
Members Elect Linda Morse as President-Elect

Linda L. Morse, RN, MA, CHES, Coordinator of the School Health Unit in the New Jersey Dept. of Education, was elected President-Elect in the Association's officer elections. Ms. Morse will serve a two-year term as President-Elect before becoming ASHA President in October 2013.

Ms. Morse believes the Association is uniquely positioned to educate and convince others about the connection between student health and academic achievement.

"I know that ASHA is the one organization that truly represents the coordinated approach to health and success," she contends.

With more than 25 years of experience at the local, state, and national level, Ms. Morse has a diverse professional background, functioning as both a school nurse and a health educator. In her current duties she directs the activities of CDC cooperative agreements for HIV, YRBS, and CSHP-PANT; coordinates health and physical education curriculum standards; and provides technical assistance to school nurses and school physicians.

Ms. Morse also is ready to address the changes in ASHA's future.

"I know the transition to new leadership and a new home may be traumatic for a few and yet a new beginning for others," she pointed out. "I believe I am well-positioned to serve ASHA, its members, and the children we all serve during this time of change."

Ms. Morse previously served as President, Society of State Directors of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (SSDHPER).

Members Confirm

Clark as President-Elect

Jeffrey K. Clark, HSD, FAHSA, appointed by the ASHA Board of Directors to complete Dr. Mal Goldsmith's term as President-Elect and President, was confirmed by members.

Dr. Clark will become President in October 2010.

Dr. Clark, Department Chair and Professor, Dept. of Physiology & Health Science, Ball State University, Muncie, IN, is serving his second term on the Board of Directors (2008-2011; 2003-2006).

He has been an ASHA member for 20 years.



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Newly Elected Board Members

Five other ASHA officers were elected by members during the voting this summer.

Beverly K. Samek, MEd, was elected as Chair of Advocacy. Ms. Samek, an ASHA member for 12 years, serves as Prevention Educator at Crossroads Turning Points, Inc. A former health teacher and Executive Director of Coordinated School Health for School District 60 in Colorado, Ms. Samek served as Chair of the ASHA School Health Coordinator Section, and is a member of the ASHA Council on Physical Activity and Physical Education.

Michael Young, PhD, FASHA, Interim Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Affairs in the College of Health and Social Services at New Mexico State University, was elected as Chair of Editorial Board. Dr. Young has served as Chair and a member of the Editorial Board, member of the ASHA Board of Directors, and a three-time member of the ASHA Research Council Executive Board. He has been a member for 30 years.

Amy C. Cory, PhD, RN, CPNP, Assistant Professor of Nursing, Valparaiso University, was elected as Chair of Finance. Dr. Cory has served on the ASHA Board of Directors, House of Delegates, Finance Committee, School Nurse Section, and Early Childhood Health Education and Health Services Council. In addition, she has been a key participant in the Future Leaders Academy, Strategic Planning Committee, Executive Director Search Committee, and Advocacy Committee.

Nancy Hudson, RN, MS, CHES, FASHA, was re-elected as Chair of Interdisciplinary Collaboration. A Senior Project Associate for the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO), Ms. Hudson has held several ASHA offices, including, member of the Board of Directors, member of the Board of Directors Transition Team, and Co-Chair, Strategic Planning Committee. She is a member of the ASHA Health Educator Section, Sexuality Education and Reproductive Health Council, and School Health Curriculum and Instruction Council

Ty J. Oehrtman, BSH, CHES, was elected as Chair of Sections. An ASHA member for 10 years, he manages the resource brokering program for the Alliance for a Healthier Generation's Healthy Schools Program. He has served in various ASHA committee and Council leadership positions, most recently serving as Chairperson of the Articles and Bylaws Committee. He believes that the Association's greatest strength is the convergence of knowledge and ideas to improve the coordination of school health programs for all children.

By-Law Changes Get Approval

In addition to the Officer selections, members approved 10 amendments to the ASHA Bylaws.

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