



### **Candidate Nomination**

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**Nomination for:**

X Member-at-large (2-year term)

**1. Describe your primary public health interests.**

I have interest in primary prevention and in health promotion, particularly around substance abuse, violence, mental health and environmental health. Also, high interest in the dialog of health reform.

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

Health reform that genuinely brings and keeps public health at the table. Emphasis an value of health promotion and prevention, beyond simply discussing ROI or cost savings.

**3. Please describe your past involvement in MPHA.**

Sponsored some of the regional Hot Topics forums, and exhibited at some of the events. Sent staff to MPHA gatherings.

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

- I was on the founding Executive Board of Directors of the National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI) funded initially by RWJ Foundation 2001.
- Named recipient of the International Society of Prevention Research's prestigious Excellence in Research-to-Practice award.
- MIPH ex-officio member of the Board of Directors.
- Past President of phi Delta Kappa (PDK) International education professional leaders fraternity.
- Grant writer and project director of over two dozen grants from MN Dept of Health, and U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental health Services Administration(SAMHSA).
- Featured writer on "Health Reform" in MN Medicine Magazine of the MMA January 2010 issue.
- Peer Reviewer, the Journal of Public Health.
- Social marketing campaign national award winner for leadership and program implementation.
- Current Park and Rec Commissioner, City of Elk River MN.
- Advisory Team member, MDH Heart Disease and Stroke Prev Steering Committee.
- Member Blue Cross Blue Shield Public and Health Affairs Division leadership team.
- Leader in the development of a Strategic Plan for MIPH over the next three years.

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I believe our MPHA Board may find benefit in a viewpoint of leveraging public health and other resources in this era of preciously limited resources for our important work in public health within Minnesota.

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