



SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2010

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

At 11:45 a.m., President Dennis Thompson called to order the Eighty-Ninth (89th) Annual Business Meeting of the South Carolina Public Health Association (SCPHA), held Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at the Springmaid Beach Resort and Conference Center, 3200 South Ocean Blvd., Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

APPROVAL OF 2009 SCPHA BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

The May 2009 minutes of the Annual Business Meeting of the SCPHA, prepared by Leah Dorman, were presented. Copies were distributed at the beginning of the Business Meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes as written. *[Motion – Vivian Baxter, Second – JoAnn Palmer, motion carried].*

2010-2011 ELECTION REPORT

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, President Dennis Thompson announced the election results for SCPHA Officers who will serve during the 2010-2011 year:

President-Elect –

Vice President – Lynnore Liggins

Treasurer – Blake Faulkenberry

Secretary – Gloria McCurry

Members-at-Large – Leanne Bailey and Sue Ferguson

These individuals will serve on the SCPHA 2009-2010 Governing Council, along with **Incoming President** Lillie Hall and **Members-at-Large** Mary-Kathryn Craft and Leah Dorman.

Special Election for President-Elect Position:

President Thompson opened the floor for nominations for the vacant President-Elect position. The following nominations were received:

- Vicki Blair (Nominated by Wesley Bolden)
- Michael Chappell (Nominated by Jan Cooke)
- Larry White (Nominated by Lillie Hall)

Motion made by Mitzi Grappone and seconded by Priscilla White to delay vote on these nominations since they are not all currently present in the room. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jan Cooke and seconded by Lynnore Liggins to reopen the nominations since are nominees are now present. Larry White accepts the nomination but Vicki Blair and Michael Chappell decline. Vote was called. Larry White wins President-Elect 2010-2011 position by unanimous special vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is with great pride that I report to the membership here at the Annual Meeting. We have had a great year with all the projects and events that we have accomplished. We have all worked very hard to promote our professional organization to the public health community and our colleagues and peers. Some of the accomplishments of the year are:

- Leadership Conference for Governing Council, Committee Chairs, and Section Chairs on July 24, 2009 in Columbia.
- Established the Consent Agenda during Governing Council Meetings. This process allows “routine” committee reports to be sent to the members prior to the meeting for review, and these reports can be

- Financial Reporting standardization that provides reconciled reports to the leaders of the Association in a timely manner prior to meetings.
- Our second annual SCPHA Golf Tournament was held in September with 52 participants and 18 volunteers and was a great success as a fund raising event! Total revenues to the association totaled \$5,689 with a net “surplus” after expenses of \$3,000.
- With a lot of hard work by the Governing Council, the Student Forum was established.
- Our Mid Year Conference was held on February 24th, “Painting the Future of Public Health: Building Better Bodies and Communities”. Approximately 100 attended a wonderful day of education and professional development.
- “Painting the Future of Public Health: A Healthier South Carolina One Community at a Time” - Our Public Health Month Celebration was held at the Columbia Museum of Art on April 1st. A great venue and speakers!!
- Our Annual Training Conference – “Painting the Future of Public Health”, a premier training event for public health professionals for our Association and our state.

Thanks to all the membership for giving me this opportunity to serve as President of our organization!

TREASURER’S REPORT

Yolanda Kennedy, Treasurer, reported the following:

This report provides an overview of the financial status and activities for SCPHA in the past fiscal year ending December 30, 2009 and the current fiscal year as of April 30, 2010.

1. Fiscal Year 2009 Report

SCPHA closed the fiscal year ending December 30, 2009 in the red. The Association used \$15,193 of retained earnings to cover expenses for the year. This is the first year in a very long time that the Association did not have a positive balance for the 12 month period. 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 2008 it was \$1,592.24.

The Association should look very closely at ways to increase revenue and decrease expenses with the next budget cycle, especially since we will only receive \$2,000 from the Kellogg Grant this year and the grant ends in February 2011.

SCPHA’s total assets for the period ending December 31, 2009 were \$127,921.06. 68%, of that amount, a total of \$87,428.27 represents the restricted funds of the external accounts, and \$14,457.05 of the Kellogg Grant, leaving actual equity of \$26,035.74.

2. Fiscal Year 2010 Report

The 2010 Budget was balanced with a \$0.00 projected net income. However, in order to balance the budget, the Governing Council approved use of \$4,610 in retained earnings. It is projected that the Association will end the fiscal year with negative income.

As of April 2010, the Association is operating in the red, negative \$3,203.74.

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT UPDATE/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Michael Stalnaker submitted the following written report:

Membership:

- SCPHA's current membership count is 346.
- 127 renewals were confirmed since July 1, 2009.
- 58 new members since July 1, 2009—29 of these were new student members
- On a monthly basis, a list of individuals whose membership has expired for more than 120 days is provided to the President and section chairs for follow up contact.
- A listing of sectional membership with totals for each section was generated and sent to the membership committee chair, section chairs and co-chairs on a monthly basis.
- APHA sent their list of SC-based members and this file has been compared to SCPHA's membership database. Out of 228 APHA members residing in South Carolina, there are 34 members in common, 297 SCPHA members who are not APHA members and 194 APHA members who are not SCPHA members. The last group represents potential members for SCPHA who can be targeted for membership recruitment or, in some cases, renewal efforts.

Financial:

- Recorded deposits and responded to check requests from external accounts and internal customers
- Generated monthly financial reports
- Reconciliation reports and bank statement copies are e-mailed to Treasurer and President on a monthly basis.
- Association is working with CPA to prepare and file Annual IRS Form 990 Return.
- 2010 association budget figures were entered into accounting software. A Budget Overview Report has been distributed by e-mail to Governing Council (GC) and association leaders.
- Year 3 Kellogg Grant distribution (\$28,216.00) has been received from APHA and has been deposited into the association's money market account.
- External Account quarterly reports were sent in early December 2009.
- PayPal "Store" was set up on SCPHA's website. Pages were created for three classes of payments: 1) Membership, 2) Registration Fees and 3) Charitable Contributions. PayPal use has been very successful.
- Completed online application for PayPal account for association.
- Form 1099 and IRS Form 1096 will be sent to as required by tax code.
- Letters to individuals who made charitable contributions to SCPHA in 2009 were mailed January 29th.
- Electronic Check Recovery Service begun with NBSC (FARS-Federal Automated Recovery System). This will allow for electronic re-presentment and collection of bounced checks at no cost to SCPHA and will involve no staff time in collection or invoicing activities.
- Researched information for PayPal credit card merchant account for SCPHA. Information was provided to the treasurer and an at-large GC member.
- Kellogg Grant reports prepared in concert with association treasurer.
- Bid and negotiated contract for Leadership Retreat facility rental and catering agreement for 2010 retreat.
- 2009 Annual Meeting Reimbursement Stipends were issued and mailed. Checks totaling \$2,387.50 were sent to a total of 50 individuals.

