



SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2009

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

At 11:45 a.m., President Katy Wynne called to order the Eighty-Eighth (88th) Annual Business Meeting of the South Carolina Public Health Association (SCPHA), held Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at the Springmaid Beach Resort and Conference Center, 3200 South Ocean Blvd., Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

APPROVAL OF 2008 SCPHA BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

The May 2008 minutes of the Annual Business Meeting of the SCPHA, prepared by Meghan Weis, were presented. Copies were distributed at the beginning of the Business Meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes as written. *[Motion – Larry White, Second – Ronny VanVlake, motion carried].*

2009-2010 ELECTION REPORT

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, President Katy Wynne announced the election results for SCPHA Officers who will serve during the 2009-2010 year:

President-Elect – Ms. Lillie Hall

Vice President – Mrs. Brenda Martin

Secretary – Ms. Tammy Thomasson

Members-at-Large – Ms. Mary-Kathryn Craft and Mrs. Leah Dorman

These individuals will serve on the SCPHA 2009-2010 Governing Council, along with **Incoming President** Mr. Dennis Thompson, **Treasurer** Ms. Yolanda Kennedy, and **Members-at-Large** Ms. Keisha Adams and Ms. Deborah Early.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Katy Wynne, President, welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked everyone for their service to the association. She also thanked the membership for the opportunity to serve as President, and then presented the following report for the full membership, outlining major activities for this office during the Association's 2008-2009 year:

- Katy presided over Governing Council meetings that were held on the 4th Friday of each month, except in May when board members met on May 15, 2009, prior to the Annual Convention.
- August 21-22, 2008 – Coordinated a 1.5-day Leadership Training Retreat at Saluda Shoals Park River Center for new officers and leaders of the Association with funding support from the APHA Affiliate Capacity-Building Initiative (ACBI-Kellogg) Grant. A total of 27 SCPHA leaders participated in the training retreat, led by Eric Ostermann, President of Badger Bay Management Company in Wisconsin. A combination of direct presentation and small group interaction were used to cover the topic areas of Governance, Membership Development. SCPHA leaders, Priscilla White and Lavell Thornton, also conducted the annual Leadership Orientation during the retreat.
- August 12 and 26, 2008 – APHA hosted a two-part Financial Webinar for ACBI-Kellogg Grantees and SCPHA Financial Officers and Leaders participated, including President Katy Wynne, Treasurer Yolanda Kennedy, Fiscal Review Committee Chair Michael Turner, Secretary Leah Dorman, and Finance Committee Member and Past President Richard Funderburk. Primary topics covered related to the new IRS 990 Guidelines for non-profit organizations. Following the Webinar, Past President and Constitution and Bylaws Committee Chair Otis Outing worked with Michael Stalnaker to complete the 990 requirements prior to a December 31, 2008 deadline.
- August 29, 2008 – Katy represented SCPHA at the Flu Vaccine Stakeholders' meeting sponsored by SC DHEC at the SC Hospital Association.
- October 25-29, 2008 – While attending the APHA Annual Meeting in San Diego, Katy also participated in the ACBI Grantee Meetings as a grant requirement. The sessions included special speakers, grant presentations and Affiliate round table discussions.

- October 30, 2008 – Katy submitted the ACBI-Kellogg Grant Annual Narrative Report to APHA. Activities completed are included in the Kellogg Grant report prepared for the May 20, 2009 Association Annual Business Meeting.
- April 2009 – Katy appointed Blake Faulkenberry, Otis Outing and Michael Stalnaker as the Web Site Design workgroup to help guide the web site redesign project. The Web Design workgroup met with Brandi Burkett Dixon of InnovativEye Designs, LLC on 24, 2009 to discuss her draft layout designs. Katy met again with Brandi on May 7, 2009 to finalize the links for the home page. A sample of the new Web site design will be unveiled at the 2009 Annual Convention.

Additionally, Katy presented the following Kellogg Grant Report:

FOCUS OF APHA NATIONAL INITIATIVE:

Build capacity and strengthen the infrastructure of state public health associations; Build a stronger grassroots policy network; and improve the nation’s ability to respond to new and emerging public health threats.

Using funding support from the grant, the APHA initiative will specifically help State Affiliates accomplish the following:

- Build on local successes and overall capacity, such as providing leadership, influencing health policy and leading community programs;
- Ensure that the Affiliates have resources for basic operations, such as non-profit incorporation and communication tools;
- Expand the Affiliates’ ability to educate policy-makers on public health issues; and
- Enhance APHA-Affiliate (national and state) and Affiliate-Affiliate (state to state) communications.

GRANT PERIOD:

Fiscal Year 1: October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2008	Fiscal Year 2: October 1, 2008 – September 30, 2009
Fiscal Year 3: October 1, 2009 – September 30, 2010	Fiscal Year 4: October 1, 2010 – February 28, 2011

SCPHA GRANT AWARD: \$85,724.00

SCPHA GRANT GOALS:

- (1) Enhance constituent relationships.
- (2) Increase revenue and seek sustainable funding.
- (3) Broaden our membership base.
- (4) Build leadership participation and skills.
- (5) Improve overall operations and communications.

ANNUAL ACTIVITIES COMPLETED:

