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**Minnesota Public Health Association (MPHA) Governing Council  
Student Representative Positions  
September 2021 - June 2022**

**Who is MPHA?**

The Minnesota Public Health Association (MPHA)'s mission is to create a healthier Minnesota through effective public health practice and engaged citizens. Established in 1907, MPHA is a volunteer-driven organization representing a broad spectrum of community and health professionals on behalf of the public. It's an organization where public health workers from multiple disciplines and sectors come together around shared values and goals. We engage and develop our members to mobilize the community to protect and improve the public's health. We do this through a variety of programming including educational and professional development events, networking, and advocacy opportunities.

The core values of MPHA are:

1. To inspire effective public health leadership by offering opportunities for enhancing learning, skills, and practice;
2. To advocate for public health policy that is grounded in science-based evidence and social justice principles;
3. To effectively impact public health in Minnesota.

**What is the MPHA Governing Council?**

The [MPHA Governing Council](#) consists of elected member representatives and chairs of MPHA committees. Its function is to help guide the organization based on our strategic plan, yearly committee work plans, and respond to public health topics and issues as they arise.

**Why should you apply?**

MPHA is looking for students who are passionate about making a difference in the public health community! This student representative position on our Governing Council is a unique opportunity to make your voice heard in a professional organization with seasoned public health leaders.

If you are a student wanting to gain more knowledge and experience in the public health field by working closely with diverse professionals from multiple sectors and disciplines, then this position is for you!

**Estimated time commitment**

This position is an estimated 7-10 hours per month, which includes attending monthly meetings and working independently on assigned projects.



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### **Roles and responsibilities**

There are two Student Representatives positions on the Governing Council. Each student member will represent the general student membership on the Governing Council and should find ways to be in touch with fellow students so they can adequately represent the views of the membership. The responsibilities of the Student Governing Council members include, but are not limited to:

#### **Leadership**

- Each student member has voting privileges on the board;
- Be an active member of at least one [MPHA Committee](#) (committees meet monthly, either during a lunch hour or early evening, via conference call);
- Disseminate and promote MPHA activities within the student's school and related academic contacts.

#### **Project Management**

- Propose a project to increase student engagement within MPHA, or, provide professional development on an issue relevant to students with MPHA's support;
- Communicate frequently about project progress and opportunities to/from students.

#### **Professional Development**

- Understand the operations of MPHA, and become aware of, and committed to the goals and activities of the organization;
- Attend monthly Governing Council meetings (held via Zoom, second Friday of every month from 8:00 - 9:00 AM CDT beginning 9/10/21)
  - The meeting schedule is at: [2021-2022 Governing Council & Executive Committee meeting schedule](#);
  - If unable to attend a meeting, please inform the Executive Director prior to that meeting. The constitution and by-laws of the organization outline the process for removing any Governing Council member that misses meetings.

#### **Qualifications**

- Any graduate or undergraduate-level student may apply;
- One student seat is assigned to a representative from the University of Minnesota School of Public Health and the other is an open seat from any college/university in Minnesota;
- No prior experience with MPHA is necessary.

#### **Term Length**

- Student representatives are expected to hold the position for one year. Depending on start date, the actual term may be slightly longer;



- Recommendations for replacement student candidates are appreciated.

**How to Apply**

Please complete [this google form](#) by **Friday, August 27, 2021**. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and candidates notified by **September 3, 2021**.

We hope the Student Representatives will be able to start by the **September 10, 2021, 8:00 am - 9:00 AM CDT** Governing Council (Zoom) meeting. We will also plan an informal orientation (Zoom) ahead of the meeting.

Questions? Please contact Merry Grande, [admin@mpha.net](mailto:admin@mpha.net).