General Support:

- 2010 Annual Meeting Registration Totals:
 - 76 Full Meeting Members (14 attending Tues)
 - 14 Full Meeting Retirees (1 Tues)
 - 26 Full Meeting Student Members (1 Tues)
 - 36 Full Meeting Non-Members (10 Tues)
 - 10 Annual Meeting/Banquet Guests
 - 57 Basic Disaster Life Support Pre-Conference Workshop (Tuesday)
 - 18 Wednesday only
 - 2 Thursday only
 - 1 Friday only
 - 25 Presenters (4 registered for meeting)
 - 29 Exhibitors (not registered)
- Annual Meeting registration table created and entry made for approximately 260 individuals, including all presenters, exhibitors and attendees.

- Secretary of State Annual Registration (renewal) is being submitted.
- Governing Council candidate biographies, ballots and return envelopes were designed, printed and mailed to all current members. Returned ballots were turned over to Nominations Committee for tallying.
- Printed copies of Winter Issue of the newsletter and Annual Meeting Registration Brochure were mailed to members without e-mail.
- Online Annual Meeting fee payment set up to accept PayPal CC payments.
- Membership Survey was sent to members by e-mail and by US Mail to individuals without e-mail. Survey concluded May 14, and results are being forwarded to survey committee. "Pre-Survey" message from President was sent to all members with e-mail.
- Annual Meeting Registration Brochure has been posted to web and circulated by e-mail to members. Printed version is to be delivered by printer.
- QC management staff member attended convention search committee's site visit to Embassy Suites North Charleston with committee. QC Meeting Planner has worked with 2011-2012 conference location search committee in negotiating contract terms and prices for three new properties in addition to the Springmaid.
- Broadcast e-mail was sent providing schedule details and speakers for the Public Health Month. Information was posted to website. Messages were also sent for Legislator of the Year Award committee, Awards Committee, Student Travel Scholarships, Nominations and CHES study session.
- Annual Meeting Registration form has been posted to web and circulated by e-mail to members.
- Turtle Race Adoption Papers were delivered to Race chair.
- Winter Conference brochure has been posted to the website in December. Three blast e-mail notices have been sent promoting this event.
- Online registration/payments for the Winter Conference have been set up.
- Annual Meeting Registration form has been posted to web and circulated by e-mail to members.
- Fall (Issue 3) of newsletter was distributed by e-mail and mail at the end of October/beginning of November 2009.
- Participated in support function in 2009 Annual Golf Tournament.
- Newsletter has been e-mailed to members with e-mail. Copies to be printed and mailed to members without e-mail will be mailed by September 4.
- Attended SCPHA Leadership Retreat in July 2009.
- QC staff entered and updated membership changes, renewals, etc. Generated and mailed invoices for dues, renewal acknowledgement letters and new member packets.
- Responded to questions and requests from general membership by e-mail and phone.

PRESIDENT-ELECT'S REPORT

Lillie Hall, President-Elect, submitted the following report to the membership:

President Elect Lillie Hall thanked participants of the Scholarship and Futures Committee for their work this year. The Scholarship Committee received 10 applications and the winner would be announced at the awards banquet. The members of the Futures Committee worked in collaboration with the Kellogg Grant Committee and Membership to focus on the membership survey and website update. In addition to the above duties, the President Elect spent time preparing for the upcoming year and supported promotion of the Association by coordinating set-up of the display board at two separate events and offering a Spinx Gas Card as an incentive for membership acceptance.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Brenda Martin, Vice President, submitted the following written report to the membership:

The Public Health Month committee members for 2009-2010 were Brenda Martin, Chair, Carolane Bagnal, Beverly Brandt, Robert Carlton, Leah Dorman, Debee Early, Carol Lewis, Lynnore Liggins, Betty Washington, and Patricia Williams.

The committee met numerous times via e-mail and conference call beginning in the summer of 2009 to discuss ideas and dates for the 2010 PHM kick-off event. In keeping line with President Thompson's theme, the committee worked hard throughout the year and presented "Painting the Future of Public Health: A Healthier South Carolina One Community at a Time". The celebration was held on Thursday, April 1, 2010 from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at the Columbia Museum of Art. President Thompson opened the event by welcoming all in attendance, followed by opening comments from Commissioner Hunter and Dr. Waddell. Inspirational words of wisdom were provided by key note speaker Mr. Richard Hatfield. Music was provided by Mr. Michael Thomas. Additionally, various guest exhibitors were in attendance to share health and environmental information with the approximately 80 guests in attendance representing various fields of public health and students. Each attendee was given a Get Ready Kit and

recycling bin. Drawings for door prizes concluded the evening. The grand prize was the drawing for the framed Griff print, which was won by Kathryn Gramling in Region 5.

The committee encouraged attendees to support two community service projects in conjunction with Public Health Month. First, the PHM committee accepted donations for items to benefit Camp Burnt Gin. Additionally, the nursing section held their annual book drive. New or used children's books were collected for distribution to various health department clinics and emergency shelters across the state.

The event was a success and enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone who had a part in organizing, planning, and setting up for this event, as well as those who were able to join us and promote the celebration of Public Health Month.

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

The Members-at-Large for 2009-2010 were Keisha Adams, Mary-Kathryn Craft, Debee Early, and Leah Dorman. Assignments for representation on various committees were as follows:

Public Health Month - Debee and Leah

Scholarship - Keisha and Mary-Kathryn

Annual Meeting Program - Mary-Kathryn and Leah

Futures Committee (as ex-officio members) – Keisha and Debee

Submit at least one award nomination for the Hayne Award and the Outstanding Service Award - Debee and Mary-Kathryn

Additional activities of the Members-at-Large this past year include:

- Representation on various committees as required and/or requested.
- Sponsored a hole at the annual golf tournament in September.
- Assisted in collecting door prizes for the golf tournament.
- Presented request for the Association to accept credit cards for membership payments and other fees. After research on the cost and the benefits to SCPHA, the Governing Council passed a motion to accept credit cards through PayPal.
- Initial work began on assembling a membership directory; however, this project has been put on hold until the 2010-2011 year.

We appreciate the opportunity to represent the member's of SCPHA this year.

