

SHA UPDATE

President's Message

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Happy New Year!

I hope all of you are having a wonderful start to 2008. It certainly promises to be a banner year for SHA. We just finished our Mid Year Governing Council Meeting and there is much ahead. The Governing Council met in Chattanooga, TN with each of our Affiliate States represented. The usual business of approving the 2008 budget and the slate of candidates for officers for 2009 was accomplished. In addition, we heard reports from all of the standing committees and the affiliate representatives. The most exciting news from the Council is the recommendation to move forward with plans to hire an Executive Director. Last year, an ad hoc committee was formed to study the feasibility of such a move. It is believed that our Association must continue to grow to meet the needs of the Affiliate States. There is work to be done on legislative issues; providing preparation for testimony and collection of data supportive of the mission and goals of public health. There is also a need for the development of new programs for the Association that would enhance our support of Affiliate states and provide ongoing funding streams for the Association. Up to this point, this type of work has been done by member volunteers. While this has served the Association well up to this point, the Council believes that the current needs of the Association have grown beyond what volunteers and an Executive Secretary can provide. The addition of an Executive Director to similar organizations has proven to be the turning point in their success. The plan is to advertise the position via State Affiliate Representatives and the website by February 1, 2008. All interested applicants will return a completed application to Sandy Magyar, Chair of the ad hoc committee. The ad hoc committee hopes to review all applicants beginning in April. Once an appropriate candidate is identified, the ad-hoc committee will present their selection to the Council for final approval. This is a big step for our Association and I anticipate that as members you may have some questions about the move. I invite all questions or comments to be directed to me. You can either call me at 423-209-8218 or email me at TammyB@hamiltontn.gov.

In closing, I want to encourage each of you to make plans to attend our joint annual meeting. This year we will meet with the Arkansas Public Health Association, May 7 – 9, 2008 at the Austin Hotel in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The theme of the meeting is “A Matter of Time, to Prepare Ourselves and Our Communities, to Promote Healthy Living, to Eliminate Health Disparities...The Time is Now. Check our web-site for more information and there will be much more information on this in our next UPDATE.

Speaking of which, you will note that this UPDATE is abbreviated. We wanted to get the officer candidate information out to you along with the awards information in a timely manner. The UPDATE sent in March will return to regular formatting and will contain information on the Annual Conference as well as State Reports.

Mark Your Calendar

May 7-9, 2008

Southern Health Association/Arkansas Public Health Association

Joint Annual Meeting

Hot Springs Convention Center, Hot Springs, Arkansas

Theme: "A Matter of Time.....The Time is Now"

Hotel reservations may be made by calling the Austin Hotel at 1-877-623-6697.

Room rates are as follows:

\$70 – single or double occupancy

\$150 – one bedroom suite

\$230 – two bedroom suite

Tax rate is 13%. In order to get these rates, when making reservations, please tell them the group is the Arkansas Public Health Association.

The March issue of the Southern Health Update will have additional program information on the meeting. Also, annual meeting information will be posted to our website at www.southernhealth.net as it becomes available.

SHA Nominations 2007-2008

President-Elect



Jan Cooke (SC)

Prior to her retirement in 2005, Jan had over thirty years of service to the State of South Carolina holding various positions of managerial and fiscal responsibility, including preparing contract and grant budgets, assisting with negotiation and implementation of the first Medicaid contract with the State Alcohol and Drug Agency, and establishing a self-directed team responsible for all administrative duties for the Health Services Deputy area of DHEC. Picture this, in another life, she was a Social Worker doing home visits for food stamp and protective services clients!

Jan has served as First Vice President and Treasurer of SHA and has served on numerous committees. She has been a member of the SC Public Health Association since 1992, and previously from 1981-1989. She was President in 2001-02 and served as chair of the Program, Marshals and Pages, Continuing Education, Awards, Futures, Winter Conference, Scholarships and Past Presidents Committees over the years. She also served on Finance, Exhibits, Entertainment, Resolutions, Legislative and Silent Auction Committees. Since her retirement from SCDHEC, she continues to be a very actively involved in both SHA and SCPHA. She also stays busy by singing in her church choir and doing some volunteer work.



Larry Davis (KY)

Larry has 37 years of service with the Kentucky Department of Health and has been Public Health Director for the Marshall County Health Department, Benton, Kentucky, since 1992. He has also served as Public Health Director for Whitley, Knox and Laurel Counties in Kentucky. Larry received his Masters in Health Education for Eastern Kentucky University and did post graduate work at the University of Tennessee.

