

# OPHA Board of Directors

## Meeting Summary

Friday, June 26, 2026 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM | Via Zoom

PRESENT	NOT PRESENT
Heather Daniel, Dustin Daniel, Audrey Egan, Val Striplin, Laura Daily, Jamie Jones, Menolly Kauffman, Debbie Kaufman, Megan Cahn, Liz Budd, Sarah Andersen, Alex Salas, Greg Sebastian, Madison Riethman, Maritza Kritz, Sharon Coryell, Kim Valdez-Martinez	Josie Hall, Briana Arnold, Jessica Barker, Julie Plagenhoef, Ma'Adjoa Manu, Christian Moller-Anderson, Amrita Chakraborty

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#### Approval of May Meeting Minutes

The May meeting minutes were reviewed by Incoming President Audrey Egan. Motion to approve made by Laura Daily, seconded by Megan Cahn. Sarah Andersen abstained. Minutes approved by board vote.

#### Executive Director's Report – Val Striplin

- Board members encouraged to actively use the OPHA job board, which is free for all OPHA members and a strong vehicle for amplifying organizational memberships and internship opportunities.
- Board members encouraged to increase engagement with OPHA's social media platforms.

#### Budget Report – Megan Cahn

- OPHA continues to operate at a net loss due to administrative expenses; current budgeting is unsustainable.
- Conference sponsorship remains the largest revenue source. Current paid sponsorship stands at \$9,100; minimum goal is \$60,000, with a stretch goal of \$80,000.
- Conference attendance conservative target is 400 people with an expected revenue of approximately \$130,000.
- Megan is forming a Finance Committee to address the financial sustainability challenge.

#### Committee Reports

##### Development Committee – Sarah Andersen

- Sarah will add the sponsorship packet and template letters to Google Drive. There is also a smaller nonprofit sponsorship flyer in the folder for organizations less than \$400k in revenue for \$500 option.

##### Policy Committee – Val Striplin, reporting for Julie Reeder

- Julie Plagenhoef attended the Policy Action Institute in D.C. and found it to be a strong value-add. She is working to re-engage membership and establish a regular cadence of meetings.
- Focus areas include advocacy days and policy engagement aligned with OPHA's values. Val has met with lobbyists and coalition leaders on relevant policy work.

#### **Awards Committee – Maritza Kritz**

- Awaiting confirmation of nomination open dates from Val. Outreach is a priority, especially to underrepresented Oregon organizations. Ideas discussed include nominee display boards and having nominators present awards.
- Maritza proposed a Youth Public Health Champion award for ages 16–21.
- Laura Daily suggested revisiting a proposal for a Legislator Award separate from the Policy Champion Award, similar to what CLHO does.

#### **Section Leadership – Debbie Kaufman**

- Madison Riethman, Greg Sebastian, and Debbie Kaufman formed the section leadership team. Two meetings have been held, with discussions underway about starting new sections.
- Debbie developed Special Interest Sections guidelines. Seeking board feedback on requirements.
- Proposals: each section tables at the conference, receives 2 conference scholarships, sponsors a panel, and adopts a Chair/Vice Chair structure.

#### **Bylaws Committee – Laura Daily**

- Committee met June 11 (Greg Sebastian, Briana Arnold, Laura Daily, Val). Appointing a chair and consulting with Sections and Committees to ensure alignment.
- Revised bylaws to be sent to board by August for review and vote. After board approval, Val will pursue legal review (NARWHAL or Rational Unicorn). Final revisions planned for Oct–Dec.
- Val requested stronger board engagement in the bylaws review process.

#### **ARGC Update – Briana Arnold (submitted)**

- APHA Governing Council mid-year meeting held June 8. Topics included bylaw adjustments and an extended nominations period for the APHA Executive Board.
- The Alaska affiliate is in the early planning stages of hiring an Executive Director. Resource sharing continues with regional ARGC partners.

#### **President's Update – Audrey Egan**

- Board retreat was productive. Focus on defining what a “working board” looks like for OPHA, covering advocacy, committee service, governance/leadership duties, and a 4–6 hour monthly time commitment.
- Jamie Jones suggested creating a clearer board member job description. Val confirmed one exists but noted it needs updated, more specific language.

#### **Section Updates**

- Weight-Inclusive Health Section (Debbie Kaufman / Liz Budd): Raising awareness about stigmatizing survey language. Liz requested OPHA consult the section on language related to body size. A more specific ask for the board is coming next month.
- Food & Nutrition Section (Val): Tom stepping down as Chair. Working to transition Dustin out of the Section Rep role. Actively recruiting new leadership.

- Epi-Biostats Section (Madison Riethman): July 1 meeting planned for strategic planning, happy hour, meet & greets, and conference scholarship discussions.
- Healthy Environments Section (Greg Sebastian): Met with Val; working on a webinar proposal and looking to expand the leadership team.
- Disability, and Nursing Sections: No rep present.

## Action Items

Action Item	Owner	Due / Notes
Prepare and present cash metrics	Val Striplin	July board meeting
Share awards nomination open dates with Maritza Kritz	Val Striplin	ASAP
Outreach to high school students and regional Area Health Education Centers (AHECs)	Val Striplin	Ongoing
Revise board member job description with clearer language	Val Striplin	Before next meeting
Add sponsorship packet and template letters to Google Drive	Sarah Andersen	Completed
Send revised bylaws to board for review and vote	Bylaws Committee (Laura Daily, Chair)	August
Pursue legal review of bylaws (NARWHAL or Rational Unicorn) after board approval	Val Striplin	Oct–Dec (after board vote)
Board members to engage more with OPHA social media platforms and job board	All Board Members	Ongoing
Provide feedback on Special Interest Sections guidelines and requirements	All Board Members	TBD

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**Next Board Meeting:** Friday, July 17, 2026 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM PST