



### **Candidate Nomination**

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**Nomination for:**

× Member-at-large (2-year term)

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

My primary public health interests are in public health promotion and prevention, disparities in health, and access to health care. I currently work on SHIP health care interventions in Minneapolis to implement patient care guidelines on obesity and chronic disease prevention and management and facilitate active referrals to community resources for physical activity, access to healthy food, and tobacco cessation. I also have interest in a breadth of public health topics across Minnesota, the United States, and internationally.

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

Over the next two years, I think a key issue MPHA should address is improving and maintaining funding in Minnesota for public health infrastructure, public health promotion and prevention, and access to health care. A key strategy for MPHA's advocacy of these public health efforts is building MPHA's organizational infrastructure and sustainability through increasing membership, building on partnerships, and improving resource development. MPHA is an important resource for uniting public health professionals in Minnesota, organizing and mobilizing a voice for public health, and for bringing forth policy resolutions and legislation to promote and protect the health of the population. Public health in Minnesota is dependent on the vitality of MPHA.

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

As a student representative on the Governing Council in 2008-2009, I provided a student perspective on increasing student membership, MPHA member benefits, and student involvement in MPHA functions. As a Member-at-large on the Governing Council in 2009-2010, I have provided MPHA leadership for the SPH Film Festival Planning Committee and the MPHA Annual Meeting Planning Committee. I have also been an active member of the Policy and Advocacy committee for the last two years and have helped develop the membership advocacy survey, designed legislative fact sheets, and researched MPHA partnerships.

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

I would be a good candidate to serve on the Governing Council because I have enthusiasm and motivation to carry out MPHA's work and mission. I have experience being an active member of committees and have a good understanding of how MPHA committees work

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together to support Public Health in Minnesota. As a member of the Governing Council, I will be able to share the perspective of public health professionals early in their careers and contribute time and effort to lead projects to further MPHA's goals, vision and strategic plan.