IMMEDIATE PAST-PRESIDENT

Katy Wynne, Immediate Past-President, reported the following:

Katy Wynne reported that she has served during 2009-2010 as the chairperson of the Past Presidents' Advisory Committee and the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, as well as has served as a member of the Futures Planning Committee, SCPHA Membership Initiative, and the Student Forum Planning Committee.

In her capacity as Kellogg Grant manager for the Association, Katy reported on six key accomplishments under the grant during this past year: (1) SCPHA Website – Katy worked directly with a web designer to revamp the SCPHA website at <http://www.scpa.com>. The new site was launched on September 30, 2009 and received overwhelming approval from Association leaders and members alike. (2) SCPHA Online Store – This new member benefit was showcased at the 2009 annual meeting and is a featured link on SCPHA's website home page. Katy recognized President Dennis Thompson for his commitment and hard work in getting the online store fully functioning for the benefit of all members. (3) Annual Report – Katy prepared the written Year 2 Annual Narrative Report for the Association in October 2009, highlighting the previous year's progress toward our grant objectives. This report can be downloaded from the SCPHA website. (4) Student Forum – Katy praised Megan Weis for her successful efforts in organizing an official Student Forum and helping us meet this grant objective. (5) Business Plan – To initiate this grant deliverable, Katy wrote a first draft template of the SCPHA Business Plan and delivered it to President Thompson on March 26, 2010. (6) Membership Survey – As part of an on-going membership initiative supported under the Kellogg Grant, Katy applauded the Membership Initiative Workgroup for their hard work on designing the 2010 SCPHA Membership Survey tool that was launched online in April 2010.

Transition: It has been an honor to serve as grant manager since October 2007; however, due to increased work

commitments, Katy needed to relinquish the role as grant manager to President Dennis Thompson, who assumed this responsibility in January 2010.

AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION REPORT

Pricilla White, APHA representative, distributed the following handout:

Advice from the experts: Get Ready Q&As

- **How to protect your pets in a disaster**
Q&A with Scotlund Haisley
Learn what you need to do to keep your pets safe during a disaster, including how to prepare.
- **Surviving a disaster: How can we control our fears?**
Q&A with Amanda Ripley
Learn why so many of us freeze up during an emergency, and what we can do to overcome our fears during a crisis situation.
- **Animal diseases: How much of a concern are they to our health?:**
Q&A with Lonnie King, DVM
Learn about diseases that pass from animals to humans, and what you can do to protect yourself.
- **How to create a healthy emergency stockpile:**
Q&A with Capt. Laura A. McNally, MPH, RD, FADA
Learn how to stock up on food and water in a healthy way, including low-sodium and special needs advice.
- **Preventing pandemic flu and infectious diseases in children:**
Q&A with Jonathan Kotch, MD, MPH, FAAP
APHA member Jonathan Kotch offers advice on keeping kids safe from flu and other diseases, from child care settings to college campuses



Annual Meeting Program Highlights
American Public Health Association 138th Annual Meeting & Expo
Denver, CO
November 6-10, 2010

The APHA Annual Meeting & Exposition will unite the public health community and afford professionals and practitioners the opportunity to enhance their knowledge and exchange information on best practices latest research and new trends in public health. With more than 1,000 cutting edge scientific sessions focusing on the latest public health challenges, 700 booths of information and state-of-the-art public health products and services, this is a meeting you can't afford to miss!



2010 Theme - Social Justice: A Public Health Imperative.

Registration - Registration will open on June 1, 2010. The 2010 Registration Fees are now available for your reference.

Housing - Housing will open on June 1, 2010.

Annual Meeting Highlights

- **APHA Summit on Health Reform** - Join Public Health practitioners, administrators and clinicians at this groundbreaking daylong summit designed to prepare and equip public health officials and agencies on the implementation of the important provisions of the new health law. Colorado Convention Center, Saturday, November 6, 8:30am to 4:30pm.
- **Opening General Session - Dr. Cornel West and Dr. Bill Jenkins** will share their insights on race, class and social justice and its effect on public health in America. Colorado Convention Center, Sunday, November 7, 12:00 noon to 2:00pm.
- **Closing General Session** - The passage and signing of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 were historic moments. The closing session will focus on the new laws and their implications for the current health system at the local, state and federal level. Colorado Convention Center, Wednesday, November 10, 2:30pm to 4:00pm
- **Scientific Sessions** - The Annual Meeting consists of more than 1,000 scientific sessions, roundtables, poster sessions, institutes and panel discussions at which over 4,000 scientific papers will be presented.
- **Live in Concert! Aaron Neville and his Quintet featuring Charles Neville** - On Sunday, November 7 beginning at 6:30pm, join your colleagues for an evening of pure entertainment. Four-time Grammy award winner, Aaron Neville will perform his classic hits and more in a show you won't want to miss.
- **Public Health Awards Reception and Ceremony** - Join your colleagues on Tuesday, November 9 to recognize this year's recipients of APHA's prestigious awards.
- **APHA Learning Institutes**- Full and half-day educational programs designed to provide an in-depth learning experience in the latest public health trends and topics. They are held on Saturday and Sunday (Nov. 6-7, 2010) prior to the start of the Annual Meeting & Exposition (additional fees apply).

- **Continuing Education Credits** - Earn credit for attending the APHA Annual Meeting (minimal fee required for access to online program).
- **E-ssential Learning** - Online scientific session presentation recordings.

APHA Public Health Exposition

Discover 700 booths of the latest products and services at the [APHA Public Health Exposition](#). Access poster sessions and the Electronic Information Center. Visit Everything APHA and the Exhibitor Theater for in-depth information.

- **Everything APHA** - Located in the center of the Public Health Expo is your complete source for APHA information, publications, Public Health CareerMart, Career Coaching and more.
- **Virtual Expo** - The Virtual Expo is an online interface that gives registrants the ability to browse the Public Health Expo floor plan, search for exhibitors by company name, product/service category and key word.

More about Annual Meeting Highlights

- [Environmental Initiatives](#)
- [Sustainable Restaurants](#)
- [APHA Annual Meeting Participation Policy/Disclaimer](#)

SOUTHERN HEALTH ASSOCIATION REPORT

Richard Funderburk, SHA Representative, reported the following:

The Southern Health Association will be held in September in Franklin, Tennessee.

SECTION REPORTS

ATOD

No Report

Disease Control

No report.

Environmental Health

No Report

Health Administration

Colleen Donovan, Chair, submitted the following written report:

The Health Administration Section met quarterly throughout 2009-2010. Updates from committee representatives were given at each meeting. The Section held two (2) activities to collect items for groups in the Midlands. The collection in the fall was focused on luggage, tote bags, and conference bags and were distributed to several organizations: Oliver

Gospel Mission, Cooperative Ministries, and Sistercare. During the spring 2010, we collected items for Camp Hope. Items will be distributed after the Annual meeting.

