Session I – Saturday, October 27, 2012

1.0 Call to Order
The meeting was convened at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 27, 2012 at the Marriott Marquis, San Francisco, CA. APHA President, Melvin Shipp, welcomed the Governing Councilors to the 140th Annual Meeting. 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 confirmed that a quorum was present at the time of the Call to Order.

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 2012 mid-year meeting.
Motion Approved

5.0 Report of the Nominations Committee
The report of the Nominating Committee as received by the Governing Council in the meeting materials was presented by John Wayne, Chair.

The following nominees were selected by the Nominating Committee for President Elect:
Joyce Gaufin (ARGC/UT)
J. Henry Montes, MPH (PHEHP - MD)

The following nominees were selected for three Executive Board positions that will expire in 2016, and one position for a one year term to expire in 2013.
Pamela Aaltonen (PHN – IN)
Lynn Bethel (OH – MA)
Ayman El-Mohandes (MCH – NE)
Frank Goldsmith (OHS – NY)
Ella Greene-Moton (CBPHC – MI)
Maggie Huff-Rousselle (IH – MA)
Barbara Levin (MCH – TN)
Patricia Sweeney (PHEHP – GA)
The following nominees were selected for the positions of Vice President with terms expiring in 2013:

Gail Christopher, DN  Vice President – United States
Erica Di Ruggiero, BSc, MHSc, RD  Vice President – Canada
Raul Cuadrado, MPH, DrPH, PhD (Hon)  Vice President – Latin America and the Caribbean

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
Each candidate gave a short presentation and had an opportunity to respond to questions from the 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 2012 association activities in his presentation.

APHA expanded it’s communication with members and the public through social media applications. Our records show that there are over 250,000 followers across the various social media channels who are interested in public health and visit the APHA media outlets as a resource for advocacy and information.

National Week will be April 1-7, 2013. The theme is Return on Investment (ROI), Save Lives, Save Money.

Over 75 major press interviews were conducted and 47 speaking engagements were made worldwide.

The Get Ready Campaign continues to grow each year. Using new innovative methods to reach a wider audience with preparedness messages has proved to be very successful.

APHA has become a huge provider in continuing education. Members earned over 16,000 continuing education credit hours in the last year and APHA received reaccreditation with distinction by the ANCC. The fellows program is doing well with APHA fellows being very involved in legislative activities on the Hill.
Career Mart continues to do well serving public health professionals. APHA has been invited to be a part of the Clinton USA Workforce Initiative which assists people with finding jobs in health fields.

This year’s annual meeting is on track as projected with 12,400 registered to date. Exhibits are down due mainly to CDC cutbacks as a result of the slow economy. President Obama will receive the APHA President’s Award for his work on health reform.

The policy center has come into fruition, submitting several evidence based policy briefs and bringing in a number of grants.

APHA advocacy efforts have been very effective and include member visits to the Hill, action alerts, letters to Congress and the White House, regulatory comments on issues, congressional testimonies and budget briefings.

APHA received the Public Policy Award from the National Forum for Heart Disease and Stroke, and the Award of Excellence from PAHO. The Executive Director has also received a number of awards for his leadership in public health.

Dr. Benjamin, along with Ted Brown, Susan Ladwig and Elyse Berkman co-authored a new book, “The Quest for Health Reform, a Satirical History”. The book is a narrative and analysis of the long struggle for health reform in the U.S. told through political cartoons.

Emerging issues for the association include implementing a health reform committee, working on the non-governmental public health association infrastructure with the Global Health Council and Mexican/US border health, member engagement, review of the joint membership pilot, and disparity and accessibility assessments.

8.0 Reports of the Executive Board
8.1 Report of the President
The report of the president was received in the meeting materials.

The president had an opportunity to visit and share in the activities of 13 affiliates around the country. Several international visits were also made including a visit with the Canadian Public Health Association.

8.2 Report of the Chair
Executive Board Chair, Susan Marmagas, summarized the work of the Board and committees, in the written report received in the meeting materials.

Board members started the year with a list of goals to ensure the association stays well managed and in good financial standing.
A revised membership model was approved by the Board in June and set to be implemented in January 2013. A new membership engagement strategy was also developed and will be presented to the Governing Council for input at the roundtable discussions.

Objectives and measures for each of the strategic priorities within the strategic plan were determined and approved by the Board.