Project Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Katy Wynne participated in Kellogg Grant Conference Calls on June 26, 2008, January 14, 2009 and April 14, 2009. ▪ APHA’s annual grant survey was completed on August 8, 2008. ▪ Quarterly Financial Reports were submitted before the 15th deadline of July 2008, October 2008, January 2009 and April 2009. ▪ Year 1 Annual Narrative Report was submitted on October 30, 2008. ▪ Katy Wynne participated in an APHA Annual Report follow-up evaluation conference call on November 19, 2008. ▪ Grant Oversight Committee met on March 27, 2009 to review grant deliverables. ▪ Katy Wynne participated in an April 30, 2009 conference call with APHA events planners to give input on technical assistance training needs.
APHA Get Ready Campaign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SCPHA’s Executive Director, Michael Stalnaker of Queen Communications, LLC, has coordinated the printing and distribution of Get Ready campaign materials, while Project Manager, Katy Wynne, is currently serving as the overall coordinator of the Get Ready activities.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Three APHA Get Ready flyers on Pandemic Influenza were printed in bulk and displayed each time the SCPHA exhibit was used at a conference or other event. ▪ A link to the Get Ready campaign website was placed on SCPHA's website at www.scpa.com ▪ SCPHA participated on August 29, 2008 in a Statewide Flu Vaccine Stakeholders meeting convened by the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). A statewide Pan Flu summit was not scheduled during grant Year 1; however, SCPHA was invited to partner with SC DHEC and other key stakeholder public health agencies to co-sponsor a Fall 2008 Statewide Flu Vaccine promotional campaign as a strategy for the prevention of a Pandemic Flu outbreak. SCPHA joined this effort as a supporting partner and made a \$1,000 contribution to the campaign. The campaign will run through the 2008-2009 flu season. ▪ A link to the Get Ready campaign website was placed on the Flu Vaccine campaign's website at: http://www.scdhec.gov/flu/resources.htm ▪ Get Ready materials were distributed with the SCPHA display when exhibited at May 2008 SCPHA Annual Convention, September 2008 Statewide Social Work Conference, and September 2008 Statewide Nutrition Conference.
ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Redesign of SCPHA Website is underway with Web Design Contractor, InnovativEye Designs, LLC. ▪ Megan Weis and Lillie Stoisor-Olsen have agreed to help launch a new Student Section or a Student Forum of SCPHA. ▪ Deborah Early agreed to be a Columbia-based Co-Chair for the Membership Committee. ▪ A Listserv to reach partner organizations and agencies is being planned for completion during Year 2. ▪ SCPHA maintains a current media listing that is used to promote news releases and other association information. ▪ Summer 08 and fall/winter 09 editions of <i>The Bulletin</i> were published and distributed electronically to all members and partner groups. ▪ Five SCPHA officers participated in an APHA Financial Webinar – Part I on August 12, 2008 and Part II on August 26, 2008.
Leadership Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An updated “Leadership Manual” for new officer orientation and leadership training was completed in August 2008. ▪ A “Leadership Orientation and Development Training Retreat” was held on August 21-22, 2008 at Saluda Shoals Park in Columbia, SC. A total of 27 Governing Council Officers, Section Chairs, Committee Chairs and other key members participated in the 1.5-day training on governance and association management topics. The topics and speakers were “Leader Orientation” presented by past presidents, Priscilla White and Lavell Thornton, and “Leadership Development and Association Management Fundamentals” presented by consultant, Eric Ostermann. A past presidents’ workgroup revised and updated our existing SCPHA Leadership Guide and grant funds supported the printing of copies for limited distribution to board members and other leaders. ▪ Travel costs were paid for the project manager to attend the required grant meetings held at the APHA Annual Meeting, October 25-29, 2008 in San Diego.
Program Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Public Health Month 2009 educational activities, held on April 3, 2009, were grant supported. ▪ Professional education CEUs and Speakers for the SCPHA 2009 Annual Convention, held May 19-22, 2009, were grant supported.
Community Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fall 08 and winter 09 meetings were held with senior management at SC DHEC to discuss continued support of SCPHA activities and partnership efforts. ▪ The 2009 Annual Convention was co-sponsored by SC DHEC and Mid-Carolina

	AHEC, with grant support from APHA. SCPHA co-sponsored the September 12, 2008 Lucia Murchison Public Health Social Work Annual Conference and the September 2008 SC DHEC Statewide Nutrition Conference.
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If you are interested in serving on a Grant Work Team, please contact Katy Wynne at wynnekl@dhec.sc.gov.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Yolanda Kennedy, Treasurer, reported the following for Fiscal Year 2008 and Fiscal Year 2009:

This report provides an overview of the financial status and activities for SCPHA in the past fiscal year ending December 30, 2008 and the current fiscal year as of April 23, 2009.

1. Fiscal Year 2008 Report

SCPHA closed the fiscal year ending December 30, 2008 with a net income of only \$1,592.24. The net income over the past couple of years has been on a steady decline. In 2006 the net income was approximately \$15,000. In 2007, net income was approximately \$9,800.

In October 2007, the Association was awarded \$85,724 from the Kellogg Foundation through the American Public Health Association for the period October 2007 through February 2011. \$22,280 was approved for the period, October 2007 through September 2008. \$18,633.63 was expended. The balance of \$3,646.37 was approved as carry forward into this fiscal year. Major expenses for the Kellogg grant included the 2008 Winter Conference, Public Health Month, the Annual Meeting and a Leadership Development Retreat.

SCPHA’s total assets for the period ending December 31, 2008 were \$144,389.58. 51%, of that amount, a total of \$73,330.26 represents the restricted funds of the external accounts, and \$35,848.28 of the Kellogg Grant, leaving actual equity of \$37,440.52.

2. Fiscal Year 2009 Report

The 2009 Budget was balanced with a \$0.00 projected net income. However, in order to balance the budget, the Governing Council approved use of \$8,500 in retained earnings.

For the period October 2008 through September 2009, we received \$29,728 for the Kellogg Grant. Through April 2009, excluding the Kellogg Grant we have income of \$21,049.44, expenses of \$13, 313.53 leaving a net income of \$7,735.91.

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT UPDATE/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Michael Stalnaker submitted the following written report:

Membership:

- SCPHA's current membership count is 399.
- 39 new members since July 1, 2008
- 42 non-renewing members in 2008
- 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 Governing Council and Constitution and Bylaws Chair to develop several new association policies recommended by the IRS concerning conflicts of interest and other fiduciary matters. GC passed these policies in November/December 2008.
- Worked with Treasurer and Grants Coordinator to provide financial reports and other accounting support for the APHA Kellogg Grant disbursements, and our office will continue to work with them as the grant progress through Year 2.
- Worked with the SC Coalition of Obesity Prevention Efforts, DHEC's All Health Team and other external accounts by providing fiscal agency accounting, reporting and check-writing services for these projects, events or grant activities.
- Participated in Finance Committee Conference Calls.
- Assisted Treasurer and Finance Committee with budget development; entered and tracked expenditures through accounting software.
- Assisted Financial Review Committee as it completes the association's fiscal review, which is a comprehensive review of all financial records, including APHA Kellogg Grant accounting and external account bookkeeping.
- Successfully implemented online access for association's bank accounts with NBSC. Remote Express Deposit for checks and money orders has been successfully used since January 2009.
- Prepared and mailed receipt/thank you letters to charitable contributors (individuals)
- Prepared year-end reports and these are ready to send to the association's CPA for tax form preparation
- Quarterly/year-end reports for external accounts were sent to account contacts.
- Website was updated include links for IRS Form 990 for years 2007, 2006 and 2006, along with initial tax exempt organization application and final approval letter per new IRS guidelines for public disclosure for charities and non-profit organizations.

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. Copies were mailed to members without e-mail access.
- Worked with Nominations Committee to layout, coordinated printing and mailing of 2009 ballots and bios. Returned, sealed ballots were turned over to Nomination Committee for opening and tallying following May Governing Council meeting.
- Renewed SCPHA's General Liability Insurance through APHA.
- Renewed SCPHA's Directors and Officers Liability Insurance through The Hartford.
- Annual Meeting brochure was completed and posted to the web, mailed and e-mailed.
- Annual Meeting Registration table was set up and data entry was made by management office staff. Confirmations were sent to attendees by e-mail, or if needed, by US Mail.
- Annual Meeting Registration data entry has been completed and copy of the file and registration materials are being delivered to the Registration Committee. **Paid Registration** totals are as follows:

1. Full Meeting, Member:	65
2. Full Meeting, Retiree	20
3. Full Meeting, Student	2
4. Full Meeting Non-Member	2
5. Wednesday Only	3.
- Total Attendees (Presenter, Student Presenters, etc): 149
- Donations of gift cards/certificates, etc., were received for the Silent Auction Committee from South Carolina businesses and association supporters. These items were periodically collected by the Silent Auction Committee.
- Office staff worked with Annual Meeting Registration Chair to outline delivery timelines for various on-site meeting materials (name badges, rosters, etc.).
- Blast e-mails have been sent to membership promoting the Legislator of the Year Award and general Association awards.
- Provided support to various committee chairs in fundraising drives and projects.
- Posted Public Health Month statewide activities information to website.
- Supported work by Public Health Committee in promoting and ordering of PH Month items.

