



IPHA 101: Getting to Know Your Association

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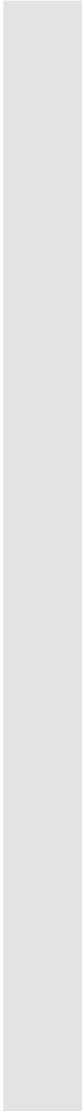
- Established in 1940
- Professional Society of public health professionals and students
- Affiliate of the American Public Health Association
- Illinois's oldest and largest voluntary organization devoted exclusively to matters of public health



- **Vision**

- Optimal health for all Illinoisans achieved through a robust public health system.

- **Mission**

- IPHA will lead in the enhancement and support of the public health system and the practice of public health, focused on health equity and improved health throughout Illinois.
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- Increase advocacy capacity for the public health system.
- Lead a movement that promotes policies and practices in Illinois that address health equity and racial justice with a focus on structural and social determinants of health.
- Enhance and expand partnerships and collaborations to promote the value and practice of public health.
- Lead public health workforce development and recruitment.
- Enhance infrastructure for IPHA, its members, and public health in Illinois.

The IPHA TEAM

Here at IPHA, we are a team.

Check out the IPHA website to see the role each of our staff has in the work of our association.





Member Benefits



Members Only communication



Priority and discounted event registration



Advocacy involvement



Trainings and educational opportunities



Access to Learning Management System



Networking and outreach



Leadership opportunities



Access to vaccine purchasing with membership rebates

Individual Membership

An individual membership is perfect for public health professionals and enthusiasts who are not currently associated with an IPHA Affiliate organization. Special rates are available for retired and student members.

- **Individual:** \$50
- **Community Health Worker:** \$20
- **Retired:** \$20
- **Student:** \$10

Affiliate Membership

Governmental or non-governmental agency which pays annual dues based on the number of employees. The annual assessment is established by the IPHA Executive Council.

Membership Assessment Per Number of Employees

- **1-25** \$500
- **26-50** \$1,000
- **51-100** \$2,000
- **101-150** \$3,000
- **150+** \$4,000
- **Regular*** \$250

* Regular Affiliate is a non-governmental organization which receives one individual membership.

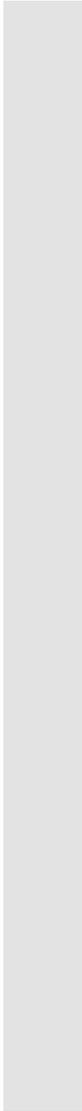
Affiliate Employee Membership

Affiliate employee memberships are for IPHA professionals employed by a company or organization with an IPHA affiliate membership. You will be asked to select your affiliate organization, and for your membership to be activated your account will need to be approved by the affiliate account manager.

Affiliate Employee dues are included with an employer's Affiliate enrollment.

Executive Council

- President
- President-Elect
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Parliamentarian
- ARGC (Affiliate Representative to the Governing Council of APHA)
- At-Large Members
- Section Representatives
- Public Health Partner Organizations

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- Academia
 - Emergency Preparedness and Response
 - Epidemiology and Health Statistics
 - Family Planning & Maternal/Child Health
 - Health Equity
 - HIV/AIDS, STIs, and Viral Hepatitis
 - Nursing
 - Student

Academia

The purpose of the Academia section of IPHA is to promote increased linkages and collaboration between the public health academic community and the practice community. Academic public health presentations and sessions at IPHA meetings will be promoted as well as involvement in IPHA activities by health professions students in the state of Illinois.

Emergency Preparedness and Response

The Emergency Preparedness and Response Section is dedicated to creating and promoting a state of readiness and prompt response to protect the health of Illinois communities during catastrophic events, large-scale disasters, and health emergencies. Through regular meetings and ongoing communication, this Section supports the exchange of ideas, develops position statements, coordinates education opportunities, and works to strengthen relationships at the local, regional, and state levels to advance the field of emergency preparedness and response.

Epidemiology and Health Statistics

The Epidemiology and Health Statistics Section allows for the exchange of ideas, promotes the incorporation of epidemiology principles to public health problems and programs, fosters the development and use of epidemiologists, provides expert consultation to the IPHA on pertinent issues, and assists in the implementation of Association policy where applicable.

Family Planning and Maternal and Child Health

The purpose of the Family Planning and Maternal and Child Health Section is to support the exchange of ideas, the development of positions on MCH issues and further the dissemination of those positions, and contribute to the development, coordination and extension of MCH programs at the local, regional and state level.

Health Equity

The Health Equity Section aims to increase awareness about health disparities gaps, and promotes the formulation of public health strategies, policies and research that improve access to a healthy living and quality of life. The section fosters the enhancement of data that recognizes emerging concerning trends and successful outcomes through the utilization of a broad range of communication and health education strategies.

HIV/AIDS, STIs, and Viral Hepatitis

The mission of the HIV/AIDS, STIs, and Viral Hepatitis section of IPHA is to promote the development of public health efforts to prevent the further spread of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infections and viral Hepatitis and to enhance the lives of people living with these conditions in Illinois.

Nursing

The purposes of the Nursing Section are to advance the cause of public health nursing in Illinois, to support the exchange of ideas, knowledge, and skills among members, and to support the increase of membership and participation in the IPHA.

Student

The goal of the Student Section is to further the development of students, the next generation of professionals in public health and health-related disciplines. This section represents and serves students of public health and other health-related disciplines by connecting individuals who are interested in working together on public health and student-related issues.

IPHA Sections are responsible for the following each year:

- Maintain a membership of 35 or more
- Hold at least one meeting per quarter
 - *Submit meeting minutes to the designated IPHA staff person*
 - *Report on these meetings at the Executive Council meetings*
- Appoint a member to sit on the following IPHA Committees:
 - *IPHA Policy and Legislative Committee*
 - *IPHA Annual Conference Committee*
 - *IPHA Membership Committee (inactive)*
- Submit one policy resolution to be considered annually and participate in the review of APHA resolutions
- Submit one article or success story to include in publications

Workforce Development

- **IPHA Trainings**
 - Grant-Funded Webinars/Trainings
 - PHEd Talks and Lunch & Learns
 - 3rd Party Billing Webinars
 - Coming Soon! IPHA Learning Management System
- **IPHA Conferences**
 - IPHA 84th Annual Public Health Workforce Conference
 - September 9 – 11 in Bloomington/Normal, IL
- **Student Development**
 - Graduate Student Public Health Scholarships
 - IPHA Student Internship Program
 - Annual Student Advocacy Day /Training

Legislative Advocacy

- Policy and Legislative Committee
- Contracted legislative advocacy for the Illinois Association of Public Health Administrators (IAPHA)
- Partner with other health-related organizations
- Voter Voice Campaigns
- Advocacy Alerts
- Advocacy training

Public Health Programming

- **Projects and Programs**
 - Special Projects – Krissy Roseberry
 - Community Health – Tracey Smith
 - HIV/Infectious Disease/Chronic Disease – Jeffery Erdman
 - Policy and Advocacy – Conny Moody

Information and Communications

- IPHA website
 - Events
 - Career Portal
 - Member communications
- E-blasts
 - Tom's bi-weekly "Blog" post
 - Wednesday Midweek News
 - Friday Spotlight
 - Advocacy Alerts
 - Billing Digest
 - CHW Newsletter
- Social Media
 - Facebook
 - Instagram
 - Twitter
 - LinkedIn
 - YouTube