



SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2008

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

At 1:15 p.m., President Otis Outing called to order the Eighty-Seventh (87th) Annual Business Meeting of the South Carolina Public Health Association (SCPHA), held Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at the Springmaid Beach Resort and Conference Center, 3200 South Ocean Blvd., Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

APPROVAL OF 2006 SCPHA BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

The May 2007 minutes of the Annual Business Meeting of the SCPHA, prepared by Jill Varn, were presented. Copies were distributed at the beginning of the Business Meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes as written. [*Motion – Ken Moore, Second – Larry White, motion carried*].

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Otis Outing, President welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked everyone for his or her service to the association. He thanked the membership for the opportunity to serve and expressed that it has been a pleasure and a wonderful year because of the efforts of all members.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Yolanda Kennedy, Treasurer distributed copies of the Fiscal Year 2007 Report and Fiscal Year 2008 Report to date. The reports included graphical representations of income and expenses. Ms. Kennedy reported that this report provides an overview of the financial status and activities for SCPHA in the past fiscal year ending December 30, 2007 and the current fiscal year as of April 24, 2008.

1. Fiscal Year 2007 Report

SCPHA closed the fiscal year ending December 30, 2007 with a net income of \$9,847.93. Income items such as the 2007 Annual Meeting, membership dues and service charges to external accounts did not meet income projections, however, other items such as interest income and charitable contributions exceeded income projections.

Expenses for items such as the Executive Director and postage were than projected. The 2007 Annual Meeting expenses were less than projected.

In October 2007, the Association was awarded a grant from the Kellogg Foundation through the American Public Health Association. The total amount submitted of \$85,724 was approved for the period October 2007 through February 2011. A total of \$22,280 was approved for the current period, October 2007 through September 2008.

SCPHA's total assets for the period ending December 31, 2007 were \$115,717.80, however 71%, a total of \$82,099.00, represents the restricted funds of the external accounts, leaving equity of \$33,618.80.

2. Fiscal Year 2008 Report

The 2008 Budget was presented to the Governing Council for approval at the October 2007 meeting with an effective date of January 2008. The budget was amended in February 2008 with income of \$102,625.00 and expenses of \$101,235.60 with a projected income for 2008 of \$979.40.

As of the period ending April 24, 2008, SCPHA had reported revenues of \$42,009.69, which includes the \$22,280 from the Kellogg grant, and reported expenses of \$20,003.75, for a total net income of \$22,003.75.

The Kellogg Grant had posted expenses of \$3,716.52 for a remaining balance of \$18,563.48.

Total assets for the period ending April 24, 2008 were \$131,032.02, only 57%, totaling \$75,409.47 represents the

external accounts, leaving equity of \$55,622.55.

Dale Hensley made a motion to accept the report. Mary Fechtel seconded, and the motion carried.

2008-2009 ELECTION REPORT

Nominating Committee Chair Lillie Hall announced the election results for SCPHA Officers who will serve during the 2008-2009 Year. The winners are: **President-Elect** ó Mr. Dennis Thompson; **Vice President** ó Mr. Blake Faulkenberry; **Treasurer** – Ms. Yolanda Kennedy; **Secretary** ó Ms. Leah Dorman; **Members-at-Large** ó Ms. Deborah Early and Ms. Keisha Adams. These individuals will serve on the SCPHA 2008-2009 Governing Council, along with **Incoming President Dr. Katy Wynne** and **Members-at-Large** Ms. Lillie Hall and Mr. Michael Turner.

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT UPDATE/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Michael Stalnaker submitted the following written report:

Membership:

- SCPHA's current membership count is 476.
- 62 new members since July 1, 2007
- 9 non-renewing members in 2007
- Invoice current members for renewal on a monthly basis. Individuals begin receiving invoices approximately 90 days prior to their renewal date with at least three reminders being sent to each member.
- Each month a list of individuals whose membership has expired for more than 120 days is provided to membership committee chair for follow up contact.
- Each month a listing of sectional membership with totals for each section is also generated and sent to the membership committee chair.
- A monthly current membership listing is sent as an MS Excel file to each section chair.
- Entered and updated membership changes, renewals, etc. Generated and mailed invoices for dues, renewal acknowledgement letters and new member packets. E-mailed updated listing of volunteer contact information as requested.