- Sent broadcast e-mails to members announcing Public Health Activities to all in database with e-mail.
- QC staff 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.
- Responded to questions and requests from general membership by e-mail and phone.

PRESIDENT-ELECT'S REPORT

During this current year, President-elect Dennis Thompson has been working on two fund raisers for the Association:

- **The SCPHA Store.** Through contacts with Premier Marketing and several other state associations, the President Elect has worked to add the "SCPHA Store" to the website. At the Store, members can purchase different items with the association's Logo. These items can be bought for use by members or different fund raisers for the sections. A profit is made on each item sold, and will go to the general revenue of the SCPHA. The Store should be operational at the Annual Meeting.
- **Grant Opportunity.** The SCPHA has applied for a \$25,000 grant from the American Public Health Association to be used for costs of the 2010 Annual Meeting. Notification of the recipients of the grants will be made in late winter/early spring of 2010.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Blake Faulkenberry, Vice President, submitted the following written report to the membership:

I would like to thank all SCPHA members for their support of SCPHA this past year. It has been an honor to serve as Vice President.

During the month of April, SCPHA celebrated National Public Health Month in South Carolina. SCPHA's Public Health Month theme and kickoff event centered around Building and Maintaining Healthy Homes as a foundation for good health. The event was held Friday, April 3, 2009 at the Saluda Shoals River Center from 4:00 to 6:30. ML Tanner from DHEC Environmental Health presented on the subject of healthy homes. DHEC Commissioner Earl Hunter and Deputy Commission Dr. Lisa Waddell were present and talked about the importance of Public Health in South Carolina. There were many exhibits supporting this year's "health homes" theme. The Pelion High School Honors Orchestra provided musical entertainment at the event and there was a Kids Craft workshop provided by The Home Depot.

As part of this year's theme, SCPHA collected items to support Habitat for Humanity Construction projects in South Carolina throughout the Month of April. On May 4, 2009, two boxes of items plus a cash donation of \$100.00 was delivered to the Habitat for Humanity Restore in Columbia. Habitat Staff was very grateful for SCPHA's Donations and stated "these are exactly the things we need for our construction crews". SCPHA members donated screw drivers, hammers, paint brushes, dust masks, and Tape measures just to name a few of the items.

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Members-at-Large participated on assigned committees (Public Health Month, Scholarship, Program, Exhibits and Futures), members also served as chair for other committees and nominated persons for the Hayne and Outstanding Service Awards. An article was submitted in August 2008 regarding some of the membership activities (CHES Study Sessions, Job Analysis Taskforce Membership and Board Membership for the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing). The membership was reminded of the role of Members-at-Large and asked to utilize them for voicing their concerns regarding the Association.

AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION REPORT

Pricilla White, APHA representative, distributed the following handout regarding the stimulus package information pertaining to South Carolina. As your representative to APHA, it is important to be informed with information on a national level but it is most important to be informed as to issues that affect South Carolina



OFFICE OF
MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

South Carolina and the President's Fiscal Year 2010 Budget

The President's 2010 Budget seeks to usher in a new era of responsibility – an era in which we not only do what we must to save and create new jobs and lift our economy out of recession, but in which we also lay a new foundation for long-term growth and prosperity. To achieve these goals, the nation must address some of the deep, systemic problems that have been ignored for too long by making critical investments in education so that every child can compete in the global economy, health care so that we can control costs while boosting coverage and quality, and renewable sources of energy so that we can reduce our dependence on foreign oil and become the world leader in the new clean energy economy. At the same time, we also must restore fiscal discipline, making sure that we invest in what works and do not waste taxpayer dollars on programs that do not work or are duplicative.

Taken together, education, health care, clean energy, and fiscal discipline are the pillars upon which we can build a new foundation for our economy, a foundation that brings opportunity and prosperity to all Americans for decades to come.

Under the President's budget, South Carolina will see:

- Tax cuts for 1.7 million families.
- \$492.7 million for schools, students, and teachers.
- \$1.6 billion in new funding for Pell Grants to help families pay for college.
- A pay raise for the 57,500 men and women in South Carolina serving in our Armed Forces.

Creating Jobs, Getting the Economy Moving Again, and Investing for Long-Term Growth

- The President's budget will mean lower taxes for 1.7 million families in South Carolina. Through the Making Work Pay tax credit, the budget provides a tax cut up to \$400 for individuals and \$800 for families.
- South Carolina's 312,100 small businesses are central to economic progress. That's why the budget eliminates capital gains taxes on stocks of certain small businesses to encourage innovation, expansion, and job creation. The President also makes the Research-and-Experimentation Tax Credit permanent, promoting innovation and business growth.
- The budget helps to create jobs here at home by assisting small businesses with improved marketing, technical, and contracting assistance. It supports \$17.5 billion in loan guarantees to get credit flowing again. Also, the budget proposes changes to the tax code that will get rid of tax incentives for large U.S. multinational companies to invest abroad, rather than here at home.
- South Carolina's infrastructure – like the rest of the nation's – is in need of investment. An estimated 28 percent of South Carolina's major roads are in poor or mediocre condition, while 23 percent of the state's bridges are judged structurally deficient or functionally obsolete. The budget establishes a national Infrastructure Bank to fund these improvements, builds on the historic investments in our highways and mass transit systems made in the Recovery Act, and invests an additional \$1 billion over what was committed in the Recovery Act into expanding broadband Internet access to rural and underserved areas.
- The budget invests \$20.5 million in the federal HOME program and \$63.3 million in the Housing Choice Voucher program to help South Carolina families find affordable, good-quality places to live.

Bringing Down the Cost and Boosting the Quality of Health Care

- In South Carolina, 1.3 million people are uninsured, and rising health care costs take more than \$9,300 a year from paychecks of South Carolina residents.
- The budget makes an unprecedented \$635 billion down payment on health care reform. This deficit-neutral reserve fund will be used to pay for a substantial part of a health care reform effort that will bring down costs, boost quality, expand coverage, preserve the ability to choose your doctor, and put our nation on a fiscally sustainable path.
- To cut prices on medicines, the budget helps South Carolina residents to buy more affordable medicines from other countries, streamlines the approval of generic medicines, and strengthens efforts to make food and medical products safer.
- The budget invests \$3.4 billion in Medicaid grants to help South Carolina protect health care coverage for families with dependent children as well as aged, blind, or disabled individuals.

