



MNSOPHE Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
2/15/18

1. Call to Order by President Karl Larson at 12:03 PM via GoToMeeting.
2. Roll call:
 - a. Present: Karl Larson, President; Joe Visker, President-Elect; Mary Kramer, Communication’s Chair; Pat Stieg, Advocacy Chair; Kelly Kunkel, Continuing education Chair; Judith Luebke, National Delegate; Suzanne Driessen, Secretary, Liz Heimer, Membership Chair, Cherylee Sherry, Treasurer
 - b. Absent: Student Representative vacant position
3. Secretary’s Report
 - a. Approve 1-26-18 minutes. Approved.
4. Next Meeting: Mar 15, 2018. 12:00-1:00 PM

Agenda Topic: Website Update		
	Presenter: Liz Heimer	
Discussion		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signed up for Wild Apricot. Investigating features. • Will make everyone an administration. • Karl sent a welcome note for new members. He suggested adding to the website. 	
Conclusions		
Action Items	Person	Deadline
Continue setting up website. Report next meeting	Liz	3/15/18
Agenda Topic: Treasurer Update		
	Presenter: Cherylee	
Discussion		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need a personal account with Infinity to establish an organizational account. • Found lost money at MN Dept of Commerce. It's a PayPal account and Wells Fargo. • Joe closed is an account and will send check to Cherylee. 		
Conclusions		
Action Items	Person	Deadline
Open MNSOPHE account at Affinity. Report next meeting.	Cherylee	3-15-18
Supply Dept. of Commerce with needed information for closed MNSOPHE account	Cherylee	

Agenda Topic: Delegate's Report		
Presenter: Judith		
Discussion		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep chapter status up-to-date; need 10 national members and a CE event 		
Conclusions		
Action Items	Person	Deadline

Agenda Topic: President's Report		
Presenter: Karl		
Discussion		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missing a student representative on the board. • Karl suggested sending a recruitment message to chairs of health education programs in the state. • Post on Facebook and website. 		
Conclusions		
Action Items	Person	Deadline
Recruit for student board rep via Facebook and website	Liz, Karl	3-15-18
Send a recruitment message to chairs of health education	Karl	

Agenda Topic: Advocacy		
Presenter: Pat		
Discussion		
Policy platform for 2018		

National SOPHE Advocacy

The committee seems to be remaining in primarily a more defensive mode, particularly in voicing our opposition to Congress and the President on proposed budget cuts to public health programs and agencies. Given the membership status of MN SOPHE at this point in time, it seems that our best plan to support these national efforts in 2018 is to continue to keep our membership informed about such national issues, and invite them to reach out to our MN congressional delegation with their opinions, which will be informed by issue specific information provided by national SOPHE.

In addition, from the national SOPHE advocacy committee conference call earlier this week, I can report that work continues on the development of resolutions for (a) Increased Education and Awareness on Mental Health; (b) Education on Opioid Abuse and Addiction; and (c) Elimination of Weight Bias in Healthcare and the Broader Society. Also, plans are now underway for the annual Health Education Advocacy Summit in Washington D.C. October 13-15, 2018

MN SOPHE Advocacy

In follow-up to my comments during last month Board call about state level policy priorities for 2018 - and again given our current membership numbers as a new SOPHE chapter, it seems to me that we are rather limited in our ability to directly impact legislation as an organization. Therefore, I recommend that for the 2018 MN Legislative session (approximately mid-February to mid-May) we keep our members informed of opportunities for them to voice their opinions as health educators to their elected state representatives on public health matters (such as what I did to our yahoo groups list serv with information received from the AHA).

- Make a coherent messages and agreement in advocacy issues and have a statement vetted by the Executive committee.
- Connect messages to experts like Mary and Liz working on raising the age to buy tobacco ordinances in North Mankato and Mankato

Conclusions

Inform via Facebook page too. Have many more followers than members.

Action Items

Action Items	Person	Deadline
Present advocacy issues as they arise to Executive committee	Pat	
Share issues for members to voice their opinions as health educators to their elected state representatives on public health matters as they arise via listserv, Facebook, website	Pat	

Minutes respectfully submitted by Suzanne Driessen, Secretary

Approved on: 3-29-18