Financial:

- Recorded deposits and responded to check requests from external accounts
- Generated monthly financial reports
- Generated quarterly external account reports.
- Worked with External Account representatives and SCPHA leadership regarding deposits, check requests, etc
- Work with CPA to complete and file SCPHA's annual tax return with the IRS and the SC Secretary of State. Secretary of State registration renewal for association was submitted.
- Worked with President to purchase the association's computer, which is being financed as part of the Kellogg Grant proceeds.
- Worked with Treasurer and Grants Coordinator to provide status report on grant disbursements to date and our office will continue to work with them to perfect tracking/accounting/reporting processes.
- Worked with the SC Coalition of Obesity Prevention Efforts and SCPHA by providing fiscal agency accounting, reporting and check writing services for the grant funding for this project.
- Participated in Finance Committee Conference Calls.
- Quarterly/year-end reports for external accounts were sent to account contacts.

General Support:

- Attend monthly Governing Council meetings.
- Provide graphic design layout services for *Bulletin* newsletter.
- Posted Issues of *Bulletin* newsletter to website and broadcast e-mailed to all members.
- Assisted SCPHA with obtaining General Liability Insurance through APHA.
- Annual Meeting brochure was completed and posted to the web, mailed and e-mailed.
- Annual Meeting registration totals rec'd to date are shown below:
 - Full Meeting Registrations: 128
 - Retirees: 15
 - Students: 7
 - Non-Member Registrations: 8

- Guests: 1
- Partial Registrations: 14
- Pre-Conference Workshops: 90
- Total Registrations (All Categories): 249
- Get Ready (APHA) campaign materials have been printed and delivered in time for distribution at the Annual Meeting.
- Office staff worked with Annual Meeting Registration Chair to outline delivery timelines for various on-site meeting materials (name badges, rosters, etc.).
- Provided support to various committee chairs in fundraising drives and projects.
- Posted Public Health Month statewide activities information to website.
- A link to SCPHA's website has been added to the Health Organizations section on SCIway.com. A link to SCIway has been added to SCPHA's Links page.
- Sent broadcast e-mails to members announcing Public Health Activities to all in database with e-mail.
- Newly ratified (May 2007) SCPHA Constitution was posted to website with link at the bottom of the home page.
- Mailed copies of *Bulletin* newsletter to members without e-mail addresses.
- Responded to questions and requests from general membership by e-mail and phone.

PRESIDENT-ELECT'S REPORT

As President-Elect, Katy Wynne's activities during the Association's 2007-2008 year have been devoted to the new APHA Affiliate Capacity-Building Grant, or the Kellogg Grant, that SCPHA was awarded in October 2008, and as Chair of the Futures and Scholarship Committees. President Otis Outing appointed Katy as the grant manager and she distributed and presented a detailed report to the membership on the Grant objectives and activities during Year One.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Susan Clark, Vice President, submitted the following written report to the membership.

As Vice President, I was honored to serve as a member of the Governing Council and provide back up for our President, Otis Outing, as requested. I also chaired a dedicated, hard working Public Health Month Committee in planning and providing a very successful 2008 Public Health Month Celebration, "Celebrating the Many Faces of Public Health; Employees, Family and Friends" on April 1, 2008 at the SC State Museum in Columbia. SCPHA received support for this celebration from the Kellogg Foundation Grant, SC Partnership for Fight Chronic Disease and the American Cancer Society. The Commissioner of the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC), Earl Hunter, presented the Governor's 2008 Public Health Month Proclamation. Otis, the Commissioner and Dr. Lisa Waddell, SCDHEC Deputy Commissioner for Health Services provided greetings and brief remarks for this occasion. Judy Bolton Jarrett dedicated a new Public Health Month original print in memory of her late husband and former SCDHEC Commissioner Michael Jarrett and donated a framed print to SCDHEC. The Governing Council approved the printing of 300 additional Judy Jarrett prints and 200 boxes of note cards for sale to members and public health supporters. Otis presented Earl Hunter with a framed print from SCPHA. The event attendees also enjoyed great food and entertainment by children from Logan Elementary School's Leopard Steele Drum Band and members of the championship Double Dutch Forces. Students from the USC Arnold School of Public Health provided an educational booth and materials on the benefits of recycling.