Larry has served on the Boards and as a member of numerous professional organizations. He is a Past President of the Kentucky Public Health Association and the Kentucky Health Department Association. He has served on various committees of SHA. He has received various awards and recognitions including the KPHA Russell E. Teague Award and the National Association of Counties Achievement Award.

SHA Nominations 2007-2008 Cont.

First Vice President



Dennis Thompson (SC)

Dennis has been with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control as a Public Health Administrator since 1996, currently serving as Region Administrator for Public Health Region 7 which consists of Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester counties. Job responsibilities include Budgets, Finance, Human Resources, Business Management, Procurement, Information Resources, Disaster Preparedness, Vital Records, Planning, and Policy Development. Prior to his employment with the Agency, he owned a retail business for twelve years, worked as a Branch Manager for a large bank for seven years, and was in the U.S. Army.

Dennis graduated from West Georgia College, University of Georgia, with a Master of Business Administration Degree and a Bachelor of Arts in History. He and his wife reside in Mount Pleasant, SC and have two sons, 27 and 25, both who are law enforcement officers. His hobbies include boating, golfing, and spending time with family.



Warren McDougale (FL)

I am running for the office of First Vice President and would like to share a summary of my public health experience: In 1977, I began my public health training as a food and waterborne disease investigator with the United States Air Force; since 1982, I have worked for the Florida Department of Health as an environmental health professional. I served as Environmental Manager of local county health departments from 1986 to 2003. In 2003 I moved to environmental epidemiology to work in the discipline that stole my heart many years ago. This past year I became the Epidemiology Program Manager for the Hillsborough County Health Department in Tampa, Florida.

I have had the privilege of serving the past 5 years as Florida's affiliate representative to the Governing Council of the Southern Health Association. I am a past president of the Florida Public Health Association.

SHA Nominations 2007-2008 Cont.

Secretary



Susan K. Bland, M.S. (AL)

Susan Bland received her Bachelor of Science degree from Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan and her Master's in Science from Troy State University in Montgomery, Alabama. She worked five years for the Immunization Division of the Alabama Department of Public Health conducting Vaccine for Children assessments and site reviews. Prior to working with the Immunization Division, Ms. Bland was employed by the Bureau of Health Promotion and Chronic Disease and the Bureau of Communicable Disease for 20 years working on various initiatives such as the Injury Prevention Campaign, Tobacco Prevention and Control Program, and quality assurance reviews for the Hypertension Program.

Susan also completed levels one through three of the Certified Public Manager Program to be certified as an Associate Certified Public Manager. Ms. Bland also received the Guy M. Tate Award in 1988, for outstanding service to the people of Alabama through promotion and protection of the public's health presented by the Alabama Public Health Association.

Currently Susan is working in the Marketing Division of the Bureau of Health Promotion and Chronic Disease. She is in the process of developing a campaign to distribute emergency preparedness guides, pandemic influenza prevention materials and medical needs shelter information. Susan is also serving on numerous committees such as the Special Population Task Force, and MNS Medical Station Coalition. Ms. Bland is also serving on the Planning Committee for the Alabama Public Health Association's joint meeting with the Alabama Environmental Health Association to be held May 17-18, 2007, in Mobile, Alabama. She is also serving as the Alabama Delegate to the Southern Health Association. This is her second year to serve of a three-year term



Diana Kreider (TN)

Diana has been with the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Health Department since 1986 and is currently Maternal-Child Health Program Manager. Prior to coming to the Health Department, she held various positions with the Parkridge Medical Center from staff nurse to unit coordinator.

Diana has been active with both the Tennessee Public Health Association and SHA. She has chaired the SHA Silent Auction Committee and has just completed a three-year term as Member-at-Large on the SHA Governing Council. Diana loves to travel and is also involved in multiple community and church activities

SHA Nominations 2007-2008 Cont.

Treasurer



Thomas D. Bridges, MPH (NC)

Currently Tom is the Health Director for the Henderson County Health Department, Hendersonville, NC, a position he has held for the past nine years. He has held various other positions in public health including positions with the Person County Health Department, NC Adult Health Branch, Division of Public Health, Craven County Health Department and the Department of Nutrition, UNC School of Public Health. He has a BS in Zoology/Chemistry and an MPH in Nutrition.