The three policy priorities for the association were reviewed and clarified over the course of the past year. It was decided to rename the priorities “Overarching Priorities” as they serve as a guide for all association activities and are not limited to only legislative work. The overarching priorities are to be discussed at Tuesday’s meeting of the Council.

In addition to membership, the Board has taken an in depth look at improving the publications process and has adopted a number of new ideas for the future.

Additional governance procedures to improve the overall functioning of the Executive Board were added this year.

Board members agreed to have more dialogue around the training of public health practitioners with the Council on Education for Public Health

Minutes of Board meetings were included in the meeting materials and can also be found on the APHA website.

8.3 Report of the Treasurer
Richard Cohen, Treasurer, gave a summary of the written report received by the Governing Council.

Fiscal year 2012 ended with a surplus of $1.3 million with all bank covenants being met.

A clean opinion audit was received again this year with no concerns.

Revenue for fiscal 2013 is projected at $18.4 million. To date revenue is at $7.56 million with expenses at $4.3 million.

As of September 30th, CDC has awarded APHA $2.968 million in grants.

8.4 Report of the Membership Work Group
The report of the Membership Work Group was received in the meeting materials. Membership engagement strategies will be the topic of discussion for the Governing Council roundtables on Sunday morning.

8.5 Report of the Joint Membership Pilot
The report on the Joint Membership Pilot was received in the meeting materials.
Howard Spivak presented an overview of the joint membership program which began in 2005. The program was created to find ways to promote joint membership between the association and the affiliates. The basic element was that joint membership would be offered at a significantly discounted rate.

The four year pilot began in 2008 with four affiliates. The affiliates that participated in the pilot received a positive experience but the association did not fare well. Membership numbers did not increase and the association lost income in maintaining the program.

It was recommended that the pilot be phased out with minimal cost change to participants, and that joint membership be revisited at a time when financial and membership circumstances for the association have improved.

**Motion:** To accept the recommendations of the joint membership pilot oversight committee.
*Motion Failed*

**Motion:** To continue the four state joint membership pilot, monitoring progress until such time as APHA can expand to additional states.
*Motion Failed*

**Motion:** To amend the motion, adding, and to include a study of APHA infrastructure requirements that would improve the effectiveness of such a project.
*Motion ruled out of order.*

Council members decided that more time was needed to look into ways to remedy the joint membership pilot that would be acceptable to the affiliates and the association. The committee was asked to meet and make a recommendation to the Council on Tuesday.

### 9.0 Report of the Committee on Bylaws

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

- To clarify the position of Caucus alternative representative to the Governing Council.
- To allow members to hold only one elective office at a time within and across Sections/SPIGS
- To amend the APHA bylaws to require section reports
- To amend the APHA bylaws to make SPIG Chairs members of the Intersectional Council
- To amend the APHA bylaws to add an midyear meeting for the Intersectional Council
- To amend the APHA bylaws to make the Student Assembly Chair-elect a member of the Intersectional Council Steering Committee
• To amend the APHA bylaws to give the JPC the authority to select policy statements for action by the Governing Council
• Authorize the Bylaws Committee to make such editorial, numerical, grammatical and confirming changes to reflect the intent of these amendments.

Councilors were given an opportunity to comment on the proposed changes prior to the annual meeting.

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 p.m. to be reviewed by the Committee on Bylaws and readied for the Tuesday session.

10.0 Election of the Nominating Committee
The floor was opened for nominations to the nominations committee. Members of the committee serve three year terms. The following persons received nominations.

Louise Ivanov – PHN  Michael Plankey – HIV/AIDS
Kyle Kinner - ENV  Howard Pollock - OH
Larry Olson - SHES  Andre Stanley - ATOD
Pat Parker – ARGC/MO  Nancy Stoller - MC

Voting will take place on Tuesday morning.

11.0 2014 Annual Meeting Program Emphasis
Three proposals for the 2014 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 three potential themes to the Governing Council. Over a period of six weeks this past summer councilors were given an opportunity via email to review these themes for comments and suggestions which were incorporated in the proposed themes.

There will be a discussion and vote at the Tuesday session.

12.0 Board and Committee Reports
12.1 Report of the Intersectional Council (ISC)
12.2 Report of the Council of Affiliates (CoA)
12.3 Report of the Action Board
12.4 Report of the American Journal of Public Health Editorial Board
12.5 Report of the Education Board
12.6 Report of the Publications Board
12.7 Report of the Science Board
12.8 Report of the Committee on Equal Health Opportunity
12.9 Report of the International Human Rights Committee
Session I of the Governing Council was recessed until Tuesday, October 30, 2012.