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Blake Faulkenberry and Denyse Petry completed their second year terms as members at large this past year. Lillie Hall and Mike Turner started their first of two year terms. The members at large actively participated in the following committees: Public Health Month, Scholarship and Program. Lillie Hall also served as Chair of the Nominations Committee. Nominations were completed and submitted for the James A. Hayne, J. Marion Sims and Outstanding Service awards. The group enjoyed working together and serving on the committees that helped to support the goals of the SCPHA.

AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION REPORT

Pricilla White, APHA representative, distributed the following written report to the membership:

The APHA Annual Meeting theme "Public Health Without Borders" will explore transnational public health, and will provide a forum to address a diversity of topics including immigrant and refugee health; water and land rights; coordinating disease surveillance and epidemiologic response activities across borders; air and water pollution management across borders; and the international transmission of socio-cultural behaviors with adverse health implications. This Annual Meeting provides an opportunity for a better understanding of the aspects of growing multiculturalism that promote health living and even to highlight and foster science based and traditional practices that may serve to protect minority populations as they

enter new environments.

Scientific Sessions ó The Annual Meeting consists of more than 900 scientific sessions, roundtables, poster sessions, institutes and panel discussions at which over 4,000 scientific papers will be presented. View the Online Program for details. Presenter acceptance emails will be sent on June 1, check the status of your abstract after that date. For more information: <http://apha.org> or whitepw@dhec.sc.gov.

SOUTHERN HEALTH ASSOCIATION REPORT – Richard Funderburk
No report.

SECTION REPORTS

ATOD – No report.

Disease Control – No report.

Environmental Health

Sue Ferguson, Chair, presented the following written report:

**2008-2009 Section Council Officers
Standing Committee Assignments**

Officers*	Member	Term
Chair	Jim Woods	2008-2009
Chair-Elect	Eric Rogers	2008-2009
Vice Chair	*	2008-2009
Secretary	*	2008-2009
Member-at-Large	Vicki Blair	2007-2009
Member-at-Large	*	2008-2010
Standing Committees**	Member	Alternate
Continuing Education		
Legislative		
Membership		
Program: Annual Meeting		
Program: Mid-Year		
Public Health Month		
Public Information		

* Officers ó Vice Chair, Secretary, & Member-at-Large will be elected at the SCPHA Environmental Health Section meeting

** Standing Committees ó To be appointed by the incoming Chair

The Environmental Health Section would like to say “Welcome Home” to Jasper Varn. He recently returned home from deployment to Afghanistan with the South Carolina Army National Guard. Thank you for your service to our country, Jasper!

Health Administration ó Pam Dukes, Chair

No report.

Health Education

Dorthea Lewis, Chair, presented the following written report:

The Health Education Section held five (5) Section meetings over the course of the year at the United Way of the Midlands. Approximately 45 members and/or visitors attended the meeting over the course of the year. During the meetings, members planned section activities, reported on their involvement with SCPHA committees, discussed strategies to recruit/retain members, and shared public health event information. This year, the following members served as section officers: Dorthea Lewis, Chair; Meredith St. Louis, Chair-Elect; Megan Weis, Vice Chair; Meredith Talford, Secretary; Kristie Ackerman and

Lillie Hall, Members at Large. The section also prepared articles for The Bulletin. Our section has remained actively involved and continued to look for new ways to build the capacity of public health professionals and community liaison in South Carolina.

The summary of the Health Education Section's 2007/2008 activities are listed below:

August 2007-Section members discussed project ideas for the year and decided to collect personal hygiene items for 2 CASA Family Services of Orangeburg and Safe Passage of Rock Hill, SC as the first project. A volunteer was selected to represent our section at the SC AIDS Crisis Task Force Contraceptive Initiative.

October 2007-Dr. Bambi Gaddist provided an overview of the SC AIDS Task Force and encouraged involvement from SCPHA. Kelly Davis of SC Tobacco Collaborative presented an update at the meeting. Mailings to recruit CHES individuals in our sections were processed.

December 2007-Holiday Service Project and celebration: Representatives from CASA Family Services of Orangeburg and Safe Passage of Rock Hill, SC attended the meeting to receive the collected hygiene items for women at their shelters. Our section collected about 10 boxes of hygiene items, gift cards, etc. for this project.

February 2008-Section participated in SCPHA Public Health Month efforts and submitted nominee for the Lucinda Thomas Award.