Giving Every Child a World-Class Education

- Across the country, a college degree is fast becoming too expensive for middle-class families. In the past 25 years, tuition, fees, and room-and-board costs have jumped by 107 percent. But financial assistance hasn't kept pace. The President's budget makes college more affordable for an estimated 14,000 South Carolina residents by increasing the maximum Pell Grant for college students for the next school year to \$5,550.
- The President also wants to eliminate middlemen in student loans, bypassing big banks and putting the funds directly in the hands of students. This would save an estimated \$5 billion next year in subsidies for the banks, and \$48 billion during the next decade. The savings would be invested in our students, increasing Pell awards across the country. In South Carolina, the President's plan would boost Pell funding by \$1.6 billion between now and 2019.
- The budget makes permanent the \$2,500 American Opportunity Tax Credit for people attending college while also proposing to cut the red tape on financial aid, making it easier for students and their parents to apply for assistance.
- The budget invests \$217.7 million for state and local educational initiatives throughout South Carolina which strengthen student achievement in low-income areas. These funds would provide additional assistance to teachers and schools as they implement innovative approaches to raising student performance.
- The budget provides South Carolina \$38.0 million to help increase students' academic achievement by boosting teacher training efforts and expanding recruitment efforts for effective teachers and principals in high-need school districts.
- The budget provides \$12.4 million for the state's School Breakfast program and \$55.0 million for its School Lunch program.

Reducing Our Dependence on Oil and Investing in a Clean Energy Future

- It's a security, economic, and environmental imperative that we reduce our dependence on foreign oil and invest now to make the United States the world leader in clean energy. That's why the budget establishes a New Energy Innovation Fund to drive the creation of an energy-efficient housing market -- including the "retrofitting" of older, inefficient housing -- and to act as a catalyst for private lending for this purpose in the residential sector.
- The budget also supports loan guarantees for innovative energy technologies including renewable energy projects, transmission projects, and carbon sequestration projects that avoid, reduce, or sequester air pollutants and greenhouse gases while simultaneously creating green jobs and contributing to long-term economic growth and international competitiveness.

- And the budget lays out how the Administration plans to work with key stakeholders and Congress to develop an economy-wide, market-friendly emissions reduction program to start in 2012 that would reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The goal is to reach levels approximately 14 percent below 2005 emissions by 2020, and approximately 83 percent below 2005 emissions by 2050.

Supporting Our Military and Veterans

- The President's budget supports additional permanent forces in the Army and Marine Corps, which will increase in size to 547,400 and 202,000, respectively, by the end of 2009. This growth is two to three years ahead of schedule and will reduce stress on service members and their families, while ensuring heightened readiness for a full spectrum of military operations.
- The budget increases VA funding by \$25 billion during the next five years to ensure quality health care close to home for all our veterans, including the more than 410,100 veterans in South Carolina.
- The budget also contains a proposal to expand concurrent receipt of military retired pay and Veterans Disability Compensation to all retirees receiving disability retired pay. Under current law, the prohibition on concurrent receipt means that these benefits offset each other so that military retirees with disabilities greater than 50 percent cannot receive both retirement and disability payments.
- To honor the sacrifice of the more than 57,500 men and women from South Carolina and the thousands more from across the nation who serve in our Armed Forces, the budget includes funding for a 2.9 percent military pay raise.

SOUTHERN HEALTH ASSOCIATION REPORT

Richard Funderburk reported the mid-year meeting for Southern Health was January 7-9, 2009 in Jacksonville, Florida. At the meeting, it was noted all states are facing similar budget issues and there are states worse than South Carolina. For example, Florida was facing a huge deficit but had not met to address the issues. Also, Georgia Public Health Association had to cancel their annual meeting due to budget issues. For the Florida Public Health Association's Annual Meeting, due to budget cuts like those that have taken place in South Carolina, as well as the travel and reimbursement restrictions, they are expecting a lower attendance than normal.

The SHA annual meeting will be held in conjunction with the Florida Public Health Association's Annual Meeting. The dates are August 4-7 2009 in West Palm Beach, Florida. Jan Cooke will be the incoming President of SHA. If you are interested in attending and would like more information about this meeting, please see Richard.

SECTION REPORTS

ATOD

Leslie Hipp, Chair, reported the following:

Officers and Committee Representatives for 2009-2010:

Leslie Hipp, Chair

Chair-Elect vacant

Vice Chair -Raphael Carr

Secretary - Carol Lewis

Members-at-Large (2) -Jim Neal, Cheryl Long

Continuing Education-Elizabeth Peters

Program-Leslie Hipp/Elizabeth Peters

Legislative-Jim Neal

Registration-JoDee Douda

Public Health Month-Carol Lewis

Public Information (newsletter)-Debee Early

Starting membership: 30

Current membership: 30

- Initial email was sent to all lapsed members and email with letter of introduction from the chair to all current members. Our first meeting was scheduled for Sept. 18. However, due to travel and budget restrictions, we decided to meet via conference call on alternate months.
- Discussions were held with Behavioral Health Services Association Chairperson, Debbie Francis to discuss the role of ATOD section and to solicit support. Ms. Francis shared her support and agreed to allow time for presentation at board meetings. Ms. Cheryl Long continued her advocacy of the association support of SCPHA and the section.
- The section developed the “Holiday Hosting Tips” for safe holiday parties and alternative alcoholic beverages recipes. Approximately 150 were distributed at the December meeting and at the multiple advisory meetings during December.
- Committee member, Elizabeth Peters worked on the Conference planning committee. It was decided that Dr. Pam Imm and Frankie Sheheen will present for ATOD hours on the Recovering Professionals Program.
- The ATOD section worked to firm up plans for the section meeting. It was decided that a training during section meeting entitled, “Not Your Mother’s Marijuana” will be presented along with a meeting for the membership. Vice Chair, Raphael Carr confirmed plans for the Alternative Celebration during the conference and worked on the “Adopt a Turtle” project.
- Goals for next year include: 1) increase membership, 2) submit articles to APHA, 3) develop regional meetings, and 4) increase overall membership involvement.

Disease Control

No report.

Environmental Health

James Woods, Chair, presented the following written report:

Elections for new officers will take place during the section meeting at the annual meeting. Current officers and committee members are as follows:

Officers	Member	Term
Chair-----	Jim Woods-----	2008-2009
Chair-Elect-----	Eric Rogers-----	2008-2009
Vice Chair-----	Jasper Varns-----	2008-2009
Secretary-----	Ron Walker-----	2008-2009
Member-at-Large---	Vicki Blair-----	2007-2009
Member-at-Large---	Mike Chappell-----	2007-2009

Standing Committees	Member	Alternate
Continuing Education	Jasper Varn	
Legislative	Mike Chappell	
Membership	Sue Ferguson	
Program: Annual Meeting	Eric Rogers	
Program: Mid-Year	Jim Woods	
Public Health Month	Sue Ferguson	
Public Information	Vicki Blair	

The Environmental Health Association Fall Conference was held on 23 October 2008. Michael Longshore was elected our Program President. A nomination has been submitted for the Environmentalist of the Year award.

