President’s Message

Happy New Year NC SOPHE!

As we think about our organization, Annette and I would like to say it’s an honor to have the opportunity to serve for the next year as your Co-Presidents. We are grateful to those past Presidents and Executive Committee members who have worked and devoted personal resources to lend to the vision that makes NC SOPHE the strong, successful organization it is today.

Our work over the past years has afforded us awards such as the SOPHE 2016 Chapter Excellence Award! This award recognizes effective and replicable programs implemented by a SOPHE chapter. Not only were we recognized but we have members with the vision and insight to submit a successful nomination. Many thanks to all those involved!

We appreciate all our committee chairs and those working with the Executive Committee to facilitate the processing of ideas, resulting in timely decision-making. Specifically, we would like to highlight the work of the Bylaws Committee which worked diligently to make revisions to our Manual of Procedures. These changes will clarify and streamline the many Executive Committee responsibilities and functions.

As we assume this role, we have kept in mind all the faith, trust and belief we both have in the Executive Committee. We look forward to working with each member of the Executive Committee, the officers, committee chairs, and all NC SOPHE members, to accomplish our goals and contribute to the community.
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overall mission of NC SOPHE this year.

We owe a great amount of thanks to Past President, Rebecca Thompson, who proved to be a great leader and colleague. We are looking forward to passing the gavel to the President-Elect, Brittany Dobbins. We hope to be a support to her as she prepares to transition to President in the fall.

Health professionals throughout our state continue to face many challenges; however, we have witnessed much success and accomplishments. We hope to enhance the membership’s ability to negotiate the current landscape, policy constraints and thrive as health education professionals.

We will accomplish this by continuing to improve communications and strengthening mutual efforts among other health organizations and the provision of meaningful professional conferences.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the SOPHE conference in Charlotte, NC, as well as to the planning of our Annual Meeting this fall. We encourage members, new as well as seasoned, to share their views, experience and expertise by submitting articles for the next newsletter and making suggestions for upcoming conferences and meetings.

Let’s make 2016 the best year ever for NC SOPHE!

Past President’s Message

Greetings NC SOPHE Members!

NC SOPHE had an exciting year in 2015 as we celebrated our 50th Anniversary. I am thankful for the 50 years of past leaders and long-time members who paved the way. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the outgoing Executive Committee members and Committee Chairs who worked tirelessly this past year to move us forward.

Our new Executive Committee Officers and Committee Chairs are already hard at work making this year great! I would like to encourage you to reach out to these individuals and get involved with our chapter. NC SOPHE is run by hard working individuals who volunteer their time and skills to make this chapter great. What unique skills could you bring to the table? Join one of our committees and share your talents.

Rebecca Thompson, CHES
NC SOPHE Past President
Chapter Delegate Report

Submitted by: Brittan Wood, MPH, CHES

National SOPHE’s Annual Meeting to be held March 30th-April 1st, 2016 at the Westin Downtown Charlotte, NC

National SOPHE’s 67th Annual Meeting, “Building Capital: Investing in the Future of Health Education” will be held March 30-April 1, 2016 in Charlotte, NC. We are proud that many NC SOPHE Chapter members have been engaged in the planning of the meeting through their participation on various committees. NC SOPHE’s Chapter Delegate, Brittan Wood, will be attending and representing NC SOPHE at the House of Delegates meeting as well as the Board of Trustees meeting.

Since NC SOPHE will not have a Midyear meeting this spring, we are encouraging all members to attend the SOPHE Annual Meeting. We would love to see a strong NC SOPHE presence in Charlotte!

Online registration is open until March 31, 2016. The preliminary program and registration information is available at http://sophe.org/AnnualMeeting2016.cfm.

Brittan Wood elected as National SOPHE House of Delegates Speaker Elect

NC SOPHE Chapter Delegate, Brittan Wood, is currently serving as the Speaker Elect for the House of Delegates within National SOPHE. The Speaker serves as a liaison between the SOPHE Board of Trustees (BOT) and the SOPHE House of Delegates (HOD). The Speaker may provide guidance, input, and recommendations to the BOT regarding HOD and chapter-level issues and is a voting member of the SOPHE BOT Executive Committee. The Speaker will also be assigned a region of the country to provide support and technical assistance to other SOPHE chapters. Brittan’s term as Speaker of the House will begin at the SOPHE Annual Meeting immediately following the 2016 SOPHE Annual Meeting in Charlotte.
Last year's Annual Meeting took place at the Crowne Plaza of Hickory located less than an hour drive from the magnificent Blue Ridge Mountains in beautiful Catawba Valley.