During the Annual Conference, the Health Administration Section Meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 from 3:45-5:00 pm. Deborah Derrick, ESAR-VH/MRC State Coordinator will be our speaker and all Section members and other interested persons are invited to attend this informative presentation.

The Section also elected new officers for 2010-2011. The new officers are as follows:

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

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

Program Committee – Lorraine Glover, Jan Cooke
Public Health Month – Beverly Brandt, Kelly Barrett
Legislative – Vivian Baxter
Membership – Dennis Thompson, Colleen Donovan
Public Health Information – *
Winter Conference – Lisa Sanders/Kelly Barrett, Colleen Donovan

*We still need someone to fill the Member at Large slot and someone to be on the Public Health Information Committee

Health Education

Megan Weis, Chair, presented the following written report:

The Health Education Section held section meetings from 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM on:

August 12, 2009; October 14, 2009; December 9, 2009; February 17, 2010; April 7, 2010 and at the 2010 SCPHA Annual Meeting. Members were able to join meetings via telephone through the use of the South Carolina Public Health Institute's conference line.

Between meetings, updates regarding continuing education opportunities and job openings were distributed via email to section members.

Section members were very busy serving SCPHA and the field of health education in numerous ways. CHES exam study sessions were facilitated by members Lillie Hall and Megan Weis. Larry White led the section's December 2009 holiday service project benefiting Waccamaw Youth Center (www.waccamawyouthcenter.org). The Waccamaw Youth Center, Inc. is a private, non-profit agency committed to providing comprehensive residential services for up to 16 abused, neglected, and abandoned youth ages 12-21. It is the first and only low management group home in Horry County. Members also served SCPHA as Chairs, Co-chairs and committee members of nearly every SCPHA committee.

The section performed outreach to current Health Promotion and Education MPH students at the USC Arnold School of Public Health. Students in the graduate level HPEB 702 (Planning Health Education Programs) class. The MPH and MS students came to a section meeting as part of an assignment to attend a "real world" meeting. Members shared experiences in public health and SCPHA with the guests, answered numerous questions, and of course encouraged the guests to become SCPHA Health Education Section members.

A particular focus of the Section during the past year was membership recruitment and retention. To that end the section employed numerous strategies. First, letters were electronically sent to lapsed and expired members, CHES who are not members and other groups outlining the benefits of membership and announcement the new member incentive. Section members were asked to forward the information through their networks as well.

Two new-member recruitment raffles are in process. First, all new section members recruited from March 2010 through the end of the Annual Meeting will be entered into a raffle for one of two \$40 Wal-Mart gift cards. Second, the two current section members who recruit the most new section members will receive one free year of SCPHA membership.

Health and Human Services

No report.

Management Support

Leah Dorman, Chair, presented the following written report:

The Management Support Section members have been very busy this year and putting their “**multi-tasking**” skills to work between Association committees, Section projects, all while balancing work, school, family and personal challenges. This year several members endured injuries and illness but through it all they remained positive while on the mend and continued to be active when they could.

As usual the Section completed several community service projects and 2 fundraising activities to support those projects. We were also allocated funds from the Kellogg grant to assist with projects while spreading the “Get Ready” message along the way

Section Projects and Activities:

- **Back-to-School Community Service Project-** 5 boxes of school supplies were collected and distributed to two schools in Sumter and Orangeburg Counties.
- **Fundraising Activities: Raised more** than \$700 between the Annual Bake Sale, Gasoline Raffle, and private donations. The winner of the \$100 Gasoline Raffle ticket was won by David Taschner., which was sold by Leah at the SCPHA Golf Tournament. Mary Hill Glover was the winner of 1/2 year SCPHA membership for selling the most tickets.
- **Halloween Community Service Project** - A “Halloween” box with a variety of goodies for each of the participants were donated for both men and women at Palmetto Senior Care-Shandon.
- **Holiday Community Service Project** – 90 “Special Holiday Gift Bags” were delivered for the adults and children at Hannah House and Sister Care. Each person received a “Get Ready” Toiletry Kit that included dental hygiene products, lip balm, tissue, and a comb. The children’s gift bag included an activity book, pencils, crayons, and erasers. Each Mother’s gift bag included hand sanitizer, a piece of jewelry and Pine Cone Tree kit to put together with their children. Information regarding the H1N1 and seasonal flu was also provided.
- **Winter Conference** – several members served on the planning committee and assisted with putting together “Get Ready” kits and literature which were handed out to participants who turned in evaluations.
- **Valentine Community Service Project** - 100 Valentine bags were delivered for Independence House participants. Included in the valentine bags were “Get Ready” kits and literature.
- **Public Health Month** – More than 700 “Get Ready” kits and literature were distributed for the Public Health Month reception and several community service projects.
- **Annual Meeting** – Section members are busy on several committees. “Get Ready” kits and literature will be provided for New Member Orientation and the Exhibitors. At the Section Business meeting members will be electing new officers, discussing the “The 4 Rs of Management Support” and completing a “Get Ready” challenge. Tomorrow we will be hosting the Ice Cream Social during the afternoon break. Still multi-tasking...

Future Requests: Several organizations have made requests for the upcoming year. Since we may not be able to help all of them, we would like to pass on the “wants/needs” to other sections:

- **Palmetto SeniorCare–Shandon:** Coats, sweaters
- **Independence House:** items also can be donated during the Christmas Holidays.
- **Manchester Elementary** – new or clean used clothing for children to change into who may get sick or have accidents during the day. A list of items has been provided by the school.

Membership: *Multi-Taskers* Needed: If you are a “multi-tasker” or are interested in becoming one, we invite you to join us. Like the Ever-Ready Bunny...we just keep going, going, going...

Nutrition

Mitzi Grappone, Chair, submitted the following report:

In the fall, the Nutrition Section assisted the Health Administration section with their collection of items for the women's shelter.

Although we are a small section, we had members serving on the membership, program, public health month, silent auction committees as well as registration and entertainment committees for the convention.

As a side note, I have enjoyed my time the past 2 years as the section chair of nutrition and have learned a lot more about this wonderful association and look forward to many more years ahead.