April 2008-Section participated in Public Health Month activities and discussed selection of new officers. The sixth section meeting will be held during the SCPHA Annual conference. Lottie McClorin is the presenter for our section meeting at the SCPHA conference. She plans to present about the SC Emergency Contraceptive Initiative. Meredith St. Louis will serve as the new Health Education Section Chair for the 2008/2009 year.

Health and Human Services – Jennifer Lynch, Chair

No report.

Management Support

Donna Culbreath, Chair, presented the following written report:

This has been an awesome year for the Management Support Section. Two very successful fund raising events allowed our section to stretch its resources and adopt numerous community service projects. These projects included: School supplies for Class Act and Operation Not Forgotten, a Halloween grab box for Independence House, collecting toiletry items for Sister Care and St. Lawrence Place, Valentine bags for the children at Sister Care in West Columbia.

Due to the generosity of our members, we adopted a single mother with two children for both the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. We adopted a single father with two children for Easter, providing them with baskets and a gift card to Wal Mart. To celebrate Public Health Month, members served ice cream treats and fresh fruit to the women and children residing at Hannah House in Columbia.

The section supported the Association by attending the Winter Conference, Public Health Month, collecting toiletry items, Koats for Kids, selling turtle adoption papers, contributing articles to the Bulletin, and recycling old cell phones. One of our most delightful (and delicious) projects is sponsoring the ice cream social during the annual meeting.

Management Support Section slate of officers for next year are:

Chair:	Leah Dorman
Chair elect:	Lynnore Liggins
Vice chair:	Theresa Rienzie
Secretary:	Tammy Thomasson
Member at Large:	Kim Williams
	Yvette Wider

It has been a great year and it's been Donna's pleasure to have served as Chair.

Nutrition ó Barbara Thomas, Chair

No report.

Public Health Nursing

Michelle Myer, Chair, shared that the Project MAC ó Medical Access and Communication for Patients Who are Deaf or

Blind concurrent session is open to all conference attendees.

Social Work

Redonia Thomas, Chair, presented the following written report:

Our primary goal was to continue to increase the membership, complete a Service Project and offer 3 training hours to our section membership.

The Social Work Section has increased its membership this year with ten new members for a total of 45.

The Social Work Section completed a Service Project call "KOATS FOR KIDS". We collected 310 winter coats for homeless children and provided them for homeless shelters all over the state.

Our section offered a Winter Social Work Seminar on "*Opportunity for Funding through the March of Dimes Community Grant Program*" and "*Tips for Writing a successful Grant and Fund-Raising Strategies*" to provide 3 Continuing Education hours to the membership. The seminar highlighted significant community health programs and it was offered at a cost of SCPHA membership. In the process we were able to enlighten our community on two very significant funding opportunities that address public health issues.

The Social Work Section submitted to the Governing Council a proposal for a Social Work Award that was reviewed and accepted by the Governing Council.

Our section was able to accomplish its goals. A new slate of officer has been established with determination and enthusiasm to grow and promote the Social Work Section of SCPHA for the year 2009.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards

Gloria McCurry, Chair, shared that this years award recipients will be announced at this evening's Academy of Awards Gala at 7:30 p.m. in the Atlantic Ballroom. Please plan to attend this gala event.

Constitution and Bylaws

Mary Fechtel, Chair, presented the following written report:

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee have completed reviewing all sections of the Procedures Manual, which was begun last year. Governing Council approved all recommendations, which did not involve anything that affected the Constitution. Therefore, there will be no issues before the General Membership. Recommendations for several of the sections will be passed on to the incoming committee chair and committee for action. The manual will be edited in accordance with approved changes, proofread and made available to the membership and on-line as soon as feasible. Thank you to the committee for all of the hard work.

Continuing Education – Jan Viars, Chair

No report.

Finance – See Treasurer's Report.

Fiscal Review

No Report

Futures Planning

Katy Wynne, Chair, met earlier in the year with President Otis Outing and Past-President Mary Fechtel to review the responsibilities of the Futures Committee. It was the group's consensus that, during this year, the activities that would apply to the Futures Committee would be consolidated into the Kellogg Grant activities, and that Katy would work with the in-coming President-Elect on examining the structure of the committee and developing a plan to carry out the duties of this committee in the 2008-2009 year.

