



Public Health Association of British Columbia

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, November 28, 2006
The Coast Plaza Hotel and Suites, 1763 Comox Street, Vancouver, BC

The Annual General Meeting of the Public Health Association of British Columbia (PHABC) was held in Vancouver, commencing at 5:05 pm and concluded at 7:15 pm, with approximately 55 people in attendance.

1. **Welcome and Call to Order** – President Shannon Turner called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm with welcoming and thanking all who braved the snow to attend. She noted that Dr. Kendall and our Treasurer Norm Peters were unable to attend due to the inclement weather and send their regrets.
2. **Agenda** – Motion from Dr. Stanwick, seconded by Dr. Dovell to “approve as circulated, noting Dr. Kendall’s and the Treasurer’s absence.”
3. **Approval of Minutes from Last Year** – Motion from Elaine Berthelet, seconded by Rita Stern to “approve as circulated”. Carried.
4. **Acknowledgement of current Board members and introduction of new members of the Board of Directors of PHABC**
The President introduced all attending Board members. A thank you was extended to all Board members who have served this year. Acknowledgment and thank you’s were extended to Board members who have completed their term: Gord Miller, Caryl Harper, and Sylvia Robinson. The President introduced and welcomed Sandra McKenzie, a past president of CPHA and Marjorie MacDonald, professor at UVIC School of Nursing.
5. **Reports**
Received reports that were circulated prior to the AGM and posted on the PHABC website.
 - 5.1 – **President’s Report, Shannon Turner**
Moved by Shannon Turner, seconded by Janice MacDonald “to adopt as presented”. Carried
 - 5.2 – **Financial Report, Shannon Turner**
In the Treasurer’s absence, the President noted that a number of new fiscal policies were approved during the year. There are some opportunities for investment and the Treasurer will be looking into a more appropriate accounting system in the new

year. *Moved by Shannon Turner, seconded by Irv Rootman “that the financial reports be tabled”. Carried.*

5.3 – Membership Report, Barbara Crocker

Barbara acknowledged the contributions of committee members David MacLean, Dela Wilkins, Steve Pedersen and Katherine Whitworth. The committee is currently developing an operations strategy. PHABC has shown a 97% increase in membership since January, 2006 and this is exciting to see. The Unified Voice and the Fall conference have been drawing in new members. As of mid-November, we have 431 members. The committee had 7 conference calls, produced a new membership brochure and has drafted a work plan to include promotional displays. The committee will be looking at all “categories” of membership with possibly creating new ones. *Moved by Barbara Crocker, seconded by Shannon Turner “to adopt report as presented”. Carried.*

5.4 – Communications – Debbie Leach

Debbie thanked Steve and Katherine for their part in communicating with members. The web site receives over 1,000 hits per day and noted that the virtual on-line communications is unique and well suited for our Association. *Moved by Debbie Leach “to approve as presented”. Carried.*

5.5 – Policy and Research – Ron Dovell

Ron noted he joined the Board in May and assisted with the “abstract review” process for the conference by reviewing and developing criteria and sub-themes for more than 100 that were received. Would like to develop the capacity to review future documents and make recommendations to the Board for a response. He will be looking for volunteers to assist. The President noted that PHABC is a good venue to utilize and increase capacity on research and evidence. *Moved by Ron Dovell “to approve as presented”. Carried.*

6. Resolutions

6.1 – 2006:01 – Violence Prevention, Gord Miller

Gord presented the resolution. Discussion included that the statement “..regardless of age, gender...” needed to be broadened to “effects people of all ages, gender...” and to include “violence in prisons, mental illness and nurses in hospitals”. The President noted that there is active discourse at WHO and the Ontario Public Health Association’s national strategy in support of this, with opportunities to engage all in working groups. *Moved by Gord Miller “to adopt Resolution 2006:01 as amended.” Carried.*

6.2 – 2006:02 – Paper on Ecological Perspective for the Provincial Health Conversation, Nancy Hall and Sandra McKenzie

Nancy presented the resolution. It was suggested to delete the words “new and” from the 4th paragraph. *Moved by Nancy Hall, seconded by Sandra McKenzie “to adopt Resolution 2006:02 as amended.” Carried*

It was noted that for 2007, the resolutions should be up on the screen for ease of discussion.