Session II – Tuesday, October 30, 2012

1.0 Call to Order
The second session of the Governing Council convened at the Marriot Marquis Hotel, San Francisco, CA, at 9:00 a.m., Barbara Giloth, Speaker of the Council, presiding.

2.0 Quorum Call
The Secretary of the Council confirmed that there was a quorum.

3.0 Report of the Governing Council Break-out Session – Joyce Gaufin, Chair, Membership Work Group
There were over 80 participants in the round table discussions. Participants were divided into groups by profession as they were in past surveys. They were given an overview of the existing membership engagement activities and then asked a series of questions related to demographics, member benefits and engagement.

The work group and staff will use the input from the Governing Council round tables and other groups to develop a membership engagement strategy for the next year, and identify member benefits that are feasible. A summary report will be made in January.

In Memoriam
Counselors rose in a moment of silence in memory of APHA members who passed away during the preceding year and also for those who have been effected by the east coast hurricane and related storms. During the afternoon session, Ted Hanekamp, longtime ARGC from Kentucky who passed away recently was also recognized.

Late Breaker – Simon Pillar
The proposed late breaker was emailed, distributed on a flash drive, and as a hand out to councilors for their review. A two-thirds vote of the council is required for any policy issue to be considered that has not gone through the policy process.

Motion: To add to new business on the agenda, a late breaker proposal for the Support for a Comprehensive Program to End Cholera in Haiti.
Motion Approved
Joint Membership Pilot – Howard Spivak
A revised process responsive to the concerns raised during the Saturday GC meeting was presented to the Council with the following elements:

- The first step is to finish the report by November and disseminate it to the appropriate bodies including the GC;
- Continue to work with the pilot, but only for those affiliates that wish to remain in the project. (There is a need to review and potentially adjust the discount because it was set at a time when dues structures were different.);
- Re-establish the working group with additional stakeholders to review and re-review the pilot results and develop options for future directions of joint membership (clearly defining metrics and objectives for any activities that should proceed); and
- Present these options to the Executive Board and the Council of Affiliates.

A report will be presented to the Governing Council.

4.0 Selection of Annual Meeting Program Emphasis 2014, New Orleans
There was discussion and vote of the themes presented for consideration:

1. Where You Live, Work and Play Impacts Your Health and Wellbeing
2. Native Health: What Our Indigenous People Can Tell us About Everyone’s Health
3. Young People – What Does the Future Hold

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

After discussion on the three proposed themes Governing Counselors were asked to vote. Theme number 1, Where You Live, Work and Play Impacts Your Health and Wellbeing, received the majority vote and chosen as the annual meeting theme for 2014.

Dr. Benjamin noted the importance of Theme #2 and agreed to focus the 2013 closing session on native health.

Joint Policy Committee Report
The JPC report was received in the meeting materials.

There was an overview of the improvements made to the policy review process to enhance transparency and communication with authors.

Motion: To extend discussion for an additional 10 minutes.
Motion Failed

5.0 Proposed Bylaws Changes – Mitch Haas, Chair
Committee on Bylaws chair, Mitch Haas, presented the proposed changes to the Bylaws which were received by the Governing Council in the meeting materials.
Note: The amended Bylaws are available on the APHA website at: http://www.apha.org/about/gov/bylaws/

The recommended Bylaws changes and motions follow. The motions themselves do not contain the actual wording of the bylaws changes. The rationale for the changes is shaded in gray.

ARTICLE V., Section 1., C., viii.
Chairs of an each eligible Caucus as determined by the Executive Board, or alternative representatives as defined under Article IX, Section 9.
This clarification is included to make this subsection consistent with IX.9.

Motion #1: To amend the APHA Bylaws to clarify the position of Caucus alternative representative to the Governing Council.
Motion Approved

ARTICLE III.1.C.
Any individual member shall be eligible to hold office and committee appointments in the Association and to vote on all matters in any and all Sections/SPIGs of which he/she may be a member. No APHA member may hold the office of Chair, Chair-elect, Immediate Past Chair, Governing Councilor, or Section Councilor simultaneously within the same or across different Sections/SPIGs.
The proposed language allows individual members to serve in leadership of multiple Sections/SPIGs during the course of their membership, but eliminates potential conflict from competing roles. It also requires engagement in leadership by a larger number of individual members. [Source: submitted by Executive Board Membership Workgroup and reviewed by the ISC Chair]