Health Administration

Michael Turner, Chair, submitted the following written report:

The Health Administration Section met quarterly throughout 2008-2009. Updates from committee representatives were given at each meeting. The Section held a fundraising activity to collect items for children removed from Meth homes. This was a great success. We had to make more than four trips to deliver items that included: sanitary supplies, clothes, toys and just about anything a kid could ever ask for. I was told by one of the DSS employees that the children had thought Santa Claus had come. During the month of May we are collecting food items for

Women's Shelter and Harvest Hope. So far we have had a good response and I will deliver these at the end of May.

During the Annual Conference, the Health Administration Section Meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 20 from 3:45-5:00 pm. Doug Bryant will be our speaker and all Section members and other interested persons are invited to attend this informative presentation. The Nutrition section will be joining us.

The Section also elected new officers for 2009/2010. The new officers are as follows:

Chair – Colleen Donovan
Vice-Chair – Beverly Brandt
Secretary – Alana Staley
Member at Large – Vivian Baxter (1st) year
Member at Large – *(1st) Year

New committee appointments were also made. They are as follows:

Program Committee – Mary Fechtel, Mike Turner
Public Health Month – Beverly Patterson
Legislative – Vivian Baxter, Alana Staley
Membership – *
Public Health Information – Mike Turner, Marie Horton
Winter Conference – Richard Funderburk, Alana Staley

*We still need someone to fill the Member at Large slot and someone to be on the membership committee.

Health Education

Meredith St. Louis, Chair, presented the following written report:

This year the health education section held the section meetings at 1800 St. Julian Place in Columbia but in addition we had the conference call option available each meeting. This was especially effective for those with travel restrictions. The Health Education section set up the SCPHA display board at the Health Education Conference in October. At the conference in hopes to increase membership we offered to those who signed up would be eligible for the raffle with a chance to win a \$25.00 gas gift card. This proved to be successful. In December for the sections service project we collected canned food for the Harvest Hope Food Bank, also members could go online to donate at the Harvest Hope Food Bank Website. Lastly the Health Education Section joined with the Social Work Section at the annual meeting during the section meeting.

Health and Human Services

No report.

Management Support

Leah Dorman, Chair, presented the following written report:

The Management Support Section has had another busy year, full of accomplishments and successes:

- The year started with our annual collection of school supplies was a success. We, along with participation from other SCPHA members, collected and distributed a total of three large boxes of school supplies for two schools. An elementary school in Sumter received two boxes and a junior high school in Dillon received one box.
- We had representation at the 2008 SCPHA Golf Tournament Fund Raiser, and donated packs of Lance crackers that were placed in each bag given to the golfers and volunteers.
- Halloween treat bags and dental bags for children and bagged toiletry items were donated to the residents of Sister Care.
- Our section was represented at the AIDS Walk 2008 on October 11 at Earlewood Park in Columbia.
- For Thanksgiving, we adopted a family and provided them with boxes of non-perishable food items donated or purchased with section funds, as well as a \$50 grocery store gift card. For Christmas, we helped this same family. Section members donated Christmas gifts and non-perishable food for the family. Section funds were

also used to supplement gift and food items, as well as used to purchase another \$50 grocery store gift card. All items were delivered by section members. The family was appreciative of all our section had done for them during the holidays.

- A large Valentine box of personal hygiene items, socks, puzzles, etc. was assembled and donated for the residents at Independence House, a community-based rehabilitation program of the Columbia Area Mental Health Center for adults with serious mental illness. The box was delivered to the facility for their Valentine's party.
- In conjunction with Public Health Month, we donated items to Habitat for Humanity and sponsored our annual ice cream and fruit party for the residents of Hannah House.
- We had two successful fund raisers early in the year that supported the majority of our community service projects. First, we sold gasoline raffle tickets for \$1 with a chance to win a \$100 gas card. The section member selling the most tickets received half their membership dues paid for by the section. Dr. Waddell was the winner of the gas card and Tammy Thomasson was the section member who sold the most tickets. Secondly, we sponsored a Bake Sale in November. Collectively, we cleared \$315 in support of our projects. We would like to thank everyone who donated items for the Bake Sale, as well as those who purchased baked goods and/or tickets.
- A survey of our section members was administered in an effort to obtain information on how we can attract more members to our meetings, obstacles which impact a member's ability to attend meetings, suggestions for alternative meetings (conference call and e-mail), and how members portray our section's involvement within SCPHA. Those results were received and tallied and the section is reviewing these to see what changes we can make in the future to meet the needs of our members. The results will also be shared with President Wynne in an effort to provide information for the Kellogg Grant on membership.
- Our on-going community service project of the collection of toiletry items continues to be successful. New collection boxes were donated and distributed to various section members to put in their respective locations for the collection of these items. This year, we assembled and donated over 300 bags of toiletry items to Sister Care, Hannah House, and St. Lawrence Place in Columbia, as well as donations given to the Red Cross at the beach. We also shared toiletry items with the Health Administration section in support of their service project. We were also fortunate to have a student volunteer from Irmo High School to help assemble some of our bags as part a project through her school in which she earned community service hours.
- Grocery items were purchased and donated to Christian Service Ministry of Batesburg on two occasions this past year.
- We now have a Section Manual for each of our members. While it continues to be a work in progress, the manual includes sections pertaining to SCPHA such as the Procedures Manual, By-laws, history, etc., as well as information specific to the Management Support Section and our section's history. We hope this will be beneficial to our members, especially those who are new to SCPHA and our section. Copies are available for those members who were not in attendance at our section meeting when these were distributed. We will be working to create CD's of this manual and make them available to other sections interested in developing a manual for their section, and we hope to be able to have the manual available on-line through the SCPHA website. Thank you to Lynnore Liggins for heading this project and for section members who provided vital input.
- Our membership list has been reviewed throughout this past year. Section members whose membership had lapsed were contacted in an effort to encourage them to renew their membership. We also recruited two new members to SCPHA, one of which is a member of our section.
- Management Support Leadership for 2009-2010:
 - Chair – Lynnore Liggins
 - Chair-elect – Theresa Reinzie
 - Vice Chair – Thomas Harris
 - Secretary – Tammy Thomasson
 - Members-at-Large – Mary Hill-Glover and Phillipine Outing
- Priscilla White is our guest speaker at our section meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2009. Her topic is "Diversified Leadership: Yes, You Can Make a Difference in All You Do". We are excited she will be joining us this afternoon and look forward to hearing her presentation.
- It is our pleasure to sponsor the ice cream social at the Annual Meeting again this year. We hope everyone will come out and enjoy sweet treats during your Thursday afternoon break.