Tom is actively involved with numerous professional and community activities including serving as past President of the North Carolina Public Health Association. He is currently serving on the SHA Governing Council as NCPHA's affiliate representative and as Chair of the Public Policy/Resolutions Committee



Nettie Gerstle (TN)

Nettie Gerstle has been a public health nurse at the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Health Department for 11 years. She initially served as Quality Management Coordinator, and then became the Support Services Program Manager in 2000. As Support Services Program Manager she has oversight of the following programs: protocols/manuals development and update, Quality Management, Tennessee Breast and Cervical Screening, PRN Pool, Immigration/Refugee Services, Clinical Nutrition and pre-employment physicals. Nettie has been a facilitator for the Continuous Quality Improvement program for 9 years, and in 2003-2005 served as leader of the Quality Leadership Team.

Nettie has been a registered nurse since 1977. In 2003 and 2004 she obtained her Master's of Science in Nursing and Master's in Business Administration degrees at Southern Adventist University.

Nettie became a Southern Health member in February 2005. Nettie has been a member of TPHA since 1996, and is currently serving as the Nursing Section's Vice Chair.

SHA Nominations 2007-2008 Cont.

Member at Large



Kathryn Martin, PhD, MPA (GA)

Kathryn is currently Administrator for the Chatham County Health Department in which she directs, manages, and supervises all aspects of the third largest health department in Georgia. She is also an Instructor with the Master of Public Health Program, Mercer University School of Medicine where she is responsible for all teaching aspects of two core curriculum classes in the MPH program. She is also Adjunct Professor, School of Health Professions, Armstrong Atlantic State University.

Kathryn received her MPA from Augusta State University and her PhD from Kennedy-Western University, Cheyenne, Wyoming. She is a member of the American Public Health Association and currently serves as Membership Chair for the Georgia Public Health Association. She is also involved in numerous professional and community activities.



Janet McAdams (AR)

Janet is currently the RN Regional Manager Hometown Health for The Southwest Region of Arkansas. She has been with the Arkansas Department of Health for 20 years, working in In-Home Services, as a Local Health Unit Administrator and as Hometown Health Coordinator.

Janet has held various positions with the Arkansas Public Health Association including President in 2006-2007. She has also served as President of the Public Health Nurses Association of Arkansas. In 2001, she was awarded the Tom T. Ross Award which is the highest award given by the Arkansas Public Health Association. She also received the Outstanding Community Service Award in 2002.

Janet is currently serving on the SHA Governing Council as Member-at-Large and as Chair of the Membership Committee.

SHA AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT

February 28 Deadline for Submitting Award Nominations

This is a great opportunity to recognize those public health colleagues that have gone above and beyond the call of duty during their careers. Those who nominate the individuals are always as excited as the award winners. **February 28** is the deadline for getting nomination in so **NOW** is the time to start putting those nominations together.

Nominees must be either individual members of the Southern Health Association or a member of their affiliate state public health association. Nominations may be submitted by individual members of SHA or by the affiliate state associations.

Following is a brief description of each award. More specific guidelines and instructions along with a nomination form may be found on the SHA website at www.southernhealth.net; or you may contact the SHA Executive Office at 615-754-0779 or Sandra.whittle@comcast.net or Becky Barnes, Chair of the Awards Committee, at BeckyB@mail.hamiltontn.gov.

◆ **Special Meritorious Service to SHA**

This award is to be presented to an individual, a group of individuals or organization to honor outstanding and continuous service to, involvement with, and support of the Association.

◆ **Howell Special Meritorious Service to Public Health Award**

This award is to be presented to an individual, a group of individuals or organization to honor outstanding and continuous service to, involvement with, and support of public health particularly in the field of prevention. This award is named in memory of a past president of the Southern Health Association.

◆ **The Charles G. Jordan Memorial Award**

This award honors the memory of Mr. Jordan and his impact on this Association. To be eligible for this award, the nominee must have been employed in a public health capacity for not more than ten years and must have demonstrated a potential for achievement in the field of public health above and beyond the usual requirements or voluntary activities.

◆ **The Ficquett-Holley Award**

This award honors the memory of two nurses and past-presidents of this Association. To be eligible for this award, the nominee must be a nurse and have made outstanding contributions in the field of public health.

◆ **Outstanding Legislator Award**

This award is presented to an elected local, state, or federal public servant from the southern region who has a proven record of sponsorship and support of beneficial health policies, regulations, legislation or statutes.

Report of 2007 APHA Annual Meeting

By Ted Hanekamp

The 135th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association was held November 3-7, 2007 in Washington, DC with the theme: *Politics, Policy & Public Health*. The attendance was over 14,000. There were more than 1,000 scientific sessions and over 900 exhibits.