Legislative

Mike Chappell, Chair, presented the following written report to the membership:

The Legislative Committee is having a very busy year in regard to monitoring legislation for Session 117 (2007-2008). The selected topics for this year legislative focus included:

- a. Cigarette tax increase
- b. Clean Indoor Air
- c. Tobacco

I. Legislative Topics:

A. Cigarette Tax Increase

Session 117 ó (2007-2008)

H 3567 General Bill, By Rice, Gullick, Cotty and Agnew

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-21-620, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO TAXATION ON CIGARETTES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF TAX ON EACH CIGARETTE FROM THREE AND ONE-HALF MILLS TO TWO CENTS; TO ADD SECTION 44-6-157 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE REVENUE GENERATED FROM THE TAXATION ON CIGARETTES MUST BE USED TO EXPAND MEDICAID COVERAGE TO CHILDREN EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND YOUNGER WHOSE FAMILY INCOME DOES NOT EXCEED TWO HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL; AND TO CREATE THE HEALTH CARE TRUST FUND TO PROVIDE MEDICAID BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS WHOSE FAMILY INCOME DOES NOT EXCEED ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL AND WHO ARE UNINSURED AND TO PROVIDE THAT REVENUE IN EXCESS OF THE CHILDREN'S MEDICAID COVERAGE FROM THE **CIGARETTE TAX** MUST BE CREDITED TO THE HEALTH CARE TRUST FUND; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-36-910, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO SALES TAXES GENERALLY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AS OF JULY 1, 2009, THE THREE PERCENT SALES TAX IS ELIMINATED ON UNPREPARED FOOD WHICH LAWFULLY MAY BE PURCHASED WITH UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOOD COUPONS, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN GENERAL FUND TRANSFERS TO THE EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT ACT FUND FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR TO OFFSET EIA REVENUES LOST AS A RESULT OF THE LOSS OF SALES TAX ON THE SALE OF UNPREPARED FOOD, AND TO REDUCE THE SALES TAX ON UNPREPARED FOOD TO TWO PERCENT AS OF JULY 1, 2007, AND ONE PERCENT AS OF JULY 1, 2008.

Amendment No. P-2

Senators ALEXANDER, LAND, HAYES, and LOURIE proposed the following Amendment P-2 (3567R033.TCA), which was adopted: **Current status:** Senate read third time and returned to house with amendments.

Amend the committee amendment, as and if amended, by striking the amendment in its entirety and inserting: / SECTION 1. Article 5, Chapter 21, Title 12 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding: ðSection 12-21-625. (A) Effective July 1, 2008, there is imposed a surtax on cigarettes subject to the tax imposed pursuant to Section 12-21-620(1) in an amount equal to two and one-half cents on each cigarette. **Increasing tax from 7 cents to 57 cents per pack.**

(B) Notwithstanding another provision of law providing for the crediting of the revenues of license or other taxes, the revenue of the surtax imposed pursuant to this section must be credited as follows:

- (1) Each year, five million dollars to the Smoking Prevention and Cessation Trust Fund created pursuant to Section 11-11-220(A); and
- (2) of the remaining annual revenue, one-half to the Medicaid Trust Fund created pursuant to Section 11-11-220(B) and one-half to the Healthcare Trust Fund created pursuant to Section 11-11-220(C).

B. Clean In-door Air

S 0103 General Bill, By Jackson, Lourie, Gregory, Fair, Ford and Knotts

Similar (S 185) (S 0186) (S 0209) (H 3119)

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-95-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE CLEAN INDOOR AIR ACT, INCLUDING EXCEPTIONS TO PLACES WHERE SMOKING IS PROHIBITED, SO AS TO DELETE PROVISIONS ALLOWING SMOKING IN CERTAIN PRIVATE OFFICES AND TEACHER LOUNGES AT SCHOOLS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-485 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON TO SMOKE OR POSSESS LIGHTED SMOKING MATERIAL IN OUTDOOR AREAS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PRESCHOOLS AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY.