In closing, while it does not seem to be enough, I would like to say "Thank You" to the members of the Management

Support Section for making this past year another successful one for our section. Although we all have been faced with tough economic times personally and/or professionally, we have pulled together to see our section move forward with community service projects as planned. I have enjoyed serving as your Chair this past year. I appreciate your enthusiasm, support, hard work, teamwork, and most of all, the dedication you bring to SCPHA and the Management Support Section. You all are the best!

I look forward the next year under Lynnore's direction as we continue our work on various projects and promoting the mission of SCPHA.

Nutrition

Mitzi Grappone, Chair, submitted the following report:

There was a successful turn out at the annual SC DHEC Office of Public Health Nutrition meeting where we had a booth and display for SCPHA, along with membership applications and active recruit for the association.

Public Health Nursing

Michelle Myer, Chair, and Leanne Bailey, Chair-elect, submitted the following report:

The Public Health Nursing Section has had a productive year. Three meetings have been held, all with conference call capability to allow increased participation by section members. The conference call option will be continued for future section meetings. Officers for this year: Michelle Myer, chair; Leanne Bailey, Chair-elect; Ellen Bouknight, Vice Chair; Tammy McKenna, Secretary; and, Sheral Bowman and Marie Knight, Members at Large. We appreciate the commitment and service these section members have provided over the course of the year.

The Nursing Section utilized designated section funds to co-sponsor the Virginia C. Phillips Community and Public Health Day held in October 2008. Section members also staffed the SCPHA display at this conference to support membership recruitment. The nursing section also collaborated with DHEC Regions 6 & 7 in their activities to promote flu shots among staff in these regions.

The Nursing Section is collaborating with the DHEC Office of Public Health Nursing and Regional Directors of Nursing to plan a series of face-to-face meetings with Regional nursing staff. SCPHA Nursing section members will assist as needed promote this public health nursing update. As of May, a date for this event has not been confirmed. The section will continue to work with DHEC nursing leadership to offer this event.

The nursing section annual children's book and toy drive began in April to coincide with the Public Health Month kick-off. The collection continues through May 2009. Public Health Regions across SC collected items for pediatric waiting rooms and clinics. Several large boxes of toys and books from the 2008 book drive were given to the staff in Regions 6, 7 & 8 for placement into their shelter boxes. We appreciate the generosity of SCPHA members.

Brenda Martin, immediate Past President of the SC Board of Nursing, will be our Section's speaker at the SCPHA annual conference. She will be presenting on the Nurse Practice Act. Section officer nominations for the 2009-2010 fiscal year have been finalized. The election will be held on May 20th during the Nursing section meeting during the SCPHA Annual Convention.

Social Work

Jim Allen, Chair, presented the following written report:

The officers for the Social Work Section are:

Jim Allen, Chair

Robert Carlton, Chair-Elect

Lucy Gibson, Secretary

Members at Large: Michelle McKenzie and Mary Haywood

The Social Work Section held its Winter Conference on December 12, 2008 at the Quality Management Training Center in Columbia. Redonia Thomas, LISW-CP, Immediate Past Chair of the Social Section and Director of Public Health Social Work for DHEC Region 2, presented a two hour course, "Crossing Boundaries: Exploring Social Work Ethics." Rhonda Hipp, LMSW, a public health social worker from DHEC Region 2, presented on "The Role

of the Health Care Provider Serving Victims of Domestic Violence." The social workers who attended this conference received 3.5 hours of trained social work licensing credit.

For its Service Project this year, the Social Work Section collected hygiene products and other supplies for Hannah House, a faith-based transitional housing facility for homeless women and their children located in downtown Columbia.

Nancy Whittle, MSW, LISW, Community Liaison for DHEC's Office of Environmental Control, is speaking on Environmental Justice at the Social Work Section Meeting at the 2009 Annual Conference. She also serves as the Environmental Justice Coordinator for the state. She works closely with the Environmental Protection Agency and DHEC Region 4 Office of Environmental Justice in working with environmental justice communities. She also serves as chair the S.C. Environmental Justice Advisory Panel.

Officers for the 2009-2010 year will be elected at the Annual Conference.

Robert Carlton, Chair-Elect of the Social Work Section, has arranged for Continued Education Unit hours to be awarded to participants of the Annual Conference. Members of the Social Work Section will staff the CEU table at the conference.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards

Gloria McCurry, Chair, presented the following written report:

This year's award recipients will be announced at this evenings SCPHA "Star" 2009 Annual Awards Gala at 6:30 p.m. in the Atlantic Ballroom. Please plan to attend this gala event.

A special thanks to Otis Outing, Carlon Mitchell and Rosa Patterson for their continued representation on the Awards Committee.

Constitution and Bylaws

Otis Outing, Chair, presented the following written report:

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee was charged with the task of reviewing and interpreting the recently redesigned Internal Revenue Service *Form 990 (Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax)*. The IRS has made recommendations of governance relative to the new form. The committee's review was to determine if SCPHA should adopt this governance.

Description of Governance

The Internal Revenue Service issued a new Form 990 annual tax return/report that must be submitted by most federal income tax exempt organizations, including trade associations, professional societies, cause/social welfare groups, and charitable/ scientific/educational organizations. Instructions for the form were also issued. The new Form 990 is to be used beginning with the filing for 2008. The one-per-calendar-year organizations will file by May 15, 2009 (for non-calendar-year organizations, the new form is to be first used for the tax year that began in 2008).

To a significant extent, the revised Form 990 is IRS's reaction to concerns expressed by key committees in Congress for greater disclosure and improved governance in nonprofit tax-exempt organizations. IRS also asserts its view that appropriate governance enhances compliance with federal income tax exemption requirements.

Among other new features, the form asks in Part VI if the filing organization has adopted a series of five governance policies; the organization must answer "yes" or "no" for each. While a "no" answer does not indicate any violation of law or inconsistency with federal income tax exemption requirements, it could trigger scrutiny by the IRS. To minimize that risk, many organizations using the new form will want to be able to answer, "yes" to all five of these governance policy questions.

Each governance policy must be adopted by the end of the year for which the form is being submitted if the organization is to answer "yes" on the Form 990. While not specified by the IRS, it would be typical for such policies to be adopted by the organization's principal governing body such as its Governing Council.

Committee Findings

Upon completing a review of this governance and its effect on non-profits, the committee recommended to SCPHA Governing Council that it be adopted. Governing Council agreed with the committee and the governance was adopted. The governance covered in this policy relates to these topics: Conflict of Interest, Whistleblower, Document Retention and Destruction, and Joint Venture policy.

The committee was also charged with developing procedures that would direct SCPHA actions as it relates to the new governance. They are presently in draft form and have been presented to Governing Council for review. The procedures will be formally presented to Governing Council for approval at the June meeting.

