

- This amendment is designed to address leadership nonperformance by requiring Association policy for the removal of component leadership. It is required because leadership nonperformance is a reality and there is currently no process for removing persons from positions critical to the function of the Association.
- The language for this amendment is modeled on the language approved in June 2014 for the establishment and discontinuation of Association components (D.i).
- Approval of policy will be by the governing authority (GC or EB).
- Policy will be recommended by the ISC Steering Committee because policy is required for Sections, the largest set of Association components, and the Steering Committee has drafted a language template for section manuals in the past.
[Source: Committee on Bylaws and Intersectional Council]

V.6.F. To approve the establishment, combination, or discontinuation of Sections and Special Interest Groups of the Association. To approve policy governing these functions. [To approve policy governing the removal of Section and SPIG leadership.](#)
This is consistent with the language in the main motion under IX.2.D.
[Source: Committee on Bylaws and Intersectional Council]

VI.7.J. To approve the establishment or discontinuation of Forums and to recognize or remove recognition from Caucuses. To approve policy governing these functions. [To approve policy governing the removal of Forum leadership.](#)
This is consistent with the language in the main amendment under IX.2.D.
[Source: Committee on Bylaws and Intersectional Council]

Motion: **Approved: YES – 97% NO – 3%**

At the conclusion of the vote Mr. Haas called for a motion allowing the Bylaws Committee to be authorized to make editorial, numerical, grammatical and conforming changes to reflect the intent of the approved amendments, hearing a second Speaker Giloth called for a vote.

Motion:	The Bylaws Committee moves that the Bylaws Committee be authorized to make such editorial, numerical, grammatical and conforming changes to reflect the intent of these amendments.
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Motion:	Approved: YES – 98% NO – 2%
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Note the bylaws are now accessible on the web at:

<http://www.apha.org/~media/files/pdf/governance/aphabylawsammendednov2014.ashx>

8.0 Joint Policy Committee – Report of the 2014 Improvements in the JPC Process

Presenting the archiving consent calendar and proposed policy statements as received by the Governing Council were Joint Policy Committee Co-Chairs, Vicki Ebin (Chair, Education Committee), Sonja Hutchins (Chair, Science Board), and Amy Ferketich (Chair, Action Board).

The recommended archiving policies as received in the meeting materials were on the consent agenda for approval.

Of 34 of policy statements reviewed by respondents, and the AB, the AB recommends 25 for archiving, and 9 for Do not Archive (1), Update (3) or Combine (5). The table below provides the consensus recommendation of the AB's Policy Committee.

Twenty-five policies were recommended for archiving:

6012	6313	6403	6409	6417
6201	6314	6404	6410	
6302	6316	6405	6412	
6304	6317	6406	6413	
6308	6320	6407	6414	
6310	6401	6408	6416	

One policy was recommended to not be archived:

6007

Three policies were recommended to be updated:

6210	6307	6418
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Five policies were recommended to be combined with existing policies:

6311	6315	6411
6312	6319	

Motion: To approve the archiving policies on the consent agenda.

Motion: Approved: YES – 100% NO – 0%

Although the policies archived policies are no longer available the text is accessible for viewing on APHA's website.

The 2014 Joint Policy Committee (JPC) convened in an executive session on Monday, November 17, 2014 to review the proposed policy statements and proceedings from the JPC Public Hearings. The JPC RECOMMENDS the following 15 proposed policy statements for adoption by the Governing Council:

A1: Reducing non-medically Indicated Elective Inductions of Labor
A2: Reduction of Bullying to Address Health Disparities among LGBT Youth
A3: Sexuality Education As Part Of A Comprehensive Health Education Program in K-12 Schools
A4: Strengthening the evidence base for inclusion of children < 2 years of age in the Dietary Guidelines for Americans
A5: Supporting Breastfeeding Worldwide through Maternity Protection
B1: Breast cancer and occupation: the need for action
B2: Diesel Engine Exhaust Represents A Serious Public Health Hazard and Requires New Rulemaking by OSHA and Major New Funding for EPA
B3: Improving the Health of Temporary Workers
C1: Supporting the Regulation of Commercial Sales of Electronic Cigarettes in the United States
C4: Regulating Commercially Legalized Marijuana as a Public Health Priority
C5: Removing Barriers to Mental Health Services for Veterans
C6: Supporting the goal of a tobacco-free military
D5: Strengthening the National HIV/AIDS Strategy to Achieve an HIV/AIDS Free Generation
D6: Support for Community Health Worker Leadership in Determining Workforce Standards
D7: Support for Social Determinants of Behavioral Health and Pathways for Integrated and Better Public Health

The JPC is NEUTRAL on the following proposal:

C3: Recognizing Cognitive Decline and Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias as Public Health Issue and Supporting the Implementation of the Healthy Brain Initiative Public Health Road Map

The JPC DOES NOT recommend the following proposals for adoption:

B4: UN Accountability for its Role in the Haitian Cholera Epidemic

The JPC RECOMMENDS the following late breaking proposal for adoption:

LB1: Preventing Occupational and Community Transmission of Ebola and Globally Emerging Infectious Disease Threats (Late-breaker)

D6: Support for Community Health Worker Leadership in Determining Workforce Standards.

