**Communiquik** January 26, 2015

2015 has been a time of transition as we work together to implement our newly amended Bylaws! This Communiquik has information about new nominations procedures for our upcoming elections, progress in getting our new Councils off and running, and important information about NOHC. We hope you take the time to read this carefully, as some policies and procedures are different than has been done in the past.

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**Candidates for Officers and Board of Directors**

We are pleased to announce that the AAPHD Nominations Committee and Board of Directors have identified the following slate of candidates for Officer and Director-at-Large positions of the AAPHD Board of Directors.

President-Elect: Frances Kim
Treasurer: Mark Macek
Secretary: Angeles Martinez Mier
Director-at-Large (3 year term): Mary Tavares, Oscar Arevalo and Jane Gillette
Director-at-Large (2 year term): Nick Mosca

During this time of transition, there are two vacant Director-at-Large positions. In order to have staggered terms going forward, one of the vacant positions will be a standard 3-year term and the second vacant position will be an abbreviated 2-year term. This is a unique situation for this first transitional year under the newly amended Bylaws. Going forward all Director-at-Large positions will have 3-year terms. Please visit the Member's only section of the AAPHD Website to learn more about the candidates.

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**Additional Nominations**

Do you know someone who is interested in running for one of the open AAPHD Officer and Board of Director Positions? Our newly amended Bylaws allow members in good standing to submit additional nominations. *Nominations must be submitted to the Chair of the Nominations Committee, Dr. David Cappelli, by* ***February 25th.*** All additional nominations must be supported by a petition of at least ten percent (10%) of the Association's Full Members.

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**AAPHD Announces New Council Chairs**

We at the home office are busy getting the new Councils off and running. The Nominations Committee and the Board of Directors have appointed the following Council Chairs:

- Council on Educational Affairs: Mary Altenberg
- Council on Practice: Mike Monopoli
- Council on Legislation: Jane Gillette

- Council on Publication: LeeAnn Cooper

Let's all thank these individuals for taking on these leadership roles! Also, a huge thanks to those who responded to our earlier call for volunteers to participate in the Councils. The response was overwhelming, but there's still room for more. Please send an email to jhawley@aaphd.org if you are interested in volunteering for one of these Councils.

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**National Oral Health Conference**
**April 27-29, 2015**
**Preconference Sessions - April 25-26, 2015**
**Kansas City, Kansas**

NOHC registration opened last week, and is filling up quickly! We hope that you are planning to join us in Kansas City for the 16th annual meeting co-presented by the American Association of Public Health Dentistry and the Association of State & Territorial Dental Directors. This promises to be another great year for the conference, with amazing plenaries, workshops and pre-conference sessions. We also have some of your favorite social events planned, and hope that you will be there:

Opening Reception hosted by Medical Products Laboratories on Sunday

Dinner & Networking Event hosted by ASEPTICO on Tuesday

*This is the premier meeting for dental public health. Register today!*

Click here to see the 2015 NOHC Registration Brochure.

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**Social Media during the National Oral Health Conference**

Connect with us during the 2015 National Oral Health Conference; the premier meeting for dental public health - April 27-29, 2015 in Kansas City, Missouri.

We are asking all participants to include the hashtag **#2015NOHC** in your Facebook or Twitter messages so people will be able to follow the conference, any discussions and see all the messages that will be posted.

But what is a hashtag and what does a hashtag even do? Is a word or an unspaced phrase prefixed with the hash character (or number sign). It is used to identify messages on a specific topic.

Want to know more… Do not forget to like/follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

AAPHD Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/AmericanAssociationofPublicHealthDentistry
AAPHD Twitter: https://twitter.com/aaphdnews

ASTDD Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ASTDD
ASTDD Twitter: https://twitter.com/astddorg

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**Call for Nominations - AAPHD Awards of Merit**

There is no greater acknowledgement than that which comes from our peers. Please help the AAPHD Awards Committee select the recipients for its 2015 Awards of Merit Award Winners. We are seeking nominations for 2 awards:

*Distinguished Service Award* - presented to a member of AAPHD for excellent and distinguished service to public health dentistry and the association.

*Public Service Award* - Presented to an individual for substantial contribution through action related to public health dentistry issues.

Send your nomination along with a short paragraph explaining why you believe this person deserves this award. Also include their contact information. *Nominations should be sent by* ***February 15, 2015*** *to Julie Frantsve-Hawley, Executive Director: jhawley@aaphd.org*

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**ADA 2015 Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Dental Research Call for Nominations**

*Objective* - To honor individuals who through basic or clinical research contribute to the advancement of the profession of dentistry or to major improvement in the oral health of the public.

*Award and Recognition* - The individual selected will receive $25,000 and a gold medallion at a formal presentation. All expenses for the recipient's travel and lodging will be provided by the Association.

The ADA Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Dental Research is awarded once every three years. The recipient will serve a three-year term as a member of the Council on Scientific Affairs, if eligible.

*Sponsorship* - This prestigious award is sponsored by the American Dental Association and Church & Dwight Co., Inc.

*Nomination Procedure* - Each candidate's qualifications should be set forth in a formal letter of nomination that is accompanied by a curriculum vitae and list of publications.

*Deadline* - All nominations must be received at ADA headquarters by ***May 15, 2015***. Please direct letters of nomination to:

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