Current status: House referred to committee on Judiciary HJ-10 (3/14/07)

C. Tobacco

S 0186 General Bill, By Gregory, Knotts, Lourie and Jackson

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-17-504, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO IMPLEMENTATION OF LAWS RELATING TO SUPPLYING MINORS WITH TOBACCO, SO AS TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT LAWS, ORDINANCES, OR RULES PERTAINING TO TOBACCO PRODUCTS MAY NOT

SUPERSEDE STATE LAW, TO DELETE THE EXCEPTION PROVIDED FOR PRIVATE PROPERTY, AND TO DELETE THE EXEMPTION FOR SMOKING ORDINANCES IN EFFECT BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE SECTION.

Current status: Senate committee report: Favorable with amendments Judiciary SJ-6.

STATE EMPLOYEE LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

On March 12th, the House of Representatives approved its version of the 2008-2009 Budget Bill. This session's budget process will be completely in the hands of the Senate for the next several weeks. After the Senate completes its version of the Appropriation Bill, it then moves to the Conference phase and then final approval. The House Budget mirrors the recommendations of the Ways and means Committee, which means the following for state employees and retirees:

1. A 1% cost-of-living adjustment for state employees effective July 1, 2008. **Current status:** Pending Governor signature.
2. Retirees are currently guaranteed a 1% annual cost of living adjustment. Senate Bill 1124 and House Bill 4673 sponsored by Senator Hugh Leatherman and Representatives Dan cooper and Brian White respectively would increase the guaranteed annual COLA for retirees from 1% to 2%. The State Treasurer office COLA Task Force is committed to the passage of House Bill 4673 ó Mandatory 2% COLA for retirees. The passage of this legislation would eliminate much of the anxiety surrounding this adjustment process. The employee health insurance program's premiums and benefits remain at current levels for employees, retirees and their families. **Current status:** Pending Governor signature.
3. Privately owned vehicles (POV) mileage reimbursement rates to be funded to the IRS level of 50.5 cents a mile at a cost of \$570,000. The State's current rate is 44.5 cents per mile.

The following freestanding legislation was either carried over from last year or introduced this year:

A. House Bill 3257 sponsored by Representatives Taylor, Duncan and M. A. Pitts would establish a committee to study a step increase compensation plan for state employees. Referred to House Ways & Means Committee. No further action at this time.

B. Senate Bill 239 sponsored by Senators Ryberg, Bryant, Fair, Richardson and Verdin and House Bill 3007 sponsored by Representatives Kirsh, G. R. Smith, Witherspoon and Mahaffey would close the Teacher and Employee Retention Incentive (TERI) Program to new participants effective July 1, 2007 and repeal effective July 1, 2010 the establishment of the Program. Referred to Senate Finance Committee and House Ways & Means Committee respectively. No further action at this time.

C. Senate Bill 238 sponsored by Senators Ryberg, Bryant, Fair, Richardson and Verdin would re-establish full retirement eligibility from twenty-eight (28) years to thirty (30) years service. Referred to Senate Finance Committee. No further action at this time.

D. Senate Bill 307 sponsored by Senator Grooms would provide that retired members of PORS who are reemployed under the SCRS not be required to make employee contributions to the System. Referred to Senate Finance Committee. No further action at this time.

E. House Bill 3010 sponsored by Representative Talley would increase the amount of unused sick leave as service time at retirement from 90 days to 120 days. Referred to House Ways and Means Committee. No further action at this time.

F. Senate Bill 197 sponsored by Senators Ritchie, Richardson and Knotts would not only make employees at-will (no grievance rights), down to the third level, but would also include employees with an annual salary of \$50,000 and above. Referred to the Senate Finance Committee. No further action at this time.

G. Senate Bill 514 sponsored by Senator Reese would require the Budget and Control Board to devise and implement an annual longevity pay increase for classified state employees. Referred to Senate Finance Committee. No further action at this time.

H. Senate Bill 515 sponsored by Senator Reese would provide a State Employee Pay Career Incentive Plan (STEP). Referred to Senate Finance Committee. No further action at this time.

I. House Bill 3789 sponsored by Representatives Herb Kirsh and Dan Cooper would establish the South Carolina Retiree Health Insurance Trust Fund (SCRI Trust Fund).