Motion: Amendment to Amendment D6#1

Motion: Approved

Motion: Amendment to D6#2

Motion: Failed

Motion: To approve D6#3

Motion: Approved

Motion: To Approve consent agenda

Motion: Approved: YES – 100% NO – 0%

C3: Recognizing Cognitive Decline and Alzheimer’s Disease and Other Dementias as Public Health Issue and Supporting the Implementation of the Healthy Brain Initiative Public Health Road Map

Motion: To accept policy C3

Motion: Failed

B4: UN Accountability for its Role in the Haitian Cholera Epidemic

Motion: To reject policy B4

Motion: Approved

LB1: Preventing Occupational and Community Transmission of Ebola and Globally Emerging Infectious Disease Threats (Late-breaker)

Motion: To approve policy LB1

Motion: Approved

9.0 Announcement of Nominations Committee Election Results

Members elected to the Nominations Committee are:

Cheryl Archbald, MD, MPH – CHPPD
Christine M. Arcari , PhD, MPH - EPI
Cassandra Chess, MPH – ARGC: MWPHA
Andrea P. Lowe, MPH, PhD – PHEHP

President Gaufin appointed Howard Spivak, MD to chair the Nominations Committee for 2015.

Session II of the Governing Council was recessed until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Session III – Tuesday, November 18, 2014

1.0 Call to Order

The third session of the Governing Council convened at the New Orleans Hilton, New Orleans, Louisiana. Speaker of the Council, Barbara Giloth presided and opened the meeting. Rev. Suzanne Nichols, 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

Session three began where session two left off with the Co-Chairs of the Action Board, Science Board, and Education Board discussing the policy process. They discussed the policy process and asked Governing Council for suggestions how and if the process should be changed. A lively discussion ensued and at its conclusion the following motions were put to a vote.

Motion:	To amend the Policy Development process
Motion:	Failed

Motion:	To instruct the JPC to vote in the affirmative or negative when looking at policies, and to do away with the recommendation of neutral.
Motion:	Failed

4.0 Every Member Campaign

The Every Member Campaign is a fundraising initiative that gives members an opportunity to contribute to the association above and beyond their member dues. Many Sections, Affiliate Regions, and Caucuses announced 100% Governing Council member contributions.

5.0 Election of the 2015 Executive Board Officers and Members

Voting for Executive Board Officers and Members was done by electronic Ballot.

The three 2015 Honorary Vice Presidents were elected by acclamation.

Kenneth de Camargo, Jr., MD, PhD – Vice President for Latin America
and the Caribbean

Lynn McIntyre, MD, MHSc, FRCPC – Vice President for Canada

J. Henry Montes, MPH – Vice President for the United States

Results of the election of officers and members are to be announced prior to the end of the meeting.

6.0 Making APHA's Strategic Vision a Reality

Dr. Benjamin gave the Governing Council his perspective on the central components of implementing APHA's new strategic plan. He pointed out the importance of building a public health movement, strengthening the practice of public health and aligning APHA's infrastructure to accomplish these goals. He walked through the details of the APHA strategic map and its component parts.

7.0 Review of the Recently Approved Policy on Executive Session

The Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Executive Session, Gail Bellamy presented the approved policy to the Governing Council. She explained the process by which the Committee went about crafting the policy, and informed Councilors that the Executive Board approved the policy at their meeting in July 2014.

8.0 New Business

8.1 Governing Council 2015 Work Plan

Governing Council Speaker, Barb Giloth did not present a formal work plan for 2014 – 2015; she did however present a list of topic that she would like Governing Councilors to address. Subjects included:

- She asked Governing Councilors for their input on meetings and ways to improve them.
- Governing Councilor input into meeting agendas.
- She asked if the Governing Council should be involved with Association development.
- She asked if there is a better way for Governing Councilors to communicate throughout the year.
- She asked if Governing Councilors would like greater input into APHA's strategic planning.
- She also asked if Governing Councilors are interested in focusing more on APHA policy development.

8.2 APHA's Role in Areas of Conflict

APHA Executive Director, Dr. Benjamin reported to the Governing Council that he convened a group to discuss APHA's role in looking at areas of conflict around the world. The group met for the first time at the annual meeting and consists of current and former APHA leaders.

He reported that the group had a lively discussion and that he will continue to meet with them over the coming months.

8.3 New Business

Speaker Giloth informed the Governing Council that the Executive Board voted to extend a lifetime APHA membership to retiring U.S. Senator Tom Harkin. She asked the Governing Council to vote on that membership.

Motion:	To extend a lifetime APHA membership to retiring United States Senator Tom Harkin
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Motion:	Approved
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At the conclusion of the vote a motion was made from the floor to offer a lifetime APHA membership to retiring United States Representative Henry Waxman. The motion was seconded and Speaker Giloth called for a vote.

Motion:	To extend a lifetime APHA membership to retiring United States Representative Henry Waxman.
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Motion:	Approved
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9.0 Announcement of Executive Board Election Results

The results of the Executive Board election are as follows:

President-Elect :	Camara P. Jones, MD, MPH, PhD
Speaker:	Barbara E. Giloth, DrPH
Executive Board:	Ella Greene-Moton
Executive Board:	Jeffrey Hallam, PhD, CHES
Executive Board:	Resa M. Jones, PhD, MPH

10.0 Adjournment

There being no further business, the 2014 Governing Council was adjourned.

The Governing Council's midyear meeting will take place via webinar on
Monday, June 22, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. EDT