Public Health Nursing

Leanne Bailey, Chair, submitted the following report:

The Public Health Nursing Section has held three meetings (9/17/10, 11/5/10, and 3/10/10) during this year, all with conference call capability to allow increased participation by section members. Officers for this year: Leanne Bailey, chair; Ellen Bouknight, Chair-elect; Carolane Bagnal, Vice Chair; Melissa Morrison, Secretary; and, Judy Alexander and Doris Vorlick, Members at Large. The following nursing section members participated on the SCPHA standing committees:

Continuing Education	Doris Vorlick
Legislative	Ellen Bouknight
Membership	Judy Alexander
Program	Leanne Bailey
Public Health Month	Carolane Bagnal
Public Information	Melissa Morrison
Nominating	Ellen Bouknight
Student Section	Judy Alexander

We appreciate the commitment and service these section members have provided over the course of this year.

The nursing section is very proud of our very own award winner Michelle Myer, who was awarded the 2009 Southern Health Association's **Ficquett-Holley Award**, for nursing at a joint meeting of the Florida PHA and SHA in August 2009.

The nursing section annual children's book and toy drive began in April to coincide with the Public Health Month kick-off. Tammy McKenna volunteered to be the coordinator for this year. The collection continues through May 2010. Public Health Regions across SC are collecting items for pediatric waiting rooms and clinics. Numbers of books & items collected in each area will need to be reported to Tammy McKenna. The generosity of SCPHA members and friends for this annual event is appreciated.

Nominations or volunteers are needed for the following section leadership positions for the 2010-2011 year: Secretary – 1 yr term, Member at Large – 2 yr term, Vice Chair - 3 yr commitment (1 yr as vice chair, 1 yr as chair elect and 1 yr as chair). The election will be held via e-mail again this year. Results to be announced during the nursing section meeting held during the SCPHA annual meeting in May.

Our next section meeting will be Wednesday, May 26th at 3:45 PM during the SCPHA annual meeting. Our guest speaker will be Geoff Scott, PhD. His presentation is titled "The Importance of Environmental Health in Better Informed and Trained Nurses in the 21st Century." He plans to emphasize the importance of informing nurses about evolving environmental toxicology issues from breast-feeding to nutrition to water consumption and contact recreation.

Social Work

No Report

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards

Gloria McCurry, Chair, presented the following written report:

This year's award recipients will be announced at this evening's SCPHA 2010 Annual Awards Banquet at 6:30 p.m. in the Atlantic Ballroom. Please plan to attend this gala event.

A special thanks to Roscia Hardee, Carlon Mitchell, Otis Outing, Phillipine Outing and Rosa Patterson for their representation on the Awards Committee this year.

Constitution and Bylaws

Katy Wyne, Chair, presented the following written report:

The Association's Constitution and Bylaws was revised to reflect the February 2010 full membership vote of approval to amend Article IV, Nominations and Elections, Section 2. that allows the Nominating Committee to present a ballot with one or more names of candidates, rather than requiring a minimum of two names. The revised Constitution and Bylaws can be downloaded from www.scpa.com

Revision work on a new SCPHA Policies and Procedures Manual is underway, but has not been completed. The purpose of this revision is to incorporate written "policies" of the Association into the current procedures manual; for example, policies related to outside accounts, expenditures and travel reimbursement, records retention, exhibit use and storage, and IRS requirements for board disclosure and whistleblower protection. A first draft and recommendations for project completion will be presented to Governing Council at the June 2010 meeting.

Continuing Education

No Report

Finance

Included in Treasurer's Report

Fiscal Review

No Report

Futures Planning

Included in President-Elects Report

Legislative

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

The objectives of the Legislative Committee are to monitor selected legislation and to recommend the "Douglas E. Bryant Legislator of the Year." The Legislative Committee met over the past 3 months to discuss key public health legislation for Session 118(2009-2010). Several Bills were reviewed and discussed. SCPHA is the primary voice for public health advocacy, leading the way to protect all South Carolinians. Advocacy is a valued principle and critical part of SCPHA's mission. Due to the many interest and broad agenda that falls under public health, it is necessary for SCPHA to maximize its effectiveness in improving public health policy. SCPHA has identified its legislative agenda and advocacy to focus priorities on the following critical public health issues:

1. Cigarette tax increase
2. School nutrition / obesity
3. State Budget

1. Cigarette Tax Increase

***3584(Rat #0193) 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)

AN ACT 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, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREDITING OF THE REVENUE FROM THE SURTAX TO THE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA HOLLINGS CANCER CENTER FOR TOBACCO-RELATED CANCER RESEARCH, THE SMOKING PREVENTION AND CESSATION TRUST FUND, AND THE MEDICAID RESERVE FUND, TO PROVIDE FOR REPORTING, PAYMENT, COLLECTION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE SURTAX, AND TO DEFINE "CIGARETTE"; TO AMEND SECTION 12-21-620, RELATING TO THE ORIGINAL CIGARETTE TAX, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE DEFINITION OF "CIGARETTE"; BY ADDING SECTION 11-11-230 SO AS TO CREATE AND ESTABLISH THE SMOKING PREVENTION AND CESSATION TRUST FUND AND THE MEDICAID RESERVE FUND, BOTH SO AS TO RECEIVE DEPOSITS OF THE REVENUES FROM THE CIGARETTE SURTAX AS SPECIFIED; AND BY ADDING SECTION 11-49-55 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IF FUNDS FROM THE SMOKING PREVENTION AND CESSATION TRUST FUND ARE AVAILABLE, AND NOT OTHERWISE COMMITTED, THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SHALL RECEIVE ONE MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY FOR FIVE YEARS FOR MARKETING AND BRANDING STATE-GROWN CROPS AND TO ASSIST IN RELIEF FROM NATURAL DISASTERS AFFECTING STATE-GROWN CROPS. - ratified title

1. Current status: Act approved May 13, 2010

Effective: July 1, 2010.

The Governor vetoed the increase in cigarette tax. However, the legislature managed to override the veto, something they did not (or would not) do in prior years. The Senate easily had enough votes to override the veto: 33-13. The vote in the House was similarly overwhelming: 90-29.

South Carolina's 50-cent increase in its cigarette tax has catapulted the state to 42 place in taxing cigarettes. South Carolina has long held the rank of the lowest cigarette tax in the nation at seven cents and had not passed an increase in 33 years. This increase is expected to prevent 23,000 South Carolina kids from becoming smokers and raise \$135 million a year in new state revenue. The Legislature allocated \$125 million to the Medicaid program and an additional \$5 million for cancer research and smoking cessation programs.

2. School Nutrition / Obesity

H 3297 General Bill, By Sellers, E.H. Pitts, Brady, Hutto and Bowers

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-10-340, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO SNACKS SOLD FOR STUDENT CONSUMPTION IN SCHOOLS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR FAT, CALORIE, AND SUGAR CONTENT STANDARDS THAT SNACK FOOD AND BEVERAGES MUST MEET IN ORDER TO BE SOLD IN SCHOOLS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 59-10-345 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS MAY OFFER ONLY FULL MEALS FOR STUDENT CONSUMPTION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR FAT, CALORIE, AND SUGAR CONTENT STANDARDS THAT FOODS AND BEVERAGES MUST MEET IN ORDER TO BE SOLD IN SCHOOLS.