Continuing Education

Katy Wynne reported the continuing education committee contracted with AHEC this year to assist with obtaining continuing education approval for professionals, as well as to assist with the gathering, compiling and analysis of the annual meeting evaluations.

Finance

Yolanda Kennedy thanked Dennis Thompson, Richard Funderburk, Judy Alexander, and Michael Stalnaker for their work on this committee this past year.

Fiscal Review

No Report

Futures Planning

Dennis Thompson, Chair - No report

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 118 (2009-2010). The selected topics for this year legislative focus included:

I. Legislative Topics:

A. Cigarette Tax Increase

H 3584 General Bill, By Harrell, Bingham, Cooper, Harrison, Owens, Sandifer, White, Crawford, Bannister, Huggins, Sottile, Spires, Herbkersman, Loftis, Bowen, Erickson, Daning, Hardwick, J.R. Smith, Pinson, Toole, Brady, Clemmons, Edge, Forrester, Frye, Gullick, Hearn, Hiott, Horne, Kelly, Littlejohn, Long, E.H. Pitts, Rice, Skelton, D.C. Smith, G.M. Smith, Whitmire, Wylie, Gunn, Limehouse, Willis, J.E. Smith and Bales

Similar (H 3470, H 3486)

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 12-21-625 SO AS TO IMPOSE A SURTAX ON EACH CIGARETTE IN AN AMOUNT OF TWO AND ONE-HALF CENTS, PROVIDE FOR THE CREDITING OF THE REVENUE FROM THE SURTAX TO THE SMOKING PREVENTION AND CESSATION TRUST FUND, THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR MARKETING AND BRANDING STATE-GROWN CROPS AND TO ASSIST IN RELIEF FROM NATURAL DISASTERS AFFECTING STATE-GROWN CROPS, THE SOUTH CAROLINA HEALTHY FAMILIES INSURANCE TRUST FUND AND THE PALMETTO HEALTH CARE SAFETY NET TRUST FUND, PROVIDE FOR REPORTING, PAYMENT, COLLECTION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE SURTAX, AND DEFINE "CIGARETTE"; TO AMEND SECTION 12-21-620, RELATING TO THE ORIGINAL CIGARETTE TAX, SO AS TO CONFORM DEFINITIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 11-11-230 SO AS TO CREATE AND ESTABLISH IN THE STATE TREASURY THE SMOKING PREVENTION AND CESSATION TRUST FUND, THE SOUTH CAROLINA HEALTHY FAMILIES INSURANCE TRUST FUND, AND THE PALMETTO HEALTH CARE SAFETY NET TRUST FUND, ALL

SO AS TO RECEIVE DEPOSITS OF THE REVENUES FROM THE CIGARETTE SURTAX AS SPECIFIED; BY ADDING CHAPTER 62 TO TITLE 38 SO AS TO CREATE AND ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA HEALTHY FAMILIES INSURANCE PLAN, PROVIDING FOR A PREMIUM CREDIT NOT TO EXCEED THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO AN ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL OR EMPLOYER TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF A QUALIFYING HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN, DESCRIBING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS, DEFINING THE QUALIFYING INDIVIDUALLY OR EMPLOYER-SPONSORED INSURANCE PLANS, AND PROVIDING FOR ADMINISTRATION AND REPORTING BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE; AND BY ADDING SECTION 38-74-75 SO AS TO CREATE THE PALMETTO HEALTH CARE SAFETY NET PROGRAM, ESTABLISHING A SELF-SUSTAINING AND FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT PORTION OF THE PREMIUM ASSISTANCE POOL, AND PROVIDING FOR ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, ADMINISTRATION, AND REPORTING BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE AND OPERATING GUIDELINES.

Current status: 05/07/09 Senate Committee report: Favorable with Amendment Finance SJ-17. With the shortened session tentatively scheduled to end May 23, 2009, the emphasis will be on the budget. It is unlikely that the bill will pass during this session.

B. State Employee Legislative Issues – Free Standing Legislation

Freestanding legislation of concern and its current status: These bills cannot be signed into law this session because they did not meet the May 1 legislative crossover deadline. However, they are still alive in their respective chambers through the next legislative year.

1. **Senate Bill 242**, sponsored by Sens. Greg Ryberg, Larry Martin, Kevin Bryant, Michael Fair, Jake Knotts, Tom Davis, William O'Dell, Lee Bright and Danny Verdin, would close the Teacher and Employee Retention Incentive (TERI) program to new participants, effective July 1, 2009. Referred to Finance Subcommittee. Carried over for further consideration.
2. **House Bill 3009**, sponsored by Reps. Herb Kirsh, Lanny Littlejohn, David Umphlett and James Stewart, and would close the Teacher and Employee Retention Incentive (TERI) program to new participants, effective July 1, 2009. Referred to Ways and Means Committee. No further action at this time.
3. **Senate Bill 212**, sponsored by Sens. Greg Ryberg, Michael Rose, Tom Davis and Vincent Sheheen, would re-establish full retirement eligibility from 28 years to 30 years of service for a non-vested member of the system on the effective date of the act. Referred to Finance Subcommittee. Carried over for further consideration.
4. **Senate Bill 109**, sponsored by Sen. Greg Ryberg, would direct the Budget and Control Board to charge state employees who participate in the state health plan an additional \$25 a month if the employee is obese. Referred to Finance Subcommittee. Carried over for further consideration.
5. **House - 80A.39** (BCB: FY 09-10 Employee Compensation)
No Pay increase for active state employees.
Senate - Deleted proviso. However, no funds were allocated for a state employee pay increase. It is highly unlikely that a pay raise will be funded this session.

C. 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 2009 Governing Council meeting. Governing Council approved the Legislative Committee recommendation of both Senator Ralph Anderson and Representative Gilda Cobb-Hunter to receive the *Douglas E. Bryant Legislator of the Year Award for 2009*. Senator Anderson represents District 7, which consist of Greenville County and Representative Gilda Cobb-Hunter represents District 66, which consist of Orangeburg and Dorchester Counties. Senator Anderson and Representative Cobb-Hunter have demonstrated knowledge, leadership, and concern about public health programs affecting so many of the state's residents.

The award will be presented in Senator Anderson and Representative Cobb-Hunter home districts. The Legislative Committee is working with their offices to coordinate an appropriate venue and time to be announced at a later date for the presentations.

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

Deborah Early, co-chair, announced three SCPHA members will receive Lifetime membership awards tonight. She also thanked Garrett Gardner for all of her help and guidance this past year.

Past Presidents' Advisory

No report.

Public Health Month

Blake Faulkenberry, Chair, reported in addition to what was announced in the Vice President's report, there is also a Public Health Month exhibit at the SCPHA booth. Please take a moment to stop by and see information from this year's PHM activities.

