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NEWSLETTER

Pam Miles
2007 President

Message from the President

Greetings,
Time is drawing near and excitement already fills the air. Your MPHA committees are busy finalizing last minute details to ensure that you have the most educational, rewarding, and enjoyable convention possible. They have really worked hard and I appreciate all their efforts and commend them on a job well done. **Please, Don't forget to register for this year's conference before August 24, 2007 or a \$20 late fee will be required!**

SEE YOU AT CONVENTION.

Blessings, Pam Miles

MPHA MEMBERSHIP is convenient!



Joining MPHA has never been easier....
You can join today by downloading an MPHA application from our own website @

www.msdh.state.ms.us/mpha

and mailing it to:

Sandra Hill,
5070 East Woodrow Wilson U-213
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2007 ANNUAL MEETING

September 19 - 21, 2007 at the Pearl River Resort, Philadelphia, MS

Call **1.866.447.3275** today for your reservations. It is extremely important that you identify yourself with the MPHA group **#MISI07A**. Room rates for the conference are \$65 plus tax per night for the single or double room. Tuesday, **Aug 28, 2007 is the deadline** for reservations blocked by MPHA.



Remember, if you are registering for convention:

- Membership/Registration Application must be approved by your supervisor before you submit it to MPHA.
- \$85 must be entered in the window provided for MDH Employees Registration Fee
- MDH Employees are required to pay \$10 along with the submission of the Application.
- **\$20 late fee is required for any registration received after August 24, 2007.**

Message from our Executive Director...We need You!

Plans are in high gear for the upcoming Annual Meeting at the Pearl River Resort September 19-21, 2007. If you have not registered for this year's meeting, you need to do so today as the deadline for the conference registration without a \$20 late fee is August 24, 2007. Also, the deadline for the room block at Pearl River Resort is August 28, 2007.

We are so excited to have Dr. J Edward Hill as our Keynote Speaker for the opening session, which begins at 1:00pm on Wednesday. Dr. Hill currently serves on the State Board of Health and serves on and chairs various national and international medical associations. We will also present the Section Awards during opening session.

We are very pleased that Dr. Ed Thompson, Interim State Health Officer, will give the State Health Officer Address at the Thursday Luncheon. Dr. Thompson is very much looking forward to addressing public health workers from across the state on current public health issues in Mississippi and future plans. Included during the luncheon will be the Prestige and Longevity Awards.

On Friday morning, we will have Ms. Priscilla White, a public health professional with the WIC Program from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control to provide a motivational presentation as well as our Business Meeting.

There are two nights of good entertainment including a Wednesday night version of the "Public Health View" with many of your co-workers participating as well as a Thursday night dance.

We are looking for a big crowd for the Annual Conference so make plans today..... we need YOU there!

I have been working very closely with the Executive Committee on other activities with MPHA. We have recently submitted a grant application to the American Public Health Association which will assist us (if funded) in building infrastructure and additional services for MPHA. I am very committed to growing our association but it will take all of us.... We need you to become a member and help us. We want to improve our communications with members and the public. We want to enhance advocacy efforts to improve public health funding and services. We would like to offer scholarship opportunities for our members as examples of where we can grow. I will update our effort during the Annual Meeting.

I appreciate the opportunity to become the first Executive Director of the Mississippi Public Health Association and look forward to working with each of you.

See you in Philadelphia!!!
Buddy Daughdrill



SPECIAL RECOGNITION

If you have information on members who have passed away since our last meeting, please contact Larry Rouse by phone @ 601.544.6766, by fax @ 601.583.1300, or by email larry.rouse@msdh.state.ms.us. He will need the employee's name, work location, job title, and if the deceased was active or retired status. There is no ending date set, information can be sent anytime, even until the week of the convention.

As we are growing, we will need to change our constitution and by-laws in order to incorporate and receive grant monies. I would like to propose that we change the current by-laws so that we will not have to wait until the conference every year to make changes. If this amendment is passed, we will be able to poll the members at any time to vote on changes. Please read and consider this proposed by-laws amendment and be ready to vote at the conference in September.

Thanks...

Pam Miles

Constitution

Article VII. Amendments

Present [crossed out]

~~This constitution may be amended at the annual meeting by a two-thirds-written vote of the active members voting, provided the active members of the association have been officially notified at least thirty days in advance of the meeting at which the specified amendment will be considered. Any active member may propose an amendment to the Constitution by sending a proposal in writing to the Executive Committee for consideration. Approved amendments shall take effect immediately unless otherwise specified at the time of the vote.~~

Proposed

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of eligible members of the Association voting by ballot cast by mail or at the annual meeting, provided that the specific amendment(s) to be voted upon shall receive the approval of the Executive Committee and be distributed to the membership not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date completed ballots must be acted upon. All amendments shall become effective at the conclusion of the annual meeting at which they are adopted or upon completion of the tally of the mail ballots.

By-Laws

Article XII. Amendments

Present [crossed out]

~~These By-Laws may be amended at the annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members voting, provided the active members of the Association have been officially notified at least thirty days in advance of the meeting at which the specified amendments will be considered. Any active member may propose an amendment to the By-Laws by sending a proposal in writing to the Executive Committee for consideration. Approved amendments shall take effect immediately unless otherwise specified at the time of the vote.~~

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