Door prizes.

7. Old Business – None noted.

8. New Business

8.1 - IUHPE Conference Overview – Dr. Irv Rootman

The International Union of Health Promotion and Education is an international NGO based in Paris, France and receives support from the French government. IUHPE hosts a world conference every 3 years, the last one being in Australia and the up coming one will be held in Vancouver, BC from June 10 – 15, 2007. The Canadian Consortium for Health Promotion Research is overseeing the conference with PHAC being a major sponsor. Dr. Anne George is PHABC's rep and Dr. Rootman has been supporting the work of the Community Involvement Committee. To date, the committee has produced a work plan for the committee and will be looking for volunteers to support this. Currently in the process of hiring a Volunteer Coordinator and a Community Involvement Coordinator. It is very innovative and there is lots of opportunity to be involved. Dr. Rootman noted that CPHA is now hosting a separate conference in Ottawa in September, but a "Canada Stream" will be included in the IUHPE program. There will also be a "Canada Night" to help celebrate Canadian innovations. The organizing committee is expecting 3-5,000 attendees for the event. *Moved by Dr. Rootman, seconded by Dr. Hancock "PHABC nominate the PHABC Sharon Martin Fund for the Dr. Ron Draper Fund from CPHA." Carried.*

8.2 – Development of new PHABC By-Laws – Elaine Berthelet

Elaine noted that the By-Laws were outdated and convoluted and PHABC wants to move forward and several areas need attention. They are currently on the web and we will need to be redrafted and reviewed in the coming year.

9. Recognition of 2006 Award Winners

9.1 – Presidents Award

In presenting the award to Dr. Richard Stanwick, CMHO for Vancouver Island Health Authority the President acknowledged his excellence in public health, along with challenges and advocacy by finding a voice. Dr. Stanwick has been involved with Core Functions, Standard Practices, the New Public Health Act, ActNow BC and the BCHLA. Dr. Stanwick has worked to defend the vulnerable and has worked faithfully for many years on ground breaking legislation such as booster seats and air quality. The certificate reads *"For his commitment and dedication to protecting the vulnerable of our society, advocacy for effective and healthy public policy and early adoption of sound public health practices."* The President also called upon one of last year's winners who was not unable to attend. Victoria Barr received recognition for her efforts of being immediate Past President of PHABC.

9.2 – Sharon Martin Award

Liz Evans from the Portland Hotel Society accepted the award. The President recently toured the facility and was impressed with the innovative ways the Society helps the most vulnerable population in the Downtown Eastside in a non judgmental harm reduction approach. The certificate reads *“For compassionate and heroic service to society’s most vulnerable in recognizing the value of every life and supporting those in need to find safety, shelter and hope.”*

9.3 – Award of Merit

To be presented to Andrew Hazlewood tomorrow as he is unable to attend today. The certificate reads *“For building capacity across government, leading a whole of government approach to focus programs and community partnerships on the social determinants of health through ActNow BC.”*

Recess from 6:10– 6:40 pm

10. Guest Speaker – Ron de Burger, Chair Elect, CPHA

Ron noted the long day of conference activities and thanked all for staying. He recognizes the growth and revitalization of PHABC and sees the passion. His presentation included: CPHA partnerships, Success Stories, Focus on National Issues; International Community; Only Canadian NGO as sole mandate; Core Functions, Advocacy, Policy Development; National Programs, Business Activities.

11. Closing and Adjournment

Shannon thanked Ron and looks forward to working with him in the future. The President called Elaine Berthelet to come forward and receive a bouquet of flowers for all her hard work and dedication to PHABC and for making the arrangements for the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.