Motion #2: To amend the APHA bylaws to allow members to hold only one elective office at a time within and across Sections/SPIGS.
Motion Approved

ARTICLE IX.1.F
The Secretary shall keep the minutes and other records of the Section, and shall transmit to the Executive Director of the Association post a copy of the minutes of both the business and scientific sessions online as soon as practicable after the close of the annual meeting. When unable to be present at the meeting, he/she shall thoroughly instruct the Secretary-elect or a substitute in the event the Section has no Secretary-elect, as far in advance of the meeting as possible.
Posting online is more direct and accessible to the membership. [Source: ISC/staff]

ARTICLE IX.1.I.vii.
To prepare and submit annual reports to the Intersectional Council Steering Committee.
This is consistent with the new ISC policies and procedures for annual section reports to the Association. [Source: ISC/staff]

Motion #3: To amend the APHA bylaws to require section reports. 
Motion Approved

ARTICLE IX.2.B. 
The members of the ISC shall consist of the current Chair, Chair-elect and immediate past Chair of each Section, the members of the ISC Steering Committee, and Chair of each Special Interest Group, one representative from the Student Assembly. Each Section shall have one vote on all matters, including elections, brought before this Council.
- The ISC has voted to include SPIG chairs in the ISC.
- The strikethrough is redundant if the Student Assembly Chair-elect is made a member of the ISC Steering Committee. (See subsection D). [Source: ISC/staff]

Motion #4: To amend the APHA bylaws to make SPIG Chairs members of the Intersectional Council. 
Motion Approved

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- The ISC has voted to include SPIG chairs in the ISC.
- The strikethrough is redundant if the Student Assembly Chair-elect is made a member of the ISC Steering Committee. (See subsection D). [Source: ISC/staff]

ARTICLE IX.2.C. 
The ISC shall meet once a year in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the APHA. The election of Steering Committee members shall take place before the Annual Meeting. The ISC shall also convene a midyear meeting. Business may be conducted by an in-person meeting, conference call, or other media.
The ISC has voted to have a midyear conference call. The language has been made flexible as for the CoA (Section 4.C). [Source: ISC/staff]

Motion #5: To amend the APHA bylaws to add an midyear meeting for the Intersectional Council. 
Motion Approved

ARTICLE IX.2.D. 
Between Annual Meetings, the affairs of the ISC shall be conducted by a Steering Committee consisting of eight-nine members: six members elected by the ISC, the
immediate past Chair (ex officio), the Chair-elect of the Student Assembly (ex officio),
and one member appointed by the Executive Board as part of the appointment process.
Those members of the ISC eligible for election to the Steering Committee shall be
Section Chairs, Chair-elects, and immediate past Chairs, two of which shall be elected
annually. Elected members shall serve for a period of three years in staggered terms. The
Board-appointed member shall serve for a period of three years. No appointed member of
the Steering Committee may serve again as an appointed member until after at least one
year following expiration of a full year term.
The ISC has voted to include the Student Assembly member of the ISC on the ISC
Steering Committee.
The Student Assembly has determined that the Student Assembly Chair-elect will be its
representative on the ISC Steering Committee. (See Section 5.C). [Source: ISC/staff]

ARTICLE IX.5.C.
The Chair of the Student Assembly shall serve as an ex officio voting member of the
Executive Board and of the Governing Council. The Student Assembly shall have
representation on the Science Board, Action Board, Education Board, Intersectional
Council, Council of Affiliates, American Journal of Public Health Editorial Board, and
The Nation’s Health Advisory Committee. These representatives shall be selected using
the appointment process consistent with Article VI. The Chair-elect of the Student
Assembly shall serve as an ex officio voting member of the Intersectional Council
Steering Committee.
The ISC has voted to include the Student Assembly member of the ISC on the ISC
Steering Committee, not just a member of the ISC.
The Student Assembly has determined that the Student Assembly Chair-elect will serve
as its representative on the ISC Steering Committee. Hence, the representative will be ex
officio and will not be selected through the appointment process. (See Section 4.D).
[Source: Submitted by ISC/staff with request by the Student Assembly]

Motion #6: To amend the APHA bylaws to make the Student Assembly Chair a
member of the Intersectional Council Steering Committee
Motion Approved

