

## TIMELINE OF PUBLIC HEALTH MILESTONES AND PH/HA ISSUES AND PROGRAMS

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Date	Public Health Information Developments	PH/HA Issues and Programs	Selected Section Officers
Before PH/HA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1944 – Public Health Service Act of 1944. Revised and brought together all existing PHS legislation...</li> <li>• 1955 – Excerpta Medica creates Sect. 17 Public Health, Social Medicine, and Hygiene.</li> <li>• 1960 – Development of MEDLARS technology begun at NLM.</li> <li>• 1965 – DeBakey Report (The President's Commission on Heart Disease, Cancer and Stroke, <i>Report to the President. A National Program to Conquer Heart Disease, Cancer and Stroke.</i>) Makes health problems information dissemination problems.</li> <li>• 1965 – Legislation for regional medical libraries and regional medical programs PL 89-239.</li> <li>• 1971 – MEDLINE operational.</li> </ul>		
1973-1974	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Health Planning and Resource Development Act PL 93-641 creates National Health Planning Information Center as well as HSAs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arthur Carrol and Wanita Tesar suggest and convene a public health group at MLA.</li> </ul>	Arthur Carrol and Wanita Tesar, Co-chairs
1974-1975		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Petition for Public Health/Health Administration Group submitted to MLA Board of Directors and approved. See purpose statement in accompanying table. Programs and issues are: MeSH subject headings related to our field and systems of bibliographic control and information transfer.</li> <li>• Initiation of responsibility for two CE courses on government documents and health care administration.</li> </ul>	Arthur Carrol and Wanita Tesar, Co-chairs
1975-1976	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• U.S. Congress. House. Develops and publishes committee print "A discursive dictionary of health care." Includes explanatory definitions to terminology relevant to national health insurance and health care. 1976.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State health department "professional librarians" invited.</li> <li>• Statistics. Resource person from NCHS. HHS Parklawn Library resources.</li> <li>• Created and conducted CE Programs and concentrated on MeSH project.</li> </ul>	Wanita Tesar, Chair
1976-1977	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Consumer Health Information and Health Promotion Act of 1976. PL 94-317.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health System Agency data librarian.</li> <li>• Additional CE courses developed.</li> </ul>	Jeannine M. Hinkel, Chair
1977-1978		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PH/HA sponsored CE courses presented. • HSA talk in general session.</li> <li>• NTIS representative and NHPIC MeSH activities added to update reports.</li> </ul>	Dagmar Michalova, Chair
1978-1979	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HEALTHline introduced at NLM. Continues NTIS' <i>Health Planning</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contributions of AHA and NHPIC to HEALTHline.</li> <li>• 1980 census.</li> <li>• Survey of library services in schools of public health.</li> </ul>	Stephanie Normann, Chair

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By-laws changes leading to section status.</li> </ul>	
1979-1980		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representation/discussion from: National Health Standards and Quality Information Clearinghouse, state agencies, National Health Information Clearinghouse, National Health Care Management Center, Parklawn Library, NTIS, MeSH-NLM, NCHS and NHPIC in updates.</li> <li>• MLA reports 262 section members, 12 from 7 foreign countries and 250 from 40 states. Dues of \$3.00 for Section.</li> </ul>	Winifred Sewell, Chair
1980-1981		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roster of 37 dues paying members includes activities index.</li> <li>• Publication patterns in health planning. • Report on spring 1981 workshop on School of Public Health Libraries in Health Promotion.</li> </ul>	Carol Arnold, Chair and Jacqueline Doyle, Secretary-Treasurer
1981-1982		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget cuts and federal information clearinghouses.</li> <li>• Popline and population reports.</li> <li>• Searching for priority assessment of food additives.</li> <li>• Committee appointments for program and goals.</li> <li>• Newsletters.</li> </ul>	Frieda Weise, Chair and Patti Corbett, Secretary-Treasurer
1982-1983		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus on Health Administration.</li> <li>• First PH/HA News - previously informal newsletters - to provide: 1) discussion of unique problems, 2) information on developments in PH and HA librarianship, 3) sense of professional identity.</li> <li>• Clearinghouse for collection of lists in lieu of core list.</li> <li>• Status of federal participation in health planning.</li> <li>• Health block grants.</li> <li>• Journal core list for health administration.</li> <li>• Report on state and federal hospital associations librarians.</li> </ul>	Jacqueline Doyle, Chair and Michael Kronenfeld, Secretary-Treasurer
1983-1984		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goals statement. See Purpose/Goals table.</li> <li>• DRGs.</li> <li>• AHA's hospital statistics data files.</li> <li>• WHO library.</li> </ul>	Ellen Brassil, Chair and Michael Kronenfeld, Secretary-Treasurer
1984-1985		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International cooperation.</li> <li>• PAHO and information transfer.</li> <li>• British National Health Service libraries.</li> <li>• INFOODS for global availability of accurate food composition.</li> </ul>	Peg Hewitt, Chair and Ed Terry, Secretary-Treasurer
1985-1986		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relevant issues.</li> <li>• Indigent health care and information sources.</li> <li>• Long-range plan and state health agency relations committees appointed.</li> </ul>	Michael Kronenfeld, Chair and Annette Franklin, Secretary-Treasurer
1986-1987	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congress encourages NLM to develop outreach program aimed at transferring latest scientific information to health professionals.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consumer and Patient Health Information "Medical megatrends" by Editor-in-Chief of Medical Self-Care.</li> </ul>	Michelle Volesko, Chair and Annette Franklin, Secretary-Treasurer
1987-1988	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advisory panel on outreach established by NLM Board of Regents. NN/LM created.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governmental relations. "Health policy agenda: private and public cooperation."</li> <li>• Involving health science libraries associated with schools of public health</li> </ul>	Suzanne Paul, Chair and Annette Franklin, Secretary-Treasurer
1988-1989	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Use Data Tapes and the Health Interview Survey on CD-ROM from NCHS (reported at PH/HA business meeting).</li> <li>• AIDSLINE made available on MEDLARS system July 1988.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AIDS: Networking Information: National AIDS Information Clearinghouse, AIDS Regional Education and Training Center for Texas and Oklahoma, AIDS Program for Massachusetts Department of Public Health.</li> </ul>	Stephanie Normann, Chair and Annette Franklin, Secretary-Treasurer
1989-1990		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PHS officers from information components of AHCPR, NCHS, and ADAMHA.</li> <li>• List of fugitive literature and creation of bibliographic database using ProCite done by Parklawn Health Library. PH/HA promotional brochure.</li> </ul>	Bruce N. Yamasaki, Chair and Annette Franklin, Secretary-Treasurer
1990-1991	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthy People 2000</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contemporary Perspectives on Quality of Health Care: UCSF Quality Assurance Program; QA, Kaiser-Permanente; and Quality Improvement Network Manager, Health Care Forum.</li> <li>• Budget cuts affecting Rainbow Series.</li> </ul>	Ed Terry, Chair and Annette Franklin, Secretary-Treasurer