Current status: Signed by Governor on 4/2/08 ó Act No. 195 on 5/1/08

Douglas E. Bryant – Legislator of the Year Award

With great significance to SCPHA is the “*Douglas E. Bryant Legislator of the Year Award*”. The Legislative Committee was mindful of the task at hand to bestow this honor on a deserving legislator. The Legislative Committee reviewed two (2) nominations for the Legislator of the Year Award and presented its recommendation to Governing Council for approval at the April 2008 Governing Council meeting. Governing Council approved the Legislative Committee recommendation of Senator Thomas C. Alexander to receive the Douglas E. Bryant Legislator of the Year Award for 2008. Senator Alexander represents District 1, which consist of Oconee and Pickens counties. Sen. Alexander has demonstrated knowledge, leadership, and concern about public health programs affecting so many of the state’s residents.

The award will be presented in Senator Alexander home district. The Legislative Committee is working with his office to coordinate an appropriate venue and time to be announced at a later date for this presentation.

Thanks to all the committee members and others who provided legislative information. The Legislative Committee welcomes your suggestions on other legislation that may be of interest to the Association.

Membership – Garrett Gardner

No report.

Past Presidents’ Advisory

Mary Fechtel, Chair, presented the following written report:

This year’s Past Presidents Advisory Committee got a very late start, but has set four (4) goals for this year. 1) Update membership for all past presidents; 2) create a Behavior Code for members; 3) start review of records and archiving system; and 4) updating the Leadership Guide. Three goals are ongoing, with a review of the records to occur in June 2008. Membership status of all past presidents was reviewed and contact made with all who were no longer members to renew memberships. The Code of Behavior started as an ethics code and has evolved into a Behavior Code since most public health members are state employees and subject to the State Ethics Code. After extensive research and revisions by several members, the final draft will be presented to the full committee in June with a recommendation to present to Governing Council for adoption in June. The Leadership Guide is currently under revision, with a working deadline of August 1, 2008 for use at the Leadership retreat (to be scheduled). A big thanks to all Past Presidents who are participating in these projects.

Public Health Month ó See Vice-President’s Report.

Public Information ó Elizabeth Mullins, Chair

No report.

Resolutions

Lavell Thornton, Chair reported that SCPHA signed on as an organizational supporter of resolution sponsored by the South Carolina Tobacco Collaborative supporting a cigarette tax increase. A copy of the resolution, including other organizational supporters, was provided to the membership.

The Committee is proposing one resolution to the full membership of the Governing Council during the May 2008 Business Meeting. A resolution “Promoting Livable Communities and Complete Streets” supports state legislation, local policies and ordinances that promote Livable Communities and Complete Streets and encourages expansion of this knowledge through education and training programs. A copy of the resolution approved by Governing Council April 25, 2008 was provided to membership for review.

Ms. Thornton made a motion from the Resolutions Committee that the Resolution be approved. Priscilla White seconded the motion. By vote of full membership the Resolution was adopted.

Scholarships

Katy Wynne, Chair, presented the following written report:

The members of the Scholarship Committee for this year were Member-at-Large Lillie Hall, Treasurer Yolanda Kennedy, Member-at-Large Michael Turner and President-Elect Katy Wynne, who served as Chair. This committee is responsible for promoting, accepting, rating/scoring and awarding the Association’s two academic scholarships, the Public Health Scholarship and the Malcolm U. Dantzler Scholarship. This year there were two applicants for the Public Health Scholarship and three applicants for the Malcolm U. Dantzler. This year’s winner or winners will be recognized and

presented with a check at the Annual Meeting Awards Banquet to be held Wednesday night, May 21, 2008. Other committee activities for the year included updating and revising the scholarship application forms and sending out sponsorship support letters to public health and health education contacts in each of the state's schools of higher education. Although no donations have been received, the list of potential sponsors was updated and efforts will continue to gather financial support for the academic scholarships that SCPHA awards annually. A final activity that will be completed this year will be to review all previous years' Scholarship files, purge unnecessary documents, shred confidential information, and archive the permanent documents in both hard copy and electronic files.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Convention Coordinators

On behalf of Convention Coordinator Co-Chairs Jan Cooke, Richard Funderburk, JoAnn Palmer and Dennis Thompson, Jan Cooke presented the following written report:

The Report is submitted as a culmination of information from all of the Convention Committee Chairs and Coordinators involved in planning the 2008 Annual Meeting. Serving as Convention Coordinators this year are Jan Cooke, Richard Funderburk, JoAnn Palmer and Dennis Thompson. The Committees have been chaired by the following:

Early Bird (President's Reception): Jill Varn, Paulette Hannon, and David Thomas;
Entertainment: Keisha Adams, Wesley Bolding, and Meredith St Louis;
Exhibits: Verna Faust, Marie Horton, Michael Turner, and Vicki Zelenko;
Marshals and Pages: Jackie Moore and Yvette Wider;
Properties: Tammy Thomasson and Andrew Rutland; and
Registration: Lynnore Liggins, Lorraine Glover, and Nakell Matthews.

