

APHA Environment Section

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Attendance: Jill Litt, Nse Obot-Witherspoon, Peter Ashley, Barbara Glenn, Charles Lee, Marva King, Ellie Goldberg, Leyla McCurdy, Tony DeLucia, Allen Dearry, Kyle Kinner, Taylor Anderson

I. Annual Meeting Debrief

- a. **What worked: Strong scientific sessions; opportunities for connections; interesting discussions; glad to see Section's commitment to community participation and environmental justice**
- b. **Areas for Improvement: use business meetings as a time for more substantive discussions on section priorities and for example, policy resolutions; times of business meetings should be reconsidered; poster sessions were hard to find.**

II. Committee Discussions

Committee	Action/ Follow- Up
Program Planning (Barbara Glenn)	
<p>Barbara Glenn and Bill Daniell are the new program planners for 2007. They launched the 2007 Call for Abstracts on time (Monday, December 17) and are looking for assistance in disseminating abstract (see Call for Abstracts as an attachment).</p> <p>Individual abstracts are due on February 9, 2007.</p> <p>Session proposals are due in January 2007. Please see the Call for Abstracts for details about how to submit a session proposal.</p> <p>Built Environment Initiative will continue to hold several sessions on this topic area. Peter Ashley will work with Barbara and Bill to organize the review process for abstracts in this topic area.</p>	<p>Section Members: Please distribute Call for Abstracts to list serves that you subscribe to or organizations that may be able to disseminate widely.</p> <p>If you are interesting in reviewing abstracts, please contact Barbara at Glenn.Barbara@epa.gov. She will then input your information into the APHA website and you will be notified in February regarding your status as a reviewer.</p>
Membership (Vacant)	
Need volunteer to chair the membership committee.	Please contact Jill Litt at jill.litt@uchsc.edu if you are interested.
Student Involvement (Nse)	
<p>Student Involvement Committee is gearing up for 2007. Some of the goals include revisiting acceptance criteria for student applications and expanding sources of revenue to support scholarship program. Another idea is to potentially create Section Fellow slots that either are remunerated through a stipend or created as an elected position as a way of strengthening opportunities for substantive student involvement.</p>	<p>Nse will contact committee members and lay out goals for 2007.</p>
Nominations (Nse)	

Interested in getting involved in the leadership aspects of the section? If so, please send your name to Nse Obot Witherspoon at nobot@cehn.org . Openings include the Chair-Elect position, Secretary-elect, Section Council, Governing Council and Treasurer.	Nse will send out a notice to members regarding Section Leadership openings once these openings have been confirmed by APHA.
Built Environment Initiative (Peter)	
BEI has held several calls over the past several months and will schedule a call for next month to lay out goals for 2007. Tony DeLucia mentioned his involvement in the Public Interest Partners group that guides NIEHS on a variety of issues including Strategic Planning for the Institute. Tony indicated that Built Environment was mentioned as a lead issue among PIP and would welcome the opportunity to work with Peter and the BEI.	Please email Peter if you would like to become more involved: peter.j.ashley@hud.gov .
Committee on 2011 (Leyla)	
Leyla McCurdy has volunteered to chair this newly formed committee that will work to plan events related to the Section's upcoming 100 th Anniversary in 2011.	Leyla will convene this committee over the month to begin to flesh out a planning strategy for this milestone.
Committee on Climate Change (Kyle)	
<p>Kyle confirmed interest in co-chairing this newly formed committee and will work closely with John Balbus to get the committee off the ground and begin planning for activities in 2007.</p> <p>First order of business will be to convene the subcommittee (Rebecca Head, Darlene Messina, John Balbus, Brenda Afzal, Langdon Lawrence, Roni Neff and Rebecca Love) and ask the group to review the '95 resolution and revise accordingly.</p> <p>Second order of business will include crafting potential panel ideas for the scientific portion of the annual meeting – such panels might address public health impacts of global warming, impacts on the developing world, and vulnerable populations.</p>	<p>Jill will contact Tracy K. at APHA to ask about APHA process for deciding on keynote speakers and ways in which we can inform the process for selecting plenary speakers and other events for the annual meeting.</p> <p>Kyle will connect with John B. regarding his involvement on this committee and ways to coordinate with the policy committee.</p> <p>Kyle will convene committee and confirm membership and begin to flesh out goals for 2007.</p>
Other Business	
Section Strategic Plan – section needs to review draft language on workforce development/EH infrastructure for the strategic plan submitted by Sarah Kotchian.	Jill will send out draft language (see attachment) for approval.
Jill, Karen Perry Stillerman and David W. among others are working with APHA on advocacy efforts related to the Farm Bill and other connections that relate to Food/Environment.	If interested in joining a committee on this issue, please contact Jill Litt at jill.litt@uchsc.edu .
Jill and John B. will attend the National Public Health Summit in Los Angeles on February 7, 2007 as representatives for the APHA.	
Newsletter submissions are due on January 2, 2007.	Please send submissions to Andrea Wismann at andrea.wismann@uchsc.edu .

Next Call is scheduled for January 18 at 3 pm, EST.