Public Information

Gloria McCurry, Chair, presented the following report:

Two issues of the Association newsletter, *The Bulletin*, were disseminated to the membership in summer 2008 and winter 2009. Beth Mullins chaired the activities of this committee, but needed to resign in early 2009 due to unavoidable circumstances. President Katy Wynne appointed Gloria McCurry, who graciously agreed to assume the role of committee chair until the next year begins in July 2009. The next newsletter will be released by the end of June and the deadline for all entries is June 15th. Please submit your Section reports, member news, meeting dates and other newsworthy entries to Gloria at MCCURRGA@dhec.sc.gov

Resolutions

Lavell Thornton, Chair, submitted the following report:

Detailed Description of Highlighted Activities for the Year: The Committee is proposing two resolution to the full membership of the Governing Council during the May 2009 Business Meeting.

* A resolution Promoting the Public Health Role in Climate Change which supports the recommendations put forth by leading public health organizations to conduct community assessments, build on existing prevention and control programs, support public policies to increase energy efficiency, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and to support funding that builds capacity for our public health system to identify, plan and respond to the health impacts of climate change.

* A resolution acknowledging the Death of one SCPHA Member during this association year. In appreciation for their service, the Association will contribute fifty dollars in her memory to Camp Burnt Gin, a summer camp for children with special health care needs in Wedgefield, SC. The deceased lifetime member is Betty Seegars, LPN who was retired from the Lancaster County Health Department.

Scholarships

Dennis Thompson, Chair, presented the following written report:

The Scholarship Committee received 6 applications for the SCPHA Public Health Scholarship and 7 applications for the SCPHA Malcolm Dantzler Scholarship. The deadline for applications was March 31, 2009, and was advertised thru emails to the membership, posting on the Association's website, and thru postings at the universities in the state.

The committee reviewed the applications and made their scoring. The winners of the scholarships will be announced to the association at the Awards Ceremony at the Annual Meeting.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Convention Coordinators

On behalf of Convention Coordinator Co-Chairs Larry White, 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 2009 Annual Meeting. Serving as Convention Coordinators this year are Jan Cooke, Richard Funderburk, JoAnn Palmer, Larry White and Dennis Thompson. The Committees have been (co)-chaired by:

Early Bird (Networking Reception): Jill Varn, Paulette Hannon, and David Thomas;
Entertainment: Wesley Bolding, Beth Henson, Edd Hiott and Pete Riddle;
Exhibits: Verna Faust and Sonya Turner;
Marshals and Pages: Jackie Moore and Yvette Wider;
Properties: Tammy Thomasson and Andrew Rutland; and
Registration: Lynnore Liggins and Lorraine Glover.

Planning the SCPHA Annual Meeting has been a difficult task due to travel restrictions and various budget cuts. Governing Council did an excellent job working with fewer resources yet funding a great educational experience. Likewise the volunteers have remained positive and gave their all to offer a successful meeting.

The Convention Coordinators and Committee Chairs met in late summer 2008 with the Program Chairs and President Wynne for initial planning. Meetings were set for the 1st and 3rd Thursdays each month to coordinate all parts of the conference with the various committee chairs and co-chairs. A site visit was held with Springmaid staff on Feb. 6th.

Each Chair was responsible for identifying committee members, resources where needed, and making assignments of their respective committees. Besides the people identified above, this group worked with other committee chairs and individuals to plan the conference, including committee chairs of, but not limited to, Awards, Continuing Education, Membership, Program, Resolutions, Scholarships, and Silent Auction. Leah Dorman coordinated all breaks when funding for lunches was cut from the budget.

This group did everything possible to present a successful, informative, educational conference, which attendees will take away experiences and knowledge they can use in their professions and personal lives. The 2009 Annual Meeting will be a great experience for everyone, from Tuesday's pre-conference sessions to passing the gavel on Friday!

While at the conference, everyone is encouraged to complete the evaluation forms. This information is used to plan future conferences. We really do listen and take action to improve the experience everywhere we can.

Included at the 2009 Annual Business Meeting, Jan Cooke, on behalf of Registration, reported the following numbers registered in attendance:

Tuesday AM Session Only	28	Tuesday PM Session Only	55	(Total 57 individuals)
Full Member	74 *	Full Non-member	2	
Student/Retiree	23	Guests	1	
Wednesday Only	4	Exhibitors	11	
Speakers (not registered)	29	Papers/Posters	9	
Total	157			

*5 new members joined on-site: 3 for full conference and 2 students, 1 registered for conference.

** 50 people, including 3 retirees and 1 student, will receive PHP registration reimbursement.

Contributed Papers

Judy Alexander and Miriam Evans, 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 Miriam Evans, with the help nine (9) committee members, representing different

departments within the Arnold School of Public Health, the SC Public Health Institute and South Carolina State University, worked to achieve this purpose. The committee sent the Call for Presentations electronically and mailed them 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 received and reviewed 11 abstracts (9 research abstracts and 2 programmatic abstracts) and selected 11 abstracts for either a poster session or oral presentation. These abstracts represent the Department of Health and Exercise Science at Furman University; the Department of Health, Exercise, and Sports Science at the Citadel; The Honors College and Department of Civil/Engineering and Environmental Science at the University of South Carolina; and the Departments of Health Services and Policy Management, Epidemiology and Biostatistics, and Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior, Exercise Science in the USC Arnold School of Public Health. The highest scoring abstracts received awards and presenters will gain valuable networking experience at this year's annual SCPHA meeting.

Also during the Business Meeting, Ms. Alexander announced the Contributed Papers session and the poster sessions, and recognized the poster presenters with certificates: Anna L. Walton, Liliانا Stoisor-Olssor, Leah R. Williams, Rachel L. May, Ikechukwu Udo Ogbuanu, Lesley Joseph, and Muhammad M. Salaam.

Early Bird/President's Reception

No further report. See report from Convention Coordinators.

Entertainment

No further report. See report from Convention Coordinators.

Exhibits

No further report. See report from Convention Coordinators.

Marshals and Pages

No further report. See report from Convention Coordinators.

Program

No further report. See report from Convention Coordinators.

Properties

No further report. See report from Convention Coordinators.

Registration

No further report. See report from Convention Coordinators.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Winter Conference

No formal report; however, a conference is being planned for Fall 2009/Winter 2010.

Silent Auction

No report.

Golf Tournament

Richard Funderburk reported the SCPHA 2009 Golf Tournament fundraiser is scheduled for September 22, 2009 at Northwoods Golf Club in Columbia, SC. We will have lunch, prizes, etc. and are in need of volunteers and sponsors. If you are interested, please contact one of the golf committee members.

OLD BUSINESS

None reported.

NEW BUSINESS

None reported.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lillie Hall announced Lavell Thornton had a loss in her family this week and will be traveling back home in the morning. Joann Palmer encouraged members to be aware of advocate for public health issues.

Yolanda Kennedy reminded new members of the New Member Orientation scheduled for 2:15 today. Door prizes will be available.

NEXT ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

May 2010 – Springmaid Beach Resort and Conference Center, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

The 2009 SCPHA Annual Business meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah B. Dorman
SCPHA Secretary
2008-2009