

MNSOPHE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING

OCTOBER 17, 2018

**Meeting Minutes**

Location: MNSOPHE Annual Summit, Gustavus College, St. Peter, MN

Attendance: 62 guests, members and board members

1. Call to order—Karl Larson, President at 12:22 pm

2. President’s report to the membership--Karl Larson

Highlights:

* 2019 Elections held electronically in September 2018. The following were elected:
  + Judith Luebke, National Delegate
  + Cherylee Sherry, Treasurer
  + Liz Heimer, Membership Chair
  + Suzanne Driessen, President-Elect
* In need of a Student Representative ion the board. 1/3 of the Summit’s conference attendees are students. It is a 12-month appointment per calendar year. This positon is the voice of students across the state. Contact Karl is interested.
* Will assume the immediate Past-president role in January. Goal is to review edit and present bylaws and strategic plan for the next year.

3. Voter registration information--Clark Johnson

* Welcome to the legislative district
* Democracy matters for policy changes– tobacco 21 is an example based on local community led activities

4. Treasurer’s Report—Cherylee Sherry

* Joe Visker for Cherylee Sherry
* Balance: $6139.90
* Goal is to achieve a 501C status. This will allow us to do more.

5. Delegate’s Report—Judith Luebke

* Interact with 30 chapter delegates across the US to learn from each other and connect with the national SOPHE.

6. Advocacy Report—Pat Stieg

* Serves on state and national SOPHE advocacy committees.
* Need committee members to carry forward Minnesota advocacy resolutions
* Members can bring forward a proposal for a chapter focus
* Look for a survey soon to assess your interests and issues
* As a citizen, one can advocate for or against anything we want but our voice can be stronger as an organization.
* Advocacy Summit report - SOPHE adopted resolutions on behalf of 4,000 members. Handout included in the packet regarding the positions. The 2018 20th national SOPHE advocacy conference focused on gun violence.
* Policy is one of the functions of public health and is imperative to SOPHE.
* Contact Pat to join this committee and get involved in advocacy.

8. Membership & Communication Report—Mary Kramer

* Developed communication platforms via a listserv, Facebook page, website
* 80 members and growing

9. Continuing Education Report—Kelly Kunkel

* CHES & MCHES credits available at this summit
* Fill out evaluation and provide suggestions for topics and other continuing opportunities

10. President-elect –Joe Visker

* Chair of the Summit
* Will move into the President’s roles in January 2019.

11. Open Forum

* Does MN SOPHE category 1 CE provider designation? Continuing education chair to investigate.

Adjournment: 1:03 pm

Respectfully submitted: Suzanne Driessen, Secretary