Current status: Senate committee – Majority favored with amendments

Date: 2-16-10

H.3297: School Snack Bill: Limits what can be sold in vending machines and in the cafeteria. Allows fund raising events to override these limits. This bill has passed the House and has passed the Senate committee with a favorable majority vote, but has a minority unfavorable attachment. It will have to be passed by the Senate by early May in order for the House to vote on the amended version. It may or may not make it this year.

H 3179 General Bill, By Cooper, Battle, H.B. Brown, Funderburk, Hodges, T.R. Young, Vick, Hardwick, Clemmons and Hutto

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-10-400 SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM ACT", TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF ITS DIRECTOR, AND TO ESTABLISH A WEBSITE DEDICATED TO PROGRAM INITIATIVES.

Current status: Senate committee – Favored with amendment Education SJ-5

H.3179: Farm to School Bill: Creates a program for fresh food from SC farms to go to schools. House passed this bill last year. Senate Committee has passed this bill with amendments. Senate has not voted on it yet. If it is voted on before May 1, it will go back to the House who will have to agree with the amended version. It may or may not make it this year.

3. State Budget

Budget Bill: Current version out of Senate Finance is much more positive for Public Health agencies than the House's version. The House version is \$8 Million less than the Senate version. Critical concern to public health, state agencies, the association and the citizens we serve in the state.

Legislative Update: Health Care Reform Bill

On March 23, 2010 President Obama signed comprehensive health reform, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act into law.

The links below will provide you with more in depth information on the bill.

http://healthyamericans.org/assets/files/TFAH_Timeline_March2010.pdf

www.kff.org/healthreform/upload/80601.pdf

Douglas E. Bryant Legislator of the Year Award

With great significance to SCPHA is the "Douglas E. Bryant Legislator of the Year." The committee is ever mindful of the task at hand to bestow this honor on a deserving legislator. We received 11 nominations for the Douglas E. Bryant Legislator of the Year.

Legislative committee members were tasked with researching each nominee to gain additional information. Nominees were discussed and it was agreed to submit the following nominees as a recommendation to Governing Council for approval to receive the 2010 Douglas E. Bryant Legislator of the Year award: US Congressman James Clyburn, Senator Hugh K. Leatherman, Sr. and Representative James Smith.

Action taken: Governing Council approved the Legislative Committee's recommendations to receive the Douglas E. Bryant Legislative of the Year Award during the April Governing Council meeting.

Legislative committee discussed the need to establish guidelines / timelines for past legislator of the year winners in regards to eligibility criteria if they have won the award in the past 3 - 5 years. These recommendations will be brought before Governing Council for approval and inclusion in the Procedures Manual.

Legislative Committee asked that the list of past winners be added to the SCPHA website.

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

Membership

No Report

Nominations

Leah Dorman, Chair submitted the following report:

The members of the Nomination Committee for 2009-2010 were Leah Dorman, Chair, Ellen Bouknight, Blake Faulkenberry, Mary Hill-Glover, and James Woods.

During this past year, the committee and other interested parties met to discuss proposed changes to the Bylaws of SCPHA in the area of the number of required candidates for each office. At the November 2009 Governing Council meeting, the Nominations Committee presented the following recommendation to the Association's Constitution and

Bylaws:

With the rapid decrease in membership, it has become increasingly difficult to locate SCPHA members who meet the qualifications to run for office on Governing Council, particularly the position of President-elect. Additionally, we have many SCPHA members who previously held office on Governing Council and prefer not to run again. Instead they encourage others to run for office and become more involved in SCPHA leadership.

For this reason, we recommend amending Article IV, Section 2 of the Constitution and Bylaws to change the minimum number of required candidates per office on the election ballot from two to one, and to clarify the requirement that the slate of nominations be approved first by Governing Council as follows:

Currently, Article IV. Section 2. reads:

"The Nominating Committee shall prepare a list of two or more qualified candidates for each elective position to be filled. This nominating ballot shall be distributed to all qualified voting members at least 60 days prior to the annual meeting."

If approved by the majority of the membership, the wording would be changed as written below (changes are underlined):

"The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of one or more qualified candidates for each elective position to be filled. This slate shall be presented to Governing Council for ballot approval at least 60 days prior to the annual meeting."

The above-recommended changes would do the following:

1. Change the minimum required slate of candidates for each office from two to one.
2. Clarify wording of Section 2 by requiring the slate of officer nominations be presented to Governing Council not less than 60 days before the annual meeting, deleting reference to the nominating ballot being sent to the membership, which is addressed in Section 4.
3. While the Committee will actively seek as many qualified candidates as possible for all positions, this change would allow for more flexibility in seeking qualified candidates for office, without the issue of possibly not being in compliance with our Constitution and Bylaws, as well as minimize the potential for having to hold a special election in addition to our regular election to fill a vacancy.

Other organizations, such as the Southern Health Association, have recently changed their bylaws to reflect similar changes for the same noted reasons, while retaining the opportunity for write-in candidates.

When ballots are mailed to the membership, while only one name may be listed on the ballot, the voting member will be required to mark their choice for each office. If a candidate's name is the only name listed on the ballot and the voting member does not mark that name, it is not considered an automatic vote for the candidate. All votes have to be clearly marked by the voter for their selection choice.

Governing Council voted unanimously to approve the change, and special letter and ballot were sent to each voting member of SCPHA on December 27, 2009. Members were asked to vote in favor of or against the recommended changes. If approved, these changes would go into effect immediately for the up-coming 2010-2011 elections. Ballots were to be returned in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided and post-marked by February 1, 2010. In order to pass, the measure was required to have "a majority affirmative vote of eligible members of the Association voting thereon by ballot cast by mail" (Article XI. Section 1. Constitution and Bylaws).

On February 10, 2010, members of the committee met to tally the votes. Of the 314 ballots mailed, the committee needed 158 "Yes" votes to change the Bylaws. A total of 174 ballots were returned in the mail. Of those received, 168 were "Yes" and 6 were "No". The votes were validated and the recommended change was approved.

The committee has also been busy securing qualified candidates to run for SCPHA office. This year, the offices of President-elect, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and 2 Member-at-Large seats were vacant. The committee was able to secure one candidate for Vice President, two candidates for Treasurer, one candidate for Secretary, and four candidates for the two Member-at-Large seats. Since a candidate was not identified for the President-elect position at

this time, the decision was made and approved by Governing Council to proceed with current elections. Ballots were mailed to the membership on April 16, 2010 with a deadline return date of May 14, 2010. A special election for President-elect will be held either at the Business Meeting or later in the year, depending on when a qualified candidate is identified.

