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### Letter from the Editor

The Annual Meeting has come and gone and once again, it was a great success for the Public Health Student Caucus. This issue of the newsletter is to update you on business meetings and sessions held at the conference and also to let you know how to get involved for the coming year. For those of you who were at the Annual Meeting and attended our sessions, remember the excitement and enthusiasm you felt and carry it through the year by volunteering to serve on committees and becoming involved in more Caucus activities. For those of you who were not able to attend the Annual Meeting, use this newsletter as a resource to bring you up-to-date on Caucus developments and find out how to become more active on committees and planning for next year's meeting. I also encourage everyone to get more involved in their sections and state affiliates as all of them have expressed enthusiasm and interest in getting students more involved.

We are already starting to plan for next year's meeting in Washington, DC on November 15-19, so any feedback or ideas you have are welcome. As always, I invite you to submit articles, letters to the editor, announcements for student opportunities, job postings, action alerts, and ideas for topics you would

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### 1997 Business Meetings Bring Changes to Caucus Bylaws

The 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting was extremely productive for the PHSC. During the two Business Meetings, the members voted on several amendments to the Bylaws as well as a dues policy.

The new dues policy, proposed by the Executive Board and ratified by the members, requires that all members joining on or after November 10, 1997, pay \$5 (US) dues. All PHSC members in good standing as of November 9, 1997, are exempted from dues for a period of one year although they are strongly encouraged to make a \$5 donation. The PHSC will also set aside funds to help defray the cost of membership for those deemed to be in need by the Finance Committee. The dues period begins and ends at midnight on the first day of the Annual Meeting, but dues paid between August 15 and the Annual Meeting will be applied to membership for the period leading up to the Annual Meeting and for the following year until the next Annual Meeting.

The Bylaws was also amended to include three new standing committees. The Outreach

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## ..... Letter from the Editor

like to see covered. Submissions may be edited for length and clarity, must be signed, and should include a telephone number or e-mail address.

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or e-mail [youngh@gwis2.circ.gwu.edu](mailto:youngh@gwis2.circ.gwu.edu). I welcome any and all suggestions or ideas you may have so do not hesitate to contact me. Submissions for the April newsletter should be received by March 15, 1998.

Heather Young, CHES

*Secretary / Communications Chair*

George Washington University

## ..... Changes to Caucus Bylaws

Committee will be responsible for coordinating and promoting community service, philanthropy, and public health outreach opportunities for members. The Advancement Committee will solicit and promote professional and scholarship opportunities for members, develop a mentoring program, and facilitate networking and leadership among members. The Development Committee will work with the Finance Committee to develop and coordinate fundraising activities. More information on these committees and the Bylaws can be found on the Caucus website.

Committee chairs also presented year-end reports which can soon be found on the website.

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## PHSC Sessions and Social Held at the Annual Meeting

**T**he Annual Meeting in Indianapolis was a resounding success for the PHSC! The Caucus held sessions, business meetings, and a social. The PHSC also had a booth for the first time. The booth provided a great opportunity to reach out to new members as well as a convenient location to meet and network with other students. The Caucus also participated in the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration by creating a poster display of the history of the Caucus. The *Welcome* Session proved to be an informative session for new and veteran members to gain more knowledge about the Caucus and make connections with each other. The Caucus held a well-attended social at the Rock Bottom Brewery which proved to be fun and relaxing for everyone.

The *Insights in Public Health Leadership* Session was dynamic and enlightening. Four of the foremost leaders in public health presented tips on leadership and participated in a question and answer session with attendees. Dr. Noreen Clark, Dean of University of Michigan School of Public Health, suggested that students develop a perspective and stay close to the community. APHA Immediate Past President, Dr. Barry Levy, emphasized that all students are leaders and if you consider yourself a

leader and act as a leader, you will have opportunities to be a leader. Dr. Mary Des Vignes-Kendrick stated that a leader must be optimistic and believe that he/she can make a difference and must focus on the small gains. Dr. William Roper pointed out that students should set priorities and communicate their strengths and ideas clearly and convincingly. The resounding theme of the session seemed to be that if you set your goals, gain the necessary skills, and are committed and focused, leadership is attainable.

