

MN SOPHE Board Meeting Update:

April 12, 2019

For past minutes, see our website: <https://mnsophe.wildapricot.org/>

- **February member survey results are in!**

Thank you for sharing your views. There were 25 completed surveys with some of the following highlights: people are enthused and want to be connected; they liked the summit and would value ways to be connected beyond the summit; would also like the summit to be held near the Metro area; liked the email list serve and want to know more about how to send information; would like a student mentor program; and shirts or other swag. Other ideas will be used to shape future plans and summits. Mary Kramer and Jessica Tilson led the member survey.

- **Save the date for the next MN Summit on Oct 24, at Gustavus**

Plans for the 2019 MN SOPHE Health Education Summit have begun. Join the planning committee, send ideas or suggestions to Suzanne Driessen, driessen@umn.edu .. Ideas for 2019 session or theme include: Art in Health; interactive sessions; research; and poster session.

- **National SOPHE reflections**

Chapter members were able to attend the April National SOPHE Conference in Salt Lake City. Reflections included the value of hearing about the work of other chapters; chapter tool kit overview; and certification requirements and tracking for CHES and MCHES. Joe Visker is on the national conference planning committee for 2020 to be held in Atlanta.

- **Webinar planning**

MN SOPHE would like to offer members webinar opportunities. The first webinar on tobacco legislation will be coming in late spring or early summer. Topics ideas, speakers, and those interested in facilitating can be sent to Mary Kramer mary.kramer-1@mnsu.edu or Liz Heimer sopheminn@gmail.com . The goal is to provide quarterly webinars in the future.

- **News and Views**

There has been much accomplished in the first year of MN SOPHE! The list has been captured by Judith Luebke in an article to be sent to national SOPHE for the News and Views newsletter which highlights various chapters across the county. The final article will be shared on the MN SOPHE website.

- **MN SOPHE committees**

Looking to get involved? Committee chairs would welcome your ideas and participation. For example: the Advocacy Committee would like to put in practice some the lessons learned by Pat Stieg at national conferences to develop chapter proclamations and strengthen public health in MN. Check out the website to learn more about committee activities. <https://mnsophe.wildapricot.org/>

**The MNSOPHE Executive Committee meets the second Friday of the month, 10-11:30 AM via technology. Meeting are open to all members. Contact President Joe Visker, joseph.visker@mnsu.edu for meeting notices. Next meeting date is May 10.

Submitted by: Jean Streetar, Secretary