

## NPHA Executive Board Report

Nancy Menzel, President

Jennifer Hadayia, President-Elect

Sara Velasquez, Treasurer

Amy McFarland, Secretary

John Packham, Affiliate Representative

Teresa Sacks, Vice President, Northern Nevada

Anne Rothweiler, Vice President, Southern Nevada

1. Continued previous schedule of monthly meetings by telephone conference call.
2. Set goals and objectives for 2009:
  - a. Increase membership through improved member benefits, management of membership lists, chapter meetings, and networking
  - b. Increase attendance for 2009 conference in Reno over the total for 2007 conference
  - c. Monitor 2009 Nevada legislative session for bills affecting public health
  - d. Write position papers on Bill Draft Requests and distribute to legislators
  - e. Maintain representation at the APHA annual meeting, pre-conference sessions
  - f. Award scholarships to students in public health-related disciplines
3. Ad Hoc Committee on Scholarships drafted new criteria and solicited applications. An Ad Hoc Judging Committee evaluated the 15 responses received: 6 from North and 9 from South.
4. Created an NPHA Statement on several key issues for Legislature 2009 and listed Board member contacts.
5. John Packham was active in APHA affiliate capacity building initiatives.
6. John Packham received APHA funding for a grant he wrote to fund the purchase of membership management software.
7. Sara Velasquez worked with the vendor (Avecetra) and the Board to complete the onerous process of moving from manual recordkeeping to the new relational database. This will allow automated membership renewal notices and other benefits.
8. Raised the dues for the first time in NPHA's existence and notified members.
9. Established ability to pay dues with credit cards.
10. The Board wrote membership renewal and recruitment letters for those who are APHA but not NPHA members.
11. Revised the criteria for payment for APHA Conference travel for the NPHA President or Affiliate Representative to standardize on GSA rates.
12. Established policy regarding release of limited member contact information to selected organizations.
13. Initiated the process of converting NPHA's tax exempt status from a 501(c)6 (business league) to a 501(c)(3), which will allow NPHA to seek grants and donations, as well as support public health advocacy efforts.
14. Wrote letters of support for various advocacy issues.
15. Jennifer Stoll-Hadaya, along with the Board and some energetic members, planned an outstanding conference.

■ Submitted by Nancy Menzel, President, September 20, 2009