



Hello Members,

Fall officially starts next week 🍁 . The MN SOPHE board is gearing up for the annual fall summit and so much more. Take a look at these September meeting highlights. Enjoy our change of seasons!

Countdown to the 2021 Health Education Summit

Are you looking toward the future? Join us on Oct 20 for the annual MN SOPHE summit which will explore the new decade in Public Health Education. The agenda for the half day virtual event is located here: <https://mnsophe.wildapricot.org/Agenda> . Reasonable rates, informative speakers, poster session and more await participants. Free CHES/MCHES credits for members. Thinking about membership? Now is a great time to bundle registration for the summit and membership. Following the summit there will be the annual business meeting and the awards for Health Educator of the Year and Outstanding Contributions to Health Education. You won't want to miss it!

MN SOPHE Advocacy Summit Scholarship

Congratulations to Whitney Isaacson! The advocacy committee is awarding Whitney a student scholarship to attend the National SOPHE Advocacy Summit on Oct 13-14. Whitney is a senior at MN State University-Mankato and the president of Eta Sigma Gamma. The theme of the meetings will be *Advancing Health Equity at Every Level*. The week following the summit, participants will have the opportunity to meet virtually with their federal congressional leaders. An outstanding opportunity!

We want YOU!

Elections are just around the corner for 2022 MN SOPHE Board. President Kelly Kunkel invites you to consider joining a great group of health educators and students who are intent on putting the profession in the "spot-light" here in Minnesota. On the ballot this year will be President-Elect; Advocacy Chair; Communications Chair; Continuing Education Chair; and Secretary. Most positions are two year terms. Here is the link to the current board members: <https://mnsophe.wildapricot.org/page-18077> . Contact Kelly if you or someone you know would like to be added to the ballot. Stay tuned for elections!

Contact us at sopheminn@gmail.com

MN SOPHE is Now on Instagram!

MN SOPHE Membership and Communications Committee is pleased to announce the launch of our new Instagram page! You can look at our Instagram at this link: [mn_sophe](https://www.instagram.com/mn_sophe). If you are an "Instagrammer," make sure to follow us to keep up on all the latest content and events that we'll be posting about. Feel free to leave us a message and say hi!

According to Kayla Rinderknecht, one of the Board Student Representative who worked on the project, "Social media is a great way to network with others, and stay updated on all things public health!"

Are you looking for ways you can gain skills in social media and be more involved with projects like these? Our Membership and Communications Committee meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 5:30pm. Contact sopheminn@gmail.com for more ways to get involved.

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 October 1, 2021. Contact us at sopheminn@gmail.com.

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