



Candidate Nomination Form

To nominate a colleague for a Governing Council position, please ask them to fill out the information below. Please also fill this out if this is a self-nomination.

Nominee's name: Ann Bajari
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Nomination for:

President-elect (3-year commitment)

1. Describe your primary public health interests.

I have worked in local government public health since 1984 in a variety of positions, both staff and director positions and am a public health nurse by profession. Over the past 26 years I have seen local public health evolve to a more population based practice with a growing emphasis on work in the areas of policy, systems and environment change and evidence based practice. My current public health practice has a population health focus that is based on community assessment and priority setting. My public health interests are in all the areas of the ten essential public health services. I see that evidence based practice and work in the areas of policy; systems and environment have great potential to improve the health of our populations.

2. What do you feel is a key issue which should be addressed by MPHA during the next two years?

Health Care Reform Legislation and efforts at both the State and National level need to include a population based public health component. We need to be working upstream to change the behaviors that are causing chronic diseases through prevention efforts that include strategies at the individual, family, community and systems level. MPHA has an important role in advocating for this kind of approach.

3. Please describe your past involvement in MPHA.

I have been a member of MPHA for many years as I see the value of the organization as an independent voice for public health in Minnesota. I was involved with discussions with MPHA when I was Chairperson of the Local Public Health Association, exploring how the two organizations could better work together.

4. Describe why you would be a good candidate to serve on the MPHA Governing Council.

I have been a public health administrator in local public health since 1989 and have held many leadership positions in my career. I am a Past Chairperson of the Local Public Health Association of Minnesota (LPHA) and have held other leadership positions in the organization. I have provided leadership to our local public health work in Meeker, McLeod and Sibley Counties and have served on many workgroups of the State Community Health Services Advisory Committee (SCHAC) Having a MPHA President elect with statewide knowledge about the public and private public health system will be of value to MPHA as the organization works to implement the strategic plan that has been developed.