

Virtual attendees:

Robert Lorawy; Sarah Prowse; Levi Foy; Uzoma Asagwara; Stephanie Van Haute; Mary Wilson; Lea Mutch; Deb McPhail; Hannah Moffatt; Sande Harlos; Melanie MacKinnon; Denise Koh; Agape Karagi; Kristine Hayward; Pat Martin; Clive Wightman; Pierre Plourde; Margaret Friesen; Kathleen Martin; Ana Stipanovic; Nancy McPherson; Margaret Haworth-Brockman; Amanda Nash; Deborah Chan; Jean A Paterson; Joel Kettner; Amanda Younka; Colleen Metge; Joshua Aquin; Tara Campbell; Aynslie Hinds; Jake Matheson; Nicole Herpai; Jennie Gomez; Claire Betker; Marianne Cerilli; Valerie Jackson; Adrienne Morrow; Vicki Charski; Dianne Oickle; Lynn Carriere; Maria Fernanda Medina Muñoz; Breanna Sawatzky; Janice Loe; Lavonne Harms; Craig Ross; Mike Payne

Recorder: Hannah Moffatt

1. Welcome

Stephanie Van Haute, MPHA President, welcomed the group. Stephanie offered appreciation to the Association of Regulated Nurses of Manitoba for offering technological support to connect us all virtually.

Motion: To approve the AGM agenda

All in favour, carried.

Stephanie introduced Board Member, Elder Mary Wilson to open us in a good way.

Elder Mary Wilson is known as the Grandmother of Four Directions and She Who Runs With Wolves. She is a Knowledge Keeper, spiritual teacher, Spirit Walker and healer, and works to help people heal emotionally, physically and spiritually.

Elder Mary Wilson provided a gift of a welcome reflecting on the Seven Sacred Teachings and opportunities for fun, balance, service, connection and kindness. Stephanie thanked Mary for the strong opening and bringing us full circle to the conversations at Board Meetings.

Key Note Speakers

The MPHA was honored to have a panel presentation with local speakers moderated by Dr. Robert Lorway from the University of Manitoba. The speakers offered their reflections on how COVID-19 has impacted communities facing structural oppressions and how practitioners and communities have responded.

- Melanie MacKinnon - Executive Director, Indigenous Health Services Ongomiizwin– Indigenous Institute of Health and Healing Health Service
- Levi Foy, Executive Director, Sunshine House
- Uzoma Asagwara - NDP MLA for Union Station - Manitoba NDP

2. Minutes

All AGM materials were circulated in advance by email. Minutes reviewed.

Motion: To approve the November 2020 AGM minutes.

All in favour, carried.

3. President’s Report

Stephanie Van Haute presented the president’s annual report. Stephanie described the Board’s activities including a focus on advocacy priorities. The COVID-19 pandemic has been challenging for many individuals and the public health sector. The Board did some internal work to support safer spaces and discussions with Volunteer Manitoba regarding Board processes. There are many accomplishments to be proud of. We published an opinion editorial in the Winnipeg Free Press, [Public Health Workforce Stands Tall](#).

Motion: To accept the President’s report

All in favour, carried.

Sarah Prowse thanked three outgoing Board Members for their work and dedication – Sarah Hawkins, Elder May Wilson and Stephanie Van Haute.

3. Financial and Membership Report

Sarah Prowse, Treasurer, shared MPHA’s Financial and Membership Report. Sarah offered a thank you to Clinic for their bookkeeping and finances. Clinic Community Health keeps MPHA’s funds in trust.

We have held this AGM in the spring to align with our fiscal year. This financial report includes the 12-month period ending Dec 31, 2020 and the 3-month period for up until March 31st. Most of our funds are spent on insurance and incorporation fees. We have some money coming in from membership fees.

	12 Months Ending 31-Dec-20	3 Months Ending 31-Mar-21	Total
Funding			
Membership fees	2,869.88	351.00	3,220.88
	2,869.88	351.00	3,220.88
Funds Disbursed			

Annual General Meeting	200.00		200.00
Banking Fees	30.10	4.38	34.48
Insurance	1,424.17		1,424.17
Office	274.00		274.00
Incorporation fees	40.00		40.00
Web site			-
	1,968.27	4.38	1,972.65
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	901.61	346.62	1,248.23
Funds held in trust, beginning of year	6,282.54	7,184.15	6,282.54
Funds held in trust, end of year	7,184.15	7,530.77	7,530.77

Motion: To accept the financial report.

All in favour, carried.

As of May 2021, the MPHA had 43 paid MPHA members and 22 CPHA-MPHA conjoint members, for a total of 65 members. Members can join on our website or via CPHA. Fees will remain \$40 for memberships and \$20 for student and retired members. Members can also contact MPHA if fees are a barrier to joining.

4. Board Nominating Committee Recommendations

A Board Nomination Committee was stuck prior to this AGM. Emails were circulated to our listserv members to invite applicants to join our Board. All 7 returning Board Members have fulfilled about 20 months of the 2-year term (a short term due to shifting the AGM from fall to spring). All returning Board Members are nominated for their second 2-year term and new members for their first 2-year term. By-laws allow multiple 2-year terms if voted on by membership. Our experience has been that people step away from the board when life circumstances warrant and that staggering terms is not needed for gradual board turnover.

Executive:

Sande Harlos, President

Hannah Moffatt, Secretary

Sarah Prowse, Treasurer

Members-at-Large:

Pat Martin
Deb McPhail
Lea Mutch
Clive Wightman
Agape Karagi
Tara Campbell
Deborah Chan

Motion: To approve the slate of nominees for executive board members and members-at-large as recommended by the nominating committee.

All in favour, carried.

5. Closing Reflections

Sande Harlos reflected on how MPHA has done considerable work from 2018 to early 2020 on the MPHA's infrastructure, vision, mission, values and priority setting. The COVID-19 pandemic has dominated everyone's time and energy – yet the association persisted and many accomplishments were achieved. Sande again offered a huge thank you to the outgoing Board members. Sande encouraged members to get involved and contribute expertise. Looking forward to the year ahead, 3 priorities have been identified: anti-racism; anti-poverty and climate justice.

The MPHA continues to partner with the Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA). CPHA was one of several intervenors that supported the federal government's authority to enact the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act. CPHA has hosted public health forums and a call for submissions for the Public Health 2021 Conference is now open.

Sande invited Elder Mary Wilson to close us off in a good way. Elder Mary Wilson called us on to stay connected to each other and the planet.