We had the great pleasure of welcoming Dr. Fran Butterfoss, PhD, MSEd, as our featured keynote speaker. Dr. Butterfoss is a health educator with 25 years of experience in community collaboration. She is President of Coalitions Work, a group that consults with practitioners on how to develop, sustain and evaluate coalitions for health promotion and disease prevention. Dr. Butterfoss is a professor at Eastern Virginia Medical School (EVMS) and teaches in their MPH program. She is the founding director of the Consortium for Infant and Child Health (CINCH) and Project Immunize Virginia (PIV). Dr. Butterfoss has received research support from many federal agencies and foundations and has published widely. Her textbooks, Coalitions and Partnerships in Community Health, and Ignite! Getting Your Community Coalition Fired Up for Change, are best sellers for academics and practitioners alike. She served as Deputy Editor of Health Promotion Practice, President of the Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE) and earned SOPHE’s Mentor and Distinguished Fellow awards. Dr. Butterfoss completed undergraduate and masters’ degrees from the University of Pennsylvania and a doctorate from the Arnold School of Public Health at the University of South Carolina.
NC SOPHE was the first chapter in the nation to establish a credentialing process for health educators in the country. NC SOPHE was also the first chapter to provide a listing of vacant health educator positions throughout the state. NC SOPHE won the Chapter Award for Excellence in 2016. Two of the innovations included creating fact sheets on chapter advocacy priorities as well sending electronic email blasts on advocacy priorities.

Past Presidents of NC SOPHE attended the conference and some came specifically for the NC SOPHE 50th Anniversary and Awards Banquet held on Thursday Oct. 8th at the Crowne Plaza in Hickory NC. Many Past Presidents lined up for a special photograph after the banquet. It was wonderful seeing and catching up with our previous leaders! Past Presidents in the picture from left to right include:

Howard Fitts (66-67 and 73-74), Emily Tyler (75-76), Karen Webb (93-94), Sonya Alston Reid (94-95), Hellen Poole (96-97), Barbara McNinch (98-99), Denise Brewster (99-00), Annette Carrington (04-05), Doranna Anderson (02-03), Ann Houston Staples (06-07), Julie Gooding Hasty (07-08), Brittan Wood (10-11), Sheila Bogan (12-13), Tanya Bass (13-14), Rebecca Thompson (14-15)
The NC SOPHE Executive Committee consists of chapter officers and all committee chairs. The officers of the Chapter include President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Delegate to SOPHE, Inc., Past President, four Members at Large, and one Student Member at Large. Each officer is entitled to one vote on issues determined by the Executive Committee.

This photo was taken January 29, 2016 at one of the two required face-to-face meetings held by the Executive Committee annually. The meeting was held at the Orange County Health Department in Hillsborough NC, thanks to Ashley Mercer who made the arrangements for us.

Seated from Left to Right (Carrie Meier, Brittan Wood, Tanya Bass, Tonya Peace, Emily Tyler)
Standing from Left to Right (Kelsey Ross, Mel Downy Piper, Callie Womble, Keena Moore, Yalonda Galloway, Jeff Boyles, Brittany Dobbins, Stephania Sidberry, Lolita Smith Moore, Dr. Tekeela Green, Annette Carrington & Ashley Mercer)

*Not all the members of the Executive Committee were present for the picture.
### Chapter Officers 2015-16

- **Co-Presidents** - Tanya Bass & Annette Johnson
- **Vice Presidents** - Carrie Meier & Lolita Smith-Moore
- **President-Elect** - Brittany Dobbins
- **Secretary** - Melissa Rockett
- **Treasurer** - Stephania Sidberry
- **Historian** - VACANT
- **Chapter Delegate** - Brittan Wood
- **Member at Large** - Randall Bergman
- **Member at Large** - Ashley Mercer
- **Member at Large** - Keena Moore
- **Member at Large** - Alyse Lopez-Salm
- **Student Member at Large** - Tonya Peace
- **Past President** - Rebecca Thompson

### Committee Chairs 2015-16

- **Advocacy** - Alyse Lopez-Salm & Adam Hege
- **Bylaws** - Emily Tyler
- **Citation** - Tekeela Green
- **Continuing Education** - Deirdre Moyer
- **Finance** - Mel Downy-Piper
- **Health Director Liaison** - Kelsey Ross
- **Nominating** - Rebecca Thompson
- **Program** - Lolita Smith-Moore & Carrie Meier
- **Public Relations** - Tonya Peace
- **Research** - Randall Bergman
- **Scholarship** - Annette Johnson
- **Membership** - Jeff Bolles
- **Professional Preparation** - Callie Womble
Let’s Stay Connected

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Keep your contact information updated
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Joining NC SOPHE

The North Carolina Chapter, Society for Public Health Education (NC SOPHE), is a professional organization formed in 1965 to promote, encourage, and contribute to the advancement of health of all people. NC SOPHE encourages its professional members to stay informed through continuing education, striving to improve the practice of health education, and to making a positive contribution toward making health accessible to all people.

Membership benefits at a glance:

- Exchange of information with practicing health educators
- Planned professional development and continuing education activities
- Opportunities to serve on committees
- Opportunities to earn CHES & MCHES continuing education credits
- Advocacy (legislative), updates & opportunities
- Regular updates through the Chapter’s listserv (Google Groups), newsletter, Facebook page, and website

Exciting opportunities exist within NC SOPHE -- consider becoming a member today. Visit www.ncarolinasophe.org today for the most current membership dues and instructions on how to join.
2016 National SOPHE Annual Meeting
Charlotte, NC

National SOPHE will hold their annual meeting in Charlotte, NC will be the location for their 2016 Annual Meeting!
Please save-the-date and plan to attend. It would be great to have all NC SOPHE members in attendance.

REGISTER TODAY:
2016 SOPHE Annual Meeting
March 30th-April 1st, 2016
Westin Hotel
Charlotte, NC