The *Leadership Roundtable* Session provided the ideal opportunity for members to get involved with the Caucus. The brainstorming sessions yielded many creative ideas for the upcoming year. New officers were also installed at this session. Congratulations to President Maria Cervania (University of Illinois - Chicago), President-Elect Stuart Usdan (University of Alabama - Birmingham), Secretary Heather Young (George Washington University), and Treasurer Adriana Linares (University of Texas - Houston).

Thanks also to the past officers and committee chairs who worked so hard all year to make this meeting a success!

## Call for Volunteers

**U**nder its recently-amended Bylaws, the Public Health Student Caucus currently has nine standing committees:

- Membership
- Program (Annual Meeting Planning, Training, Abstract Review)
- Finance
- Development (Fundraising)
- Communications (Newsletter and Web)
- Action (Public health policy and Advocacy)
- Outreach (Community service and Philanthropy)
- Nominations
- Advancement (Mentorship and Professional/Scholarship Opportunities).

The Caucus recently appointed Chairs for these committees but is still in need of volunteers to work on those committees and, in some cases, chair a sub-committee. Since the PHSC is a grassroots organization, run by students, we rely on our members to volunteer to help. **Please consider joining one of the committees and getting involved!** It is a great way to gain experience, meet new people, and get a head start for future APHA involvement. Contact President-Elect, Stuart Usdan, via e-mail at [susdan@bmu.dopm.uab.edu](mailto:susdan@bmu.dopm.uab.edu) if you are interested in a committee or would like more information. Also, check the web pages at <http://www.sph.unc.edu/caucus/> to stay informed.

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## PHSC Student Presenters and Award Winners

**F**our students were named as PHSC Student Paper Award Winners at the Annual Meeting. Dr. Quentin Young, APHA President, presented the winners with their awards. Padmaja Pavuluri and Abhijit Ghosh (UMDNJ) presented their research entitled "Public Health Students' Perspectives on Public Health Curricula." Christine Delnevo, MPH, (UMDNJ) also presented her research entitled "Predicting Clinical Prevention Practices among Internal Medicine Residents." The fourth award winner was Amy Lipson, MPH, who submitted a paper entitled "A Formative Evaluation Study of a Cancer Risk Assessment Program." Congratulations and thanks to the winners and also to those students that participated in the poster session.

## Advertising Policy

**P**HSC News & Views is distributed to over 700 members and professional leaders. Don't miss out on this great chance to advertise your school, product, services, meeting, or program!

The next publishing date is scheduled for April. Space and material close on March 15 for the next newsletter. Rates are for space only with camera-ready ads supplied by the advertiser. Fees are due with advertising contract. For more information, contact Heather Young at (703) 516-7067 or [youngh@gwis2.circ.gwu.edu](mailto:youngh@gwis2.circ.gwu.edu).

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**Check out the PHSC on-line!**

<http://www.sph.unc.edu/caucus/>

## Public Health Student Caucus Call for Abstracts for the 1998 Annual Meeting

The Caucus seeks abstracts in two categories:

- 1) Students in public health or related fields are invited to submit abstracts for papers on any topic and/or the Annual Meeting theme of "Public Health and Managed Care." Student papers must reflect work undertaken while in school.
- 2) We also invite abstracts for papers and panel discussion proposals on public health student issues (such as education, curricula, training, employment trends, leadership, advocacy, etc.) in general and/or as they relate to the Annual Meeting theme.

**All abstracts must adhere to the new APHA guidelines and must also include:** 1) two copies of

the author/co-author ID form; 2) two copies of the abstract; 3) five copies of the abstract without the authors' names to be used for blind review; 4) a self-addressed stamped envelope to be used for acceptance or rejection notification.

Student submissions must be accompanied by a letter on school stationary confirming student status.

Please submit abstracts to

Maria Cervania

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by **February 10, 1998.**

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## Call for Submissions for the 1998 Annual Meeting

The American Public Health Association is calling for abstracts for the 1998 Meeting to be held on November 15-19, 1998, in Washington, DC. The theme for the meeting is "Public Health and Managed Care." APHA encourages members to contribute abstracts to the program planner of the appropriate Section/SPIG/Caucus. This year, APHA has significantly changed the abstract submission form. Please be sure to adhere to the new guidelines and submit abstracts **by February 10, 1998.** Calls for abstracts and specific instructions from the various Sections/SPIGs/Caucuses can be found in the 1997 Annual Meeting program or in the January issue of the *American Journal of Public Health*.