ARTICLE VIII.V.A.
There shall be a Joint Policy Committee (JPC) whose function shall be to receive, review,
hold hearings on, select, and present policy statements and resolutions for Governing
Council action. It shall participate in the policy review, updating, and archiving process.
It shall make recommendations to Governing Council for changes in the policy statement
process.
The Bylaws Committee has determined that the current APHA Policy Statement Development
Process is in conflict with the bylaws (V.6.A and VIII.5.A).
-Yes vote: This Gives JPC power to select the policy statements that come before the GC for a
vote.
  This is consistent with current development process.
Motion: To suspend the rules to allow a non-member of the Governing Council (Harry Perlstadt) to speak on the amendment.  
Motion Approved

Motion #7: To amend the APHA bylaws to give the JPC the authority to select policy statements for action by the Governing Council.

Motion to amend Motion #7 – To amend the APHA bylaws to give the JPC the authority to receive, review, select according to transparent criteria, hold hearings on and present policy statements and resolutions for Governing Council action.  
Motion Approved

Motion: To continue debate an additional 10 minutes.  
Motion Failed

Motion #7: To amend the APHA bylaws to give the JPC the authority to select policy statements for action by the Governing Council.  
Motion Failed

Motion: To give the Committee on Bylaws the authority to make such editorial, numerical, grammatical and conforming changes to reflect the intent of these amendments.  
Motion Approved

6.0 Election of 2013 Nominations Committee

Voting for the Nominating Committee (2013-2015 term) was done by electronic ballot. The results will be announced in the afternoon session.

7.0 Joint Policy Committee

Presenting the archiving consent calendar and proposed policy statements as received by the Governing Council were Joint Policy Committee Co-chairs, Lynn Bethel (Chair, Action Board), Elizabeth Bancroft (Chair, Science Board), and Kaye Bender (Chair, Education Board).

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

Forty-two policies were recommended for archiving:

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Policy 5918 was removed from the consent agenda as requested. Plans are to update and replace this policy next year.

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

**Motion Approved**

Note: Although the archived policies are no longer available the text is accessible for viewing on the website.

Ten policy statements received in the meeting materials were placed on the consent agenda:

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Policies A4, B6, and D1 were removed from the consent calendar and discussed separately.

**Motion: To approve the consent agenda policy proposals, removing A4, B6, and D1.**

**Motion Approved**
A4: There was concern that there was inconsistency between the action steps and the title in the abstract.

**Motion:** To approve A4.
**Motion Approved**

B6: Change language on Page 6, Lines 13 and 14 to read: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services should require that industry and occupation be included as data elements for meaningful use.

**Motion:** To approve B6
**Motion Approved**

D1: Concerns were raised about the attention to local communities and minority groups across the board, and informed consent.

**Motion:** To suspend the rules to allow a non-member of the Governing Council (Harry Perlstadt) to speak on the amendment.
**Motion Approved**

**Motion:** To approve D1
**Motion Approved**

9.0 **Announcement** of Nominations Committee Election Results
Members elected to the Nominations Committee were:
- Luba Ivanov – PHN
- Pat Parker - ARGC/MO
- Andre Stanley – ATOD

*APHA President-Elect, Adewale Troutman, appointed Gerald Ohta as chair of the 2013 Nominations Committee.*

The meeting was recessed until 2:00 pm.

Session III – Tuesday, October 30, 2012

1.0 **Call to Order**
The last session of the Governing Council resumed at 2:00 p.m., Barbara Giloth, Speaker of the Council, presiding.

2.0 **Quorum Call**
The Secretary of the Council confirmed that there was a quorum.

3.0 **Joint Policy Committee (continued)**
LB1: Dental Amalgam – Preserving a Proven Dental Material
**Motion:** To adopt LB1
Motion: To continue debate of LB1.
Motion Failed

Motion: To adopt LB1
Motion Approved

LB2: Preventing Overdose Through Education and Naloxone Distribution
Motion: To adopt LB2
Motion Approved

Note: Full text on the policies can be found on the website at: www.apha.org/advocacy/policy

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 member dues. Council members were given an opportunity to give donations in an effort to reach the Governing Council’s goal of 100% leadership participation. Several sections, affiliates, and caucuses announced 100% contributions.

5.0 Election of 2012 Executive Board Officers
Voting for Executive Board Officers and Members was done by electronic ballot.

Three Honorary Vice Presidents were elected by acclamation for 2013.
Gail Christopher, DN Vice President – United States
Erica Di Ruggiero, BSc, MHSc, RD Vice President – Canada
Raul Cuadrado, MPH, DrPH, PhD (Hon) Vice President – Latin America and the Caribbean

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

6.0 Policy Development Process
The report of the Policy Development Work Group and recommended changes to the policy review process were received in the meeting materials.

