



Greetings Members,

February might be a short month, but the MN SOPHE Board has been ramping up activities and opportunities for members. See the Highlights from the monthly meeting below. This month is also filled with remembrances, designations, and even longer daylight hours! We hope you have had experiences to educate and promote health and equity. Thank you for all you do ❤️ .

Health Science faculty to receive national award

Dr. Marlene Tappe, Health Science, is being given the Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE) 2023 Distinguished Fellow Award. The award is considered the highest honor SOPHE bestows upon its members. Dr. Tappe is a MN SOPHE member and presented at the 2022 Health Education Summit. She will be receiving the award this March in Atlanta, GA at the SOPHE Annual Conference. Congratulations!



Lauren Witt, MN SOPHE Advocacy Chair, at Legislature Feb 14

Health advocates came forward to support MN legislation for voter registration through Medicaid enrollment thus making it easier for voting rights. Healthy Democracy Healthy People and multiple partners are supporting these and other efforts. See the video testimony here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/17vEJZiUbjVbzlcMJkLfXfk8u8Qdxdv8e/view?usp=drive_web (video link to testimony)

New Roles and New Goals: 2023 chapter goals

To start the new year, board members discussed and established 2023 chapter goals. Any member is welcomed to be part of the action process by joining a committee. Most activities do not take much time, but your input is so valuable to public health education at the local level.

***Increase membership** to 100 total members by January 2024. Provide a mix of in-person and virtual networking events that are offered to MNSOPHE members in 2023 to increase member involvement.

***Develop a year-round recruitment plan** for new board members.

***Establish an onboarding process** for new board members and student representatives.

***Conduct an analysis of current governing documents** (by-laws; policies and procedures) to determine if a Standard Operating Procedures document could be created to streamline chapter responsibilities and tasks.

Upcoming Webinar

“Trauma Transformed Through Art and Narrative” March 8, noon to 1 pm. Free and 1 CHES credit for members.

[Minnesota Society for Public Health Education - Events \(wildapricot.org\)](http://wildapricot.org)



Hmong Public Health Association Sponsorship

Watch for more information about a MN SOPHE Board Approved Sponsorship of a local event on March 18. To find out more about HPHA visit their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/hmongpublichealthassociation/>

Welcome New Members

We have four new members and they are all students! We hope to meet you in the coming year.

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