

Dear MN SOPHE Members,

We hope your summer is going well and that you are finding ways to *refresh* and *renew*. Here are the highlights from the August board meeting.

**Meeting Summary:**

**Countdown to the Summit**

*What the Health: Understanding Disease, Diversity, and Disparities*. October 22, 8:45 am to 4:30 pm in a virtual format. Check out all of the great offerings for the third annual MN SOPHE Health Education Summit:

<https://mnsophe.wildapricot.org/page-18093>

Registration is OPEN:

- **Nonmember Registration – \$40.00**
- **Professional Bundle: Membership + Registration – \$50.00**
- **Student Bundle: Membership + Registration – \$10.00**

**MN SOPHE Elections are coming**

2021 is just around the corner and the chapter board will conduct elections during September. Please vote when the ballot arrives in your email box.

And...Be ready to VOTE in your local, state and national elections on November 3!!

**Progress on MN SOPHE Goals and Committee Work**

- An Awards Committee has been established for the chapter this year. The easy to complete form is located here: <https://mnsophe.wildapricot.org/MN-SOPHE-Professional-of-the-Year> .. Let's recognize the great work and contributions health education makes in our communities and organizations. The first annual award will be present at the October 22 MN SOPHE Summit. Thanks to past-president Karl Larson for leading this process.
- The Advocacy Committee is making progress with establishing a resolution priority list and building capacity for addressing health equity. Derek Hersch is the committee chairperson.
- The Continuing Education Committee has initialed plans for two more webinars this year with free CHES and MCHES credits for members. Antonia Yenser is the committee chairperson

Consider joining any board committee as you renew or become a new member. Check out other ways to get involved here: <https://mnsophe.wildapricot.org/page-18080>

**Job Postings**

One of the benefits to members is the networking and connections made with students and other professionals. The Communications Committee encourages you to post jobs via the list serve.

**Plus...**

**Member Experiences for Face book Welcomed**

Do you have interesting activity involving health education in your community or organization? Share with others via Facebook or the list serve. Sharing member photos and stories help promote health education and strengthen the profession. Mary Kramer is the Communications committee chairperson.

**MN SOPHE Board meetings are held on a monthly basis.** All members are welcomed to join in the phone/teleconference calls. The next meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2020. Contact us at [sopheminn@gmail.com](mailto:sopheminn@gmail.com)

Be safe, be healthy.

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