The committee met on May 19, 2010 to tally the votes for the 2010-2011 Governing Council elections. The results will be announced at the Business Meeting on May 26, 2010.

The committee wishes to thank everyone for their assistance in identifying candidates for office, and would encourage all members of SCPHA to become more active and consider taking on a leadership role in SCPHA.

Past Presidents' Advisory

Katy Wynne, Chair, reported the following:

- One of the duties of the Past Presidents' Advisory Committee is to assist with monitoring the Association's Strategic Plan. In May 2010, a committee of recent past presidents completed 13 independent reviews of the SCPHA Strategic Plan: 2007-2011. A full report was presented to the Governing Council at the May 21, 2010 meeting. The results of this review are summarized below:
 - 46% of the Past President reviewers say we are doing "moderately well" in identifying priority public health issues and advocating for sustainable change (Strategy 1: Policy and Advocacy), while 23% say this objective needs improvement.
 - 54% of the reviewers believe that Strategy 2: Membership Engagement and Expansion "needs improvement."
 - 53.8% of the reviewers believe that Strategy 3: Communication also "needs improvement," while 30.8% believe we're doing either "very well" or "moderately well" in this area.
 - Strategy 4: Infrastructure and Leadership fared much better with 50% of the reviewers stating that we're doing "very well or moderately well" in promoting leadership development and strengthening organizational capacity.
 - Reviewers were split on Strategy 5: Image Development and Promotion with 33.3% saying we're doing "moderately well" and 33.3% saying "needs improvement."
 - Caution: Since all reviewers were Past Presidents and some no longer serving on Governing Council, between 31% - 42% of them felt they did not have enough information to give a rating response, in particular on Policy and Advocacy work (31%), Membership Engagement and Expansion (31%), and Infrastructure and Leadership (42%).

The top three Action Steps under each strategy that the reviewers recommended as needing more work or improvement are:

- Strategy 1: Policy and Advocacy
 - Develop priority issues based on input from members and community stakeholders.
 - Educate and advocate for legislation based on evidence-based public health policy and practice.
 - Collaborate with partners to address specific, priority legislation that affects all areas of public health.
- Strategy 2: Membership Engagement and Expansion
 - Implement innovative, non-traditional strategies to grow membership and evaluate the effectiveness of recruiting methods used.
 - Increase engagement of new and "less involved" members through member surveys regarding reasons for non-renewals, and assess the possibility of offering incentives to rejoin.
 - Increase the availability of member benefits, such as continuing education opportunities, membership pins, and awards recognition, and explore the feasibility of adding new benefits, such as member discount programs.
- Strategy 3: Communication
 - Communicate public health issues, research and evidence based practices to key constituents.
 - Promote more effective use of the mass media through news releases, printed articles, Op-ed pieces, radio/TV interviews, and planned and opportunistic news events.

- Expand use of Association website to release online announcements and action alerts, inform membership about continuing education training and upcoming conferences, provide mechanism to register for annual meeting, winter conference, and other SCPHA-sponsored events, and post Association Bylaws, policies/procedures, newsletters and meeting minutes.
- *Strategy 4: Infrastructure and Leadership*
 - Increase overall assets and a sustained financial base through increased membership, revenue-earning educational meetings, planned giving events, memorial gifts, corporate sponsorships and grants.
 - Provide mentoring opportunities to increase the involvement of newer and/or younger members in assuming leadership roles.
 - Develop effective partnerships with other organizations that share mutual goals.
- *Strategy 5: Image Development and Promotion*
 - Promote a broader vision of the organization through increased public awareness of personal, community and environmental health.
 - Adopt effective marketing strategies that will advance the visibility of the Association.
 - Educate the general public, members and partners on the purpose and mission of SCPHA as an effective, non-profit advocacy organization.

Public Health Month

Included in the Vice President's Report.

Public Information

Gloria McCurry, Chair, presented the following report:

A special thanks to everyone who has submitted articles and pictures for the four issues of the Bulletin for this year.

The deadline for articles and pictures for the Bulletin's Summer Issue is June 1, with a publication date of July 1. Please be sure that if you are submitting pictures that you identify the persons in each picture. Guidelines for preparing your articles or announcements for submission and deadlines can be found on the SCPHA website at <http://www.scpa.com>

Resolutions

Lavell Thornton, Chair, submitted the following report:

Detailed Description of Highlighted Activities for the Year: The Committee is proposing three resolutions to the full membership of the Governing Council during the May 2010 Business Meeting.

* A resolution Promoting Continued Funding for the Students Health and Fitness Act 2005 which supports the recommendations put forward by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and leading school health organizations such as the American School Health Association and the National Association of State Boards of Education to maintain funding for licensed school nurses, state mandated assessments, accountability reports, minimum standards for physical education and nutrition, student-teacher ratios for physical education, and to provide continued support of this critical public policy to assure academic performance, healthier students and healthier school environments.

* 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 McCall Royal Ambassador Camp, a summer adventure camp for boys located in the Upstate, dedicated to worship, leadership development and mission's education. The deceased lifetime member is Ruth Garrett Bolding, a nurse who retired from the Pickens County Health Department.

* 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 the American Cancer Society. The deceased lifetime member and Past President is Sarah J. Robinson who retired from the Bureau of Laboratories.

Scholarships

Included in the President-Elects Report.

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:

This Report is submitted as a culmination of information from all of the Convention Committee Chairs and Coordinators involved in planning the 2010 Annual Meeting. Serving as Convention Coordinators are Jan Cooke, Richard Funderburk, JoAnn Palmer, Larry White and Otis Outing. The Committees have been (co)-chaired by: Early Bird (Networking Reception): Jill Varn, Paulette Hannon, and David Thomas; Entertainment: Wesley Bolding, Beth Henson, and Edd Hiott; Exhibits: Leah Dorman, Leanne Bailey, Pat Kell and Ronny VanVlake; Marshals and Pages: Jackie Moore and Ellen Bouknight; Properties: Tammy Thomasson and Andrew Rutland; and Registration: Lorraine Glover, and Michael and Sonya Turner.

