

MPHA Epidemiology Section - Meeting Agenda

July 23, 2013
2:00 – 3:00 pm

Call in Line Information:

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- I. Call to Order/Roll Call Tiffany/All
 - a. Yasi, Fatema, Scott, Tiffany, Roger, Niki, Bethany, Joyce
- II. Approve June 25, 2013 minutes All
 - a. Table June minutes until we have a quorum, hopefully in August
- III. Surveymonkey Results Tiffany/All
 - a. 17 responses; re-emailed survey link asking for more votes; So far all YES votes and 1 abstention; Susan is our new chair-elect. Congratulations, Susan! Before changes to Bylaws are official, will continue to track progress in surveymonkey
- IV. Budget/Treasury Update Tiffany/Annie
 - a. Annie couldn't join
 - b. Inquired with MAPPP and MPHA to see if MAPPP provided a contribution in 2012; MPHA treasurer stated that they sent the payment in April. We are still attempting to obtain previous Treasury reports and have started working with Molly and Christi. Heidi will soon be the MPHA treasurer. With Heidi's transition we probably need to be a little patient.
 - c. Fatema: During the MPHA Board meeting, there was talk about waiting for a bill from our section... but we're not sure what bill. Tiffany asked for clarification and we're still waiting. Fatema will ask Brian for clarification. Heidi seemed very interested in serving the position as treasurer.
- V. Clean Air Coalition Tiffany/Roger
 - a. Asking again if anyone is interested in participating; Roger had sent materials on clean air coalition; If no one else is interested, Roger may be interested
- VI. 2013 Conference – Feedback Summary Roger/Tiffany/Niki
 - a. Update website (2013 Agenda, Need: Section Minutes, presentations)
 - i. 2013 agenda is on the website; no minutes since 2011; Updates should go through Christi now
 - ii. Going to explore uploading conference presentations on YouTube v. SkyDrive as “unsearchable” videos to be linked directly from our conference agenda posted on our webpage; After the call, Tiff approached Suzanne Cupal for help
 - b. Thank you (sponsors, AM speakers)
 - i. Waiting for MPHA Impact newsletter to be published with our conference summary; when finalized, include in thank you notes to sponsors and speakers
 - c. Poster evaluations: membership winners, permission to publish: NIKI: Lindsey Miller (UM) and Cristi Carlton (MDCH Imms) – poster presentation winners – receive free

membership; Tiff will email them and MPHA to let them know; will try to get that into the conference summary

- d. Conference write-up / Epi Impact Article – Roger submitted to Brian Hartl

VII. Membership recruitment/Facebook updates/ Interview Questions Allie

- a. Where do you work and what is your job title and role in your organization? How long have you been there?
- b. Can you give us a brief overview of what it is you do in your work?
- c. Where did you attend undergraduate and graduate school? What is your degree?
- d. What made you want to be an Epidemiologist?
- e. What has been the most interesting aspect of your career thus far (could be an interesting case, investigation you were involved with, place you've been, etc...)
- f. Is there anything you would have done differently in school or the early stages of your career?
- g. What advice would you give to someone thinking about a career in Epidemiology or Public Health?
 - i. Allie is hoping to do some profiles of members to add to our Facebook Page. If anyone is interested she'd be glad to hear from you. Suggested questions are above. Roger and Tiffany are willing to be profiled.

VIII. Mentoring/Students Emailed Questions Allie/Tiffany

IX. Goals for 2013-2014 MPHA Epi Section Tiffany/Roger/All

- a. Increased Section Participation
 - i. Re-gain the involvement of past members/officers
- b. Fundraising Ideas- Funding is currently dependent on a few large sponsors
 - i. MPHA Epi Section, T-shirt sales, Mug sales
 - ii. Social athletic club: Organized group participation in 5Ks, etc.
- c. Grow Conference Participation from within and surrounding states –
 - i. **Wayne State/What groups can we target for 2013 invitations?**
 - 1. We wanted to keep these on the agenda's for discussions, but today we want to discuss "Growing Conference Participation", particularly regarding reaching-out to Wayne State U. Susan is actually AT Wayne State today, and we received 3 posters from them this year. Niki is emailing those three poster submitters to solicit their willingness to serve as a student rep.
 - 2. FATEMA: Choosing a student rep at UM is easy because they already have the Student Service Organization "ESO" and MPHA Student Rep is a board position. At MSU, their faculty Chair assigned their rep to us. JOYCE: Posters from Wayne State tend to be from the medical school, so it's likely that our student rep would also be a med school student. TIFFANY will contact a staff person at Wayne State to ask if they could nominate a student to solicit their interest.
- d. Growth of Perceived MPHA Epi Section Membership Benefits
 - i. Posting of job opportunities and internships
 - ii. Increase professional networking opportunities

X. 2014 Conference Planning Tiffany/All

- a. BINDER

- i. TIFFANY: Still adding to our new Conference Planning Folder. Bylaws and where people are at in their terms, Business materials, Logistics (from 2013). Scott provided CEU materials. All ears for info that would be helpful. Want a thick/awesome binder!
 - b. Date and Location – MSU: 3/28/2014??
 - i. Other conferences: ISDS is in December, APHA, MALPH Nursing, ATSDR?
 - ii. School schedule conflicts
 - iii. Holidays
 - 1. Tiff emailed Sally Bazuin and DeeDee at UM, and Mike Thompson at MSU to ask about any date conflicts. No issues at MSU, and waiting to hear back from Sally. When is Spring Break??
 - c. Ideas for speakers/topics
 - i. ROGER: How about Chronic/Infectious Trends in Economically Burdened Countries by Austerity (Greece, Portugal, Ireland).
 - ii. NIKI, added Socio-Economic transitional factors / social epidemiology
 - iii. TIFFANY: CONCORD Study on Cancers Internationally
 - d. Sponsorship: new sponsors, MPHA, etc
- XI. Action Items Tiffany
- a. Securing Venue by mid-Summer: potential dates 3/28/2014?? – waiting for UM
 - b. Think of potential topics for 2014 conference
 - c. Think of potential sponsors / alternative fundraising – scimetrica
 - i. Solicit for an NIH Grant (support for a scientific conference... 5 year grants?)
 - ii.
 - d. Find Wayne State Rep
 - i. ALSO contacting someone in Public Health at Wayne State Medical/Grand Valley/Case Western/UI Chicago/Northwestern/OSU (maybe).
 - ii. Section Councilors give Tiff preferences for committee interests
- XII. Additional Items from the group All
- a. Need sponsorship committee – Roger volunteered
 - b. Student Reps: Mike Thompson not planning to be on calls, but looking for a new Student Rep from MSU for planning the 2014 conference. He HAS been very responsive by email... still involved. DeeDee (UM) is in Africa until the end of summer.
 - c. SCOTT: Don't forget CEUs, MPHI might be able to do that for us instead of Ohio Nurses. Usually a multipage application (online) with a table for objectives/topics/time. Not too major, but you need the bio forms from the speakers... earlier the better. Thinking about requesting bios with abstract submissions for verbals.
- XIII. Next Meeting: August 27, 2PM – Any need to change?