

## OUR HISTORY

MPHA traces its roots back to 1907, when the state health officers were organized as the Minnesota State Sanitary Conference.

In 1947, the Sanitary Conference opened the door of membership to anyone who was engaged in public health work, and, changed its name to the Minnesota Public Health Conference to reflect public health values and mission.

The American Public Health Association (APHA) officially recognized the Minnesota Public Health Conference as its affiliate in 1948. In 1956, MPHA assumed the current name.

Throughout its history, MPHA has maintained a broad membership to represent and reflect the public health challenges and opportunities of its time.



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# MINNESOTA PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

An active, independent voice for  
public health in Minnesota

## ABOUT MPHA

The mission of the Minnesota Public Health Association (MPHA) is to **create a healthier Minnesota through effective public health practice.** The Minnesota Public Health Association is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.



MPHA is an all-volunteer organization that represents 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.

The core values of MPHA are:



**To inspire** effective public health leadership by offering opportunities for enhancing learning, skills, and practice.



**To advocate** for public health policy that is grounded in science-based evidence and social justice principles.



**To effectively impact** public health in Minnesota.

## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

MPHA offers members a range of opportunities to **connect with other public health professionals, grow their professional skills, and advance their careers.** These include:

- ✓ Networking opportunities and social events
- ✓ Annual conference
- ✓ Policy forums
- ✓ Training opportunities
- ✓ Volunteer events
- ✓ Internships for students
- ✓ Leadership opportunities on Governing Council and with committees
- ✓ Free or discounted registration for MPHA events
- ✓ Job postings
- ✓ Communication about public health topics and legislative updates
- ✓ Committees
  - Communications
  - Membership
  - Policy and Advocacy
  - Health Equity
  - Global Health
  - Leadership Development



## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

We have a convenient online application for membership on our website. Or, you can download an application and mail it to us.

### Annual Membership Levels

- Individual - \$50.00
- Retired - \$20.00
- Student - \$20.00
- Community Health Worker - \$20.00
- Lifetime - \$750.00

Auto-renewing is an option, and organizational memberships are available.

MPHA strives to provide membership levels that meet the needs of a wide range of public health professionals. If you feel that the cost of members is a barrier to joining, please contact [admin@mpha.net](mailto:admin@mpha.net) and we will work with you.

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### WHO CAN JOIN MPHA?

MPHA is a community for anyone working in or interested in public health. Our members come from a range of sectors, from government to non-profits and for-profit businesses. They are professionals at different stages of their careers from starting school to retirement.

While MPHA is located in Minnesota, people from surrounding states are welcome. Each member brings valuable perspective, expertise, and passion to our association. We are only as strong as our diversity and all are welcome.

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