Planning the Annual Meeting continues to be a challenge with members confined by travel restrictions and various budget cuts. The Program Committee and Governing Council did an excellent job developing a great educational conference with limited funds and tremendous demands on their time. Again, our Members remained positive and determined to produce a successful meeting! **President Thompson has raised the bar to a whole new level by his outstanding leadership.**

The initial planning with the Convention Coordinators and Committee Chairs, Program Chairs and President Thompson occurred last summer. Meetings were set for the 1st and 3rd Thursdays each month to coordinate all parts of the conference with various committee chairs and co-chairs. A site visit was held March 5, 2010 with Springmaid Beach Resort staff.

Each Chair was responsible for identifying committee members and resources, and assigning tasks. This group worked with other committee chairs and individuals as well to plan the conference, including, but not limited to, Awards, Continuing Education, Membership, Program, Resolutions, Scholarships, and Silent Auction.

This group did everything possible to present an enjoyable educational conference, with information and knowledge attendees will use in their professions and personal lives. The 2010 Annual Meeting should be a great experience for everyone from start to finish!

While at the conference, everyone is encouraged to **complete the evaluation forms**. This information is used for future conference planning. **We really do want to hear from you** and do our best to make every annual meeting a great experience for you!

Contributed Papers

Judy Alexander and Megan Weis, 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 Megan Weis, with the help eight (8) committee members, representing different departments within the USC Arnold School of Public Health, the SC Public Health Institute, South Carolina State University, Furman University, The Citadel, and USC Honors College. The committee worked to achieve this purpose. The committee sent the Call for Presentations electronically and mailed them across the state to reach over 30 universities and colleges programs that offer degrees 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 10 abstracts with 8 research abstracts and 2 programmatic abstracts and selected 10 abstracts for either a poster session or oral presentation. One programmatic accepted abstract withdrew after acceptance. These abstracts represent ; the Department of Health, Exercise, and Sports Science at the Citadel; the College of Nursing and the College of Pharmacy at the University of South Carolina; and the Departments of

Health Services and Policy Management, Epidemiology and Biostatistics, and Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior 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. This year the Public Health Association and the South Carolina Public Health Institute sponsored the awards.

Committee Members: Dena Garner, Michelle Myer, Lee Pearson, Anna Powell, Alicia Powers, Audrey McCrary-Quarles, Manju Tanwar, and Anna Walton.

Early Bird/President's Reception

No further report. See report from Convention Coordinators.

Entertainment

No further report. See report from Convention Coordinators.

Exhibits

Leah Dorman, Co-Chair, reported the following:

The members of the Exhibit Committee Co-Chairs for 2009-2010 were Leah Dorman, Leanne Bailey, Pat Kell, and Ronny Van Vlakte.

This past year, we have worked very hard in securing exhibitors for the Annual Meeting. "Save the Date" postcards were sent to those already in our database, as well as to others who were recommended to our committee. An initial packet of information was mailed out in January/February, with a second mailing in March. We were able to secure a total of 21 exhibitors for the 2010 annual meeting, as well as many door prizes, sponsorships for various activities, and donations for Silent Auction.

We also developed an Exhibitor Questionnaire for each attendee to complete for a chance to win \$100. Exhibitors have provided some of the questions. Attendees visit with each exhibitor and poster presenters to obtain the answers or appropriate information for each question. The questionnaires are turned in to the Exhibit Committee, and are then verified. Those with all answers correct are entered in a drawing for \$100. The drawing takes place at the Turtle Tracks Race. The winner does not have to be present to win.

We appreciate the opportunity to work on this committee.

Marshals and Pages

No further report. See report from Convention Coordinators.

Program

Susan Clark, Co-Chair, submitted the following report:

This report is submitted as a summary of the activities of the Program Committee working in collaboration with the President, Convention Committee Chairs and Coordinators and S.C. DHEC Art Dept. to plan and prepare the program for the 2010 Annual Conference. Susan Clark and Carlon Mitchell served as co-chairs of the committee. Members of the Program Committee are following:

Jan Cooke, Convention Coordinator; Leah Dorman, MAL; Mary-Kathryn Craft, MAL; Judith Alexander, Contributed Papers; Leanne Bailey, PHN Section; Robert Carlton, SW Section; Donna Culbreath, Winter Conference; Kelli Murray, Nutrition Section; Jan Viars, CE Committee; Lynnore Liggins, Management Support Section; Larry White, Convention Coordinator; and Eric Rogers, Environment Health Section.

The Program Committee met initially in August 2009 following the Convention Coordinators and Committee Chairs meeting. The subsequent monthly meetings of both groups were scheduled on the same day as many members serving as Convention Committee Chairs were also on the Program Committee. Members attended in person and by telephone conference enabling increased participation from members around the state. Most members were active and productive, although we lacked participation from a few sections. President Thompson and Jan Cooke provided consistent guidance and actively recruited speakers for the conference.

Members of the committee worked as a team to develop the program around the theme of the conference, "Painting the Future of Public Health". Together pre-conference, keynote, plenary and concurrent session speakers were identified and recruited to provide excellent educational presentations on a wide variety of public health topics. Timelines, templates and work projects

were developed and completed ahead of time. This resulted in a very complete draft submitted to Matt Alsup, the Director of the Art Dept. at S.C. DHEC enabling him to design a colorful program cover reflecting the artful theme and creatively format the program content. He provided needed guidance and worked closely with the committee to produce a quality product for the conference. A number of program proofs were reviewed and edited by select committee members known for their attention to detail until the final deadline.

Continuing education credits were submitted to Mid-Carolina AHEC for all of the presentations and 21 hours were approved. CE credits for public health professional members were also processed and approved. This process involved a great deal of repetitive effort by the members responsible for obtaining the required CE paperwork from the speakers. This is a very time-intensive process.

The contributions of all of those who worked together so diligently are reflected in the 2010 SCPHA Annual Conference Program and hopefully in the success and enjoyment experienced by attendees!

Properties

No further report. See report from Convention Coordinators.

Registration

No further report. See report from Convention Coordinators.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Winter Conference

No report.

Silent Auction

Dale Henslee, Chair, reported the following:

The committee has worked hard this year and have many great items for you to bid on. Bidding is open until Thursday afternoon. Griff print tickets are on sale until Friday morning.

Golf Tournament

Richard Funderburk reported the SCPHA 2010 Golf Tournament is scheduled for September 21, 2010 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. This fundraiser is open to anyone.

STUDENT FORUM

Megan Weis reported that the students are present at the Annual Meeting and are working on their various committee assignments / duties.

OLD BUSINESS

None reported.

NEW BUSINESS

None reported.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone is encouraged to visit the exhibits, silent auction, and turtle races. The Awards Banquet will be held tonight.

NEXT ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

May 2011 – Location to be announced.

The 2010 SCPHA Annual Business meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy E. Thomasson
SCPHA Secretary
2009-2010