

VtPHA Board Meeting – June 11, 2009 – ACS office, Williston VT

Present: Debbie Dameron, Burt Wilcke, Bob Costantino, Penrose Jackson, Sally Kerschner; Heidi Klein.

Unable to attend: Joanne Fedele, Brian Flynn,

Minutes Submitted by: D. Dameron

Guest: Sasha Kohnowich

Topic	Summary	Action
Business Plan	The board reviewed the draft Business Plan that J. Lefevre had prepared for us. The board was generally satisfied with it but noticed that some of the language needed to be changed. Once it is final we will post on the website.	Burt will clean up the language and share with the board via email
Membership	<p>Burt shared with us some ideas about improving membership he had gotten from a Kellogg Grant meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership is key and we need at least 100 members to remain viable. • Audra needs to start a system to let members know when they need to renew • We need a membership card that we give to our members. • We need to acknowledge and thank our board and members publicly and privately • We could post job openings on website • We need to put together a tabletop display to use at meetings • We could email members to let them know when something has been posted to the website • Set up a system for members to pay their dues online • We could put <i>What is Public Health</i> and <i>Healthier Nation</i> on our website • Advocacy alerts could be emailed to members and posted online • Membership list could be posted online • We should co-sponsor other events such as PPNE Sept. Meeting. • We are doing a membership survey that should be done by July 1st. (We may have to cut a few questions to reduce the cost) 	<p>Burt, Heidi and Audra will follow up on these ideas. Penrose will work with Audra on Communications.</p> <p>Heidi will contact PPNE to discuss possible co-sponsorship.</p> <p>Burt will work with Audra on the membership survey.</p>
Council on Affiliates Meeting	<p>Bob reported on the Council on Affiliates meeting he attended for us. He said budget is a big theme. They are working on a Joint membership project (APHA and state affiliate) in several states. Preliminary finding is that it isn't benefitting either group. He heard about some states are giving out student awards for a student who has contributed to their state affiliate. The public health projects at the UVM, in which several of our board members are involved, might be an avenue to reach out to students.</p> <p>This is Bob's last year on the council and the want to thank him for representing the New England affiliates for us!</p>	Discuss Med. Students possible involvement at next meeting.

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Other business	Debbie told the board that the access to care stories pamphlet is being updated and we can co-sponsor again for no cost. If you know of anyone who has had trouble getting medical care because of lack of insurance or because of being underinsured, please have them call Debbie.	
Next Meeting	Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM. Our next meeting will be: Thursday, July 9, 2009 5:30 PM NEW ACS Office, Williston 55 Day Lane Williston, VT 05495	PLEASE mark your calendars & plan to attend!