There are a variety of opportunities for students to present their work at the Annual Meeting. In addition to the Public Health Student Caucus call

for abstracts, the Committee on Affiliates, the Medical Care Section, and the Latino Caucus are sponsoring competitions specifically for student papers. All of the Sections/SPIGs/Caucuses are also eager and committed to accepting student papers for both presentation and poster sessions.

The PHSC encourages students to take advantage of the opportunity to present research at a national conference. Please take an opportunity to look through the call for abstracts and find a Section/SPIG/Caucus that is the best forum for your research. For questions regarding requirements related to a specific Section/SPIG/Caucus, contact the program planner of that section (located in the call for abstracts). For questions concerning the abstract submission form or how to participate in the 1998 Annual Meeting, contact Michelle Horton at APHA at (202) 789-5626.

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### Please Give Us Feedback on this Newsletter!

*Reactions and feedback from readers can help us plan future issues. Let us know what you think. Please return to: Heather Young, Editor, 1111 Arlington Blvd., #1010, Arlington, VA 22209 or e-mail [youngh@gwis2.circ.gwu](mailto:youngh@gwis2.circ.gwu). Thanks for your help.*

1. What did you like *best* about this issue?
  2. What did you like *least* about this issue?
  3. What topics would you like to see covered in future issues?
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## Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc., and the Conference of Emeritus Members Announce Scholarship Award Program

For the second year, Public Health Foundation Enterprises and the Conference of Emeritus Members of APHA announce a Scholarship Award Program for excellence in public health. In the first year of the scholarship program, five outstanding winners were selected with each receiving a \$2000 cash award to assist with advanced educational pursuits. The 1998-99 program will once again select five recipients from a national applicant pool. The objective of the scholarship program is to provide assistance to promising students who have captured the vision of public health and committed their energies to working for the enrichment of public health service to the

world community.

Applications for the scholarship are due on **February 28, 1998** and are available from most schools and programs of public health. Applications and information are also available by contacting  
Public Health Foundation Enterprises  
13200 Crossroads Parkway North, Suite 135  
City of Industry, CA 91746  
(phone-562-699-7320).

Award announcements will be made in May 1998 and the awardees will be honored at the 1998 APHA Annual Meeting.

### Committee on Affiliates Student Poster Competition

The Committee on Affiliates will be holding a poster session to encourage public health professional students and their mentors to present exciting programs or research in which they are involved. The winner of the student poster competition will be awarded a free student registration for the APHA Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, November 15-19, 1998. They will represent their School of Public Health in the National Student Competition.

Posters must be co-sponsored by a faculty member or a community preceptor. Student and co-sponsor must be members of APHA. Abstracts must be submitted **by February 10, 1998**. Please use the APHA format. Accepted abstracts will be sent the poster format. Only one application will be accepted per student.

Submit abstracts to

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### Public Health Student Opportunities Listserv

The Public Health Student Caucus has established a new listserv (PHSO). This new listserv will contain information about job, scholarship, internship and other professional opportunities. These opportunities were previously posted on the general listserv, but will now only be available on the PHSO listserv. If you wish to continue receiving information about jobs, scholarships, etc, you need to send an e-mail message to *listproc@listserv.oit.unc.edu*. The message should state: *subscribe PHSO your e-mail your name*. Please do not include anything in the subject line or in the rest of the message as this may result in an error message being returned to you. Once you have sent this message, you will be notified that your subscription must be approved due to the fact that the PHSO listserv is a members-only benefit. After your subscription is approved, you will be sent a message welcoming you to the listserv and instructing you how to use the listserv. Many opportunities are also being posted on the web site at *http://www.sph.unc.edu/caucus/* so be sure to check it periodically as well. If you have any problems or questions, please contact Heather Young, Communications Chair, at *youngh@gwis2.circ.gwu.edu*.