

VtPHA Board Meeting -- January 10, '08 Minutes

Present: Burt Wilcke, Bob Costantino, Brian Flynn, Darlene, Ahrens, Kathy Keating, Penrose Jackson, Joanne Fedele

Unable to attend: Debbie Dameron

Minutes Submitted by: J.Fedele

Topic	Summary	Action
Follow-up to Membership	Darlene reminded everyone to please check the list she sent by email for any changes. Mailing will be ready to go out first week of Feb.	Darlene following up.
Conference Reminder	Burt reminded all that the VT Blueprint Conference is March 25. Penrose noted that it will be a half day conference.	Please mark your calendars and attend if possible.
Annual Spring Meeting	More discussion on the possibility of a panel of health policy analysts from the offices of Sanders, Leahy, and Welch. This would be in keeping with the recent APHA theme of "Public Health -- Policy & Politics" and is appropriate for this year as an election year. Darlene has contacted all three reps and is awaiting responses. Preferred date is May 1. Alternative dates are May 7 or 8. We will determine order of events for the evening based on availability of speakers, but preferred format is dinner at 5:30 PM, with program at 6:30 PM. Capitol Plaza (Montpelier) is the preferred venue.	Darlene is following up with the three presenters. Bob following up with booking Capitol Plaza.
Co-sponsorship with UVM For Presenter -- Dr. John Abramson	Burt reports that Dr. Omar Kahn of the UVM College of Medicine has asked us if we are interested in co-sponsoring a presentation by Dr. John Abramson, author of <u>Overdosed America: The Broken Promise of American Medicine</u> . With agreement by all present, Burt will communicate with Dr. Kahn that we are interested and see what else is involved.	Burt to follow-up with Dr. Kahn. ADDENDUM: For more information you can visit Dr. Abramson's website: www.overdosedamerica.com

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Region I Representation & Term of Board Members	Congratulations to Bob who is now officially the Region I Representative to the APHA Committee on Affiliates. This also means that we need to discuss further the needed modification of our bylaws regarding membership terms so that our bylaws meet our needs. We can communicate by e-mail to resolve this issue.	Kathy offered (and her offer was accepted!) to review the by-laws and inform the group about current wording. We can decide by e-mail about how the wording should be modified.
Grant Activities	Burt reported that he has received the first check in the amount of \$8300. Request for Kathy as Treasurer to keep separate accounting of these funds. First reporting session is scheduled for tomorrow (1/11) by teleconference. Burt will report on our progress in strategic planning.	Kathy to follow up with separate accounting of grant funds as they are expended. Burt following up with 1/11 report.
Strategic Planning	The remainder of the meeting was facilitated by Pru Sullivan in preparation of our Feb. 9 Retreat. Thank you to Bob for arranging to have Pru attend our meeting this evening and for arranging for the Feb 9 session in Waterbury. Thanks Bob! And thank you, Pru!	In preparation for Feb. 9, please ask your colleagues about membership in APHA or VtPHA, and what attracts them to be a member of a professional organization.
Next Meeting	We will not have our regular meeting in February. Instead we will be attending the Strategic Planning Retreat scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 9 from 9 AM to 3 PM at Green Mountain Coffee Roasters in Waterbury.	Please plan to attend the Feb. 9 Strategic Planning Session.