The Committee on Affiliates sponsored the Affiliates Leadership Day on November 3rd, and the leadership and governing council representatives of most affiliates participated, including all but one of the SHA affiliates. The reception, sponsored by 46 individuals and organizations, including 36 affiliates was well attended. The Colorado Public Health Association received the Outstanding Affiliate Award and Sandy Magyar, Executive Director of the Florida Public Health Association and Past-President of SHA received the Award For Excellence for her role in revitalizing the Florida affiliate. Dr. Stephen Keener, At Large member of the SHA Governing Council is the Chair of the Committee on Affiliates for 2007-2008. Regional Representatives to the CoA for SHA affiliates are Terri Sasser, MPH (MS), Region IV and Cheryl Ferguson, MPH (NM) Region VI.

At the Opening Session, the keynote speakers were Julie Gerberding, MD, MPH, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Laurie Garrett, Senior Fellow for Global Health, Council on Foreign Relations and Best Selling Author. Receiving awards for Distinguished Public Health Legislator were U. S. Senator Olympi Snowe of Maine, and Representative Hilda Solis of California. There were nine other individuals and groups receiving awards for various activities and achievements in the field of public health.

The Governing Council analyzed and discussed 21 policy statements, approving 20. They are available on-line at the APHA website, www.apha.org. Elected as President-Elect was Cheryl E. Easley, PhD, RN; elected as Treasurer was Richard J. Cohen, PhD; elected as Speaker of the Governing Council was Barbara Giloth, DrPH; and elected to the Executive Board were Andrea Kidd-Taylor, DrPH, MSPH; Susan M. Radius, PhD, MEd, CHES; and Kentucky's Chris L. Day, MPH, MBA. Elected as Vice President-US was Oliver Fein, MD; Vice President-Latin America was Mirta Roses Periago, MD; and Vice President-Canada was Debra Lynkowski.

President Deborah Klein Walker, EdD, passed the gavel to incoming President Linda C. Degutis, DrPH, MSN, who presided over the Closing General Session, which featured Dr. Sanjay Gupta, CNN Chief Medical Consultant and member of the Board of Directors of the Lance Armstrong Foundation who spoke on behalf of Lance Armstrong. The next Annual Meeting will feature the theme: ***Public Health Without Borders*** and will be held October 25-29, 2008 in San Diego, CA.



Mike Napier, FPFA President, Sandy Magyar, FPFA Executive Director, Matt Dillon, FPFA Affiliate Representative to APHA

Southern Health Association Calendar

SHA Governing Council Meetings

May 6, 2008Hot Springs, AR

SHA Annual Meeting

May 6-9, 2008
Hot Springs, AR

State Association Meetings

Alabama.....Birmingham.....April 8-9, 2008

Theme: Prevent, Promote, Protect: Partnering for Health and Preparedness

Arkansas.....Hot Springs.....May 8-9, 2008

Theme: A Matter of Time.....The Time is Now

Florida.....OrlandoJuly 29—Aug 1, 2008

Theme: TBA

Georgia.....Savannah.....December 3-5, 2008

Theme: TBA

Kentucky.....Louisville.....April 22-24, 2008

Theme: Making Tomorrow Healthier Today

North Carolina.....New Bern.....Sept 24-26, 2008

Theme: TBA

South Carolina.....Myrtle Beach.....May 20-23, 2008

Theme: Putting a Face on Public Health—Yours

Tennessee.....Franklin.....Aug 27-29, 2008

Theme: Preparing the Best Game Plan: Tackling Behaviors for Health Improvement

Other Meetings

APHA.....San Diego, CA.....Oct 25-29, 2008

Theme: Politics, Policy and Public Health

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MISSION: To serve as a regional advocate for Public Health and for the growth and development of its leadership

Southern Health Association Membership Application

(Mail to SHA, 1590 North Bass Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122)

Name _____ OfficePhone _____

Email _____

Organization/Agency _____

Position _____ Dues Paid _____

Mailing Address _____ 1-Year 2-Year

_____ New Member _____ \$20 _____ \$40

_____ Individual _____ \$25 _____ \$45

Is mailing address: (Office ___ Home ___) Fellow _____ \$40

Retiree _____ \$10

Student _____ \$10

Donation (Please fill in amount) _____

Functional Area:

___ Administrative

___ Direct Care

___ Environmental

___ Management Support

___ Educational/Health Promotion

U.S. Congressional District Residence _____

Are you will to serve on a committee? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, give preference _____

___ Are you a member of your state PHA?

___ Yes ___ No

Sponsor: optional) _____

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