



Updates from the MNSOPHE Executive Committee

The MNSOPHE Executive Committee meets monthly. Here are some highlights from the May 15, 2018 meeting.

- Secured 12 CHES and 6.5 MCHES credits for the Minnesota Public Health Association (MPHA) conference, St. Cloud on May 17, 18, 2018. President Larson is meeting with MPHA representative to see how we can work together.
- 24 members and growing. The membership goal is 50 by July 2018. Accepting membership applications and online payments at: <https://mnsophe.wildapricot.org/>.
- Held the first Membership and Communication committee meeting with six members attending. Look for more job postings and CHES continuing education opportunities via the member only listserv.
- MN-SOPHE Facebook page has 100 followers. The goal is to increase our followers to 200. Follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/mnsophe/>. Posts follow CDC's social media best practices, <https://www.cdc.gov/socialmedia/tools/guidelines/index.html>.
- Student status for membership will extend 1 year beyond graduation.
- Mark your calendar for our first conference *Educating a Diverse Minnesota*, Friday, October 12, 2018, 8 am – 4 pm, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. Program highlights plenary sessions on evaluation of community based public health programs, Minnesota health status/issues relevant to public health and food access for minority and immigrant populations in Minnesota. A good mix for students, academia, and health educators practitioners. Interested in joining the conference Planning Committee, contact Karl Larson, klarson3@gustavus.edu.
- Advocacy chair Pat Stieg Serves on the national advocacy committee. They have drafted an opioid prevention and treatment resolution, and are currently working on weight bias and coordinating school health advocacy. For more information, contact Pat at patstieg@hotmail.com. Minnesota has less than a week left in the 2018 legislative session. Bonding bill include projects for safe routes to school, state and regional parks. There is support for tobacco quit line funding however, looks like SHIP funding may be used.