The Convention Coordinators and Committee Chairs met in late summer 2007 with the Program Chairs and President Outing for initial planning of the annual meeting. Timelines and meeting schedules were established. This group met on the 1st Wednesday each month to continue planning, making assignments and coordinating all parts of the conference. A site visit was held with Springmaid staff on February 29, 2008.

Each Chair was responsible for identifying committee members, resources where needed and possible, and making assignments of their respective committees.

Besides the people identified above, this group also worked with other committee chairs to ensure all aspects of planning the annual conference occurred. This coordination occurred with chairs of the following committees, but not limited to, Awards, Continuing Education, Membership, Program, Resolutions, Scholarships, and Silent Auction.

Through out the year, this group did everything possible to present a successful, informative, educational conference, which attendees will take away experiences and knowledge to be used in their professions and personal lives. The 2008 Annual Meeting will be a great experience for everyone, from the pre-conference sessions on Tuesday to passing the gavel on Friday!

While at the conference, see any of the people listed above for assistance. Everyone is encouraged to complete the evaluation forms. This information is used to plan for the next conference. We really do listen and take action to improve the experience everywhere we can.

Contributed Papers

Judy Alexander and Myra Cochran, Co-Chairs, presented the following written report. The Contributed Papers Session Committee's purpose is to share results of original student research or program implementation important to the field of public health at each SCPHA Annual Meeting. During the past year, Co-Chairs Judith Alexander and Myra Cochran, with the help committee members (6 students), representing different departments within the Arnold School of Public Health and other USC academic units, worked to achieve this purpose. Call for Presentations were sent electronically and mailed across the state to reach universities and colleges that offer programs related to our purpose. Submissions were encouraged from individuals who are making positive contributions in the field of public health through program and research work. The Committee solicited and reviewed 19 abstracts (16 research abstracts and 3 programmatic abstracts) and selected 14 abstracts for either a poster session or oral presentation. These abstracts represent the Departments of Nursing at Lander University and Francis Marion University; the Departments of Health Services & Policy Management, Epidemiology & Biostatistics, Exercise Science, and Health Promotion, Education, & Behavior in the USC Arnold School of Public Health, and

the USC College of Library and Information Science, The highest scoring abstracts will receive awards and presenters will gain valuable networking experience at this year's annual SCPHA meeting.

Early Bird/President's Reception

Jill Varn, David Thomas and Paulette Hannon, Co-Chairs, presented the following written report:

This year's annual meeting was kicked-off with the President's Reception, held on Tuesday evening. President Outing and Mrs. Outing were our honorary guests. Everyone was able to meet our President and socialize with him and his wife.

The menu consisted of "reception" type foods; veggie trays, finger sandwiches, fruit trays, cheese trays, chips & dip, chicken strips, and brownies.

Our committee wishes to thank everyone who attended this event.

Entertainment ó Meredith St. Louis & Wesley Bolding, Co-Chairs

No report.

Exhibits ó Verna Faust, Chairs

No report.

Marshals and Pages – Jackie Moore, Chair

Jackie Moore, Chair, presented the following written report:

Thank you to the committee members for their dedication and hard work. A special thanks for members of the Registration Committee for their assistance. Everyone was very cooperative and willing to assist in whatever manner that was needed. We had a small group but we accomplished the task. Those who have an interest to join us, please contact any member of the committee or notify Governing Council.

Program ó Lou-Ann Carter & Priscilla White, Co-Chairs

No report.

Properties ó Tammy Thomasson, Chair

No report.

Registration ó Lynnore Liggins & Lorraine Glover, Co-Chairs

No report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Winter Conference – Keisha Adams, Chair

No report.

Silent Auction ó Teresa Rienzie, Chair

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

NEXT ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

May 2009 ó Springmaid Beach Resort and Conference Center, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

The 2008 SCPHA Annual Business meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan A. Weis
SCPHA Secretary
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