The work group was established in 2009 by the Governing Council to address concerns regarding transparency and other issues in the policy process. Recommendations were made by the work group in 2011 and the progress to date on those recommendations was reviewed. A final report will be presented at the 2013 annual meeting.

As a follow-up to the discussion in the morning session regarding the role of the JPC and the failed bylaws amendment that would have clarified the role, the Speaker offered some guidelines for changing the policy process in 2013 to make the process more consistent with the current bylaws. While many GC members were appreciative of the follow-up there was general consensus that it made sense to take the time to have the JPC and the EB revise the policy process in 2013 and bring them to the mid-year/annual meeting for
GC vote. There was also concern that the guidelines did not address “transparent criteria” which was the most consistent issue identified in the morning session.

Motion: Taking into consideration the spirit of the morning discussion, the Executive Board and the JPC will bring to the Governing Council in 2013, a detailed proposal for revising the policy process.

Motion to Amend: To add - the appropriate amendments to the bylaws, also be presented to the Governing Council in 2013. Motion Approved

Motion (as amended): Taking into consideration the spirit of the morning discussion, the Executive Board and the JPC will bring to the Governing Council in 2013, a detailed proposal for revising the policy process and the appropriate amendments to the bylaws. Motion Approved

Note: The current Policy Statement Development Process can be found on the web at: http://www.apha.org/advocacy/policy/

7.0 Report of the APHA Accessibility Team
The Accessibility Team consists of both staff and members. Although APHA currently has many practices in place in regards to providing accessibility to persons with disabilities, a consultant has been hired to look at the association and identify any areas where there may be deficiencies and make recommendations for improvements. A written plan will be developed and presented to the Executive Board and Governing Council.

8.0 New Business
8.1 Future Overarching Priorities 2013-2014
Over the past year the Executive Board examined each of the association’s strategic priorities to determine if any adjustments were needed. A decision was made to rename the priorities to “overarching priorities,” the new term being more inclusive of the association’s goals and objectives. The priorities were revised and it was suggested that APHA keep the priorities for a two year period to stay in alignment with congress.

Motion: To approve the overarching priorities; Building Public Health Infrastructure and Capacity, Ensuring the Right to Health and Health Care, and Creating Health Equity, to achieve with our members, our communities, and our other partners. Motion Approved

Motion: To continue debate an additional 10 minutes. Motion Failed
8.2 Governing Council 2013 Work Plan
The work plan was received in the meeting materials.

There was a review of the Council’s 2012 accomplishments and the goals for 2013.

**Motion:** To accept the Governing Work Plan for 2013.
Motion Approved

8.3 Annual Meeting Date
There was a request that the association consider moving the annual meeting date so that it does not conflict with political campaigns.

Staff has looked at the timing of the meeting several times and will continue to investigate what will work best for the association. There are a number of challenges in selecting the time and place, including other public health meetings, space available, hotel and convention center rates. The contracts for annual meeting locations have already been negotiated through 2022.

8.4 Haiti Resolution on Cholera
A proposed late breaker policy in support of immediate action to end cholera in Haiti was received in the meeting materials.

**Motion:** To approve the one-page late breaker resolution on Haiti and Cholera Immunization.

**Motion to Amend:** Replace the action “The APHA urges WHO to provide full funding and technical assistance to the Haitian Ministry of Health in order to implement a nationwide vaccination campaign right away. ”, with the five action steps from the original late breaker.
Motion Failed

**Motion:** To approve the one-page late breaker resolution on Haiti and Cholera Immunization.
Motion Failed

Requests for new items of business were received:

**Motion:** Permission to add a new topic for discussion – to promote equitable access to APHA leadership roles by eliminating financial barriers to participation.
Motion Failed

**Motion:** Permission to add a new topic for discussion – who is admitted to the vending area in relationship to APHA policies.
Motion Failed

9.0 Announcement of Executive Board Election Results
The results of the Executive Board election were as follows:
President-Elect    Joyce Gaufin
Executive Board    Pamela Aaltonen
Executive Board    Lynn Bethel
Executive Board    Ayman El-Mohandes
Executive Board    Barbara Levin (1 year term)

10.0 Adjournment
There being no further business, the 2012 Governing Council was adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m.