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PH/HA asks MLA to accept MPH degree as qualification for admission to AHIP.</li> </ul>	
1991-1992	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SATTAMA Declaration: A Call for New Public Health Action. Public Health Summit, Omiya City, Japan, Sept. 1991. Addresses changes and scope of function required by emerging trends in political, social, and economic environment. Extension of Alma-Ata Declaration. WHO.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issues in women's health: Health and social policy perspectives; biomedical and behavioral research perspectives; consumer advocacy perspectives; provider perspectives</li> </ul>	Nina Lane, Chair and Annette Franklin, Secretary-Treasurer
1992-1993		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consumer and Patient Health Information: The good, the bad, and the ugly. Comparison of the Canadian and U.S. health care systems.</li> </ul>	Jan Aleccia, Chair and Annette Franklin, Secretary-Treasurer
1993-1994		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consumer Health and Relevant Issues Sections. Vulnerable populations: health care and health care information needs.</li> <li>• Contribution to Brandon titles in Preventive Medicine and Public Health and Hospitals and Administration.</li> </ul>	Lillian Chan, Chair and Annette Franklin, Secretary-Treasurer
1994-1995	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HSRProj database accessible on NLM'S servers (IGM). Originally developed by Association for Health Services Research and the Cecil Sheps Center at the University of N. Carolina. Federal &amp; private funding.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outreach: "Reaching under served populations: information for health professionals is the key." "Yale University International Health Program;" "Lower Mississippi Delta Library improvement projects."</li> </ul>	Olivia Pickett, Chair and Peg Hewitt, Secretary-Treasurer
1995-1996	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning for Community Oriented Health Systems. HealthSTAR available May '96 – through merging of two former NLM databases, HEALTHline (1978) and HSTAR (1994) by NICHSR.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mental Health and Relevant Issues. Crisis of violence in America and library outreach.</li> <li>• HIV/AIDS outreach projects for the affected community and the public: strategies for community outreach.</li> <li>• Plan for WWW home page and e-mail discussion group.</li> </ul>	Carole Colter, Chair and Peg Hewitt, Secretary-Treasurer
1996-1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HSTAT (Health Services/ Technology Assessment Texts) available on WWW. Full text documents in health care decision making. Includes AHCPH reports and NIH Consensus Documents.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suicide: the challenges for concerned health sciences librarians. "Physician-assisted dying: dangers and opportunities;" "Preventing youth suicide and suicidal behavior;" "Family information needs: a survivor's perspective."</li> </ul>	June Gable, Chair and Victoria Page, Secretary-Treasurer
1997-1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Medicine &amp; Public Health" with database on cooperative efforts. "Accessing Useful Information: Challenges in Health Policy and Public Health" a National Forum at the New York Academy of Medicine, March 23, 1998.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical Informatics. "Public Health Informatics: Connections Between Public Health and Health Care Systems."</li> </ul>	Nancy Allee, Chair and Linda Whang, Secretary/Treasurer
1998-1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partners in Information Access for Public Health Professionals: Partners: ASTHO, CDC, NACCHO, NICHSR, NLM, and NN/LM. Publication activities of APHA also highlighted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggestions: environment, pollution, contamination of food supplies, emerging infectious diseases, and cuts in funding for public health research.</li> </ul>	Jean Chung, Chair