



Dear MN SOPHE Members,

There is a lot to look forward to in 2022 within the MN chapter! Take a few minutes to see the opportunities highlighted from the last Board meeting.

2022 Chapter Goals

To get the year up and running-chapter goals were drafted and approved by the board. These reflect the chapter's strategic plans and are reported annually to National SOPHE as part of our state chapter status. Members are welcome to join committees or board members working on these goal for the year:

1. Complete process and documents needed for becoming a 501(c)(3) organization. Treasurer, Cherylee Sherry to lead.
2. Establish student award/scholarship. Assigned to the Awards and Recognition committee.
3. Explore partnering opportunities with other organizations. Continuing Ed and Communications committees to lead.
4. Provide professional development offerings quarterly i.e. webinars. Continuing Ed committee to lead.
5. Establish plan for marketing the value of health educators. Communications and Membership committees to explore opportunities.

If you are interested in being part of the action for supporting these goals contact the board at www.sopheminn@gmail.com

We look forward to another successful year!

National SOPHE News

National SOPHE has announced the appointment of Tammy Dillard-Steels as the new CEO.

Check out the information at:

<https://www.sophe.org/news/ceo/>

The National Meeting will be held as a virtual event again this year. See the line-up and opportunities for March 22-25 at:

https://www.sophe.org/professional-development/conferences_events/2022-annual-conference/

Communications is Keeping You Informed!

Thanks to new chairperson, Sia Xiong, chapter communications is moving into action for the new year. Notices and updates will be available via Email, Facebook and Instagram. If you have ideas for connecting with members or other organizations-reach out to the committee by contacting the board: www.sopheminn@gmail.com

Other Upcoming Opportunities to be Involved:

Planning for the 2022 MN SOPHE Health Education Summit will be under way soon. Liz Heimer, President Elect is forming the committee.

Part of the annual summit is to acknowledge outstanding individuals in the field of public health. The Awards and Recognitions committee, led by PH Moua, is also forming at this time.

Board Vacancies

Join us!! The Advocacy chair and Student Representative positions are vacant and we welcome newcomers to be part of this outstanding group.

Welcome NEW Members!

An added feature for the Monthly Board Highlights will be to welcome new members!! We hope people will get to know one another and continue to support the important role of health educators.

Welcome: Lauren Witt

I am a Public Health and Community Health Education major at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. My areas of interest include health care as well as policy & advocacy. One of the most impactful quotes I've heard is from a current professor Dr. Gary Gilmore, "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together". I look forward to creating meaningful connections and having impactful experiences with dedicated public health professionals within Minnesota.

Lauren Witt, PGP: She/Her/Hers. University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, Public Health and Community Health Education. Eta Sigma Gamma-Beta Phi chapter: Research Chair

Welcome: Geleto Roba

School: University of Saint Thomas

Major: Public Health

I am a husband, a father of one and a full-time student at the UST.



Thank you for joining MN SOPHE!!

If you know of others to invite to join our chapter, please direct them to the link below. We have three levels of membership: Student, Professional and Emeritus to support you wherever you are in your career!

<https://mnsophe.wildapricot.org/join-us>

Congratulations to Liz Heimer (MN SOPHE President Elect)!

Liz recently started a new position as Grant Coordinator for Healthy Families America (Faribault, Martin and other regional counties). Best of luck as you transition into your new role.

MN SOPHE Board meetings are held virtually on the third Friday of the month from 1 to 2:30 pm. If you are interested in attending please contact us at:
www.sopheminn@gmail.com

Submitted by: Jean Streetar, Secretary