**NCPHA FAQ**

**Membership, Benefits and Overview:**

* What is NCPHA?
  + North Carolina Public Health Association is an association of individuals and organizations working to improve the public's health through political advocacy, public awareness, professional development, and the interface between research and practice.
* What is the history of NCPHA?
  + The NC Public Health Association was formed in 1909 by a group of concerned county superintendents of health in an effort to promote public health in North Carolina. Over 100 years later, our Association of individuals and organizations continues working to improve the public's health through political advocacy, public awareness, professional development, and serving as an interface between research and practice.
* What has NCPHA done lately?
  + **NCPHA has worked on a variety of projects this year.  Those include: member tool kit, doing conference planning for outside organizations,** monitoring current state legislative issues regarding public health funding, Medicaid Reform, and environmental health policies.
  + We are creating a new committee that hopes to become a full section in 2015 - the NC Medical Directors.
  + We are improving our website, working on an archived webinar leadership series as well as the first ever Policy Forum with organizations around NC.
* As a new member of NCPHA, how can I best serve as a contributing member?
  + Get involved in a section and discuss your interests with the presidents to learn about what subcommittees are currently working on that you may want to be involved in.
* What are the benefits of becoming a NCPHA Member?
  + [NCPHA Benefits](https://ncpha.memberclicks.net/why-join)
  + The annual conference may be the only time you get to see and network with your statewide public health friends.
* How can we promote membership to co-workers?
  + Start by letting them know about the different sections and discuss one with them that is a good fit and can help them as public health professionals. Additionally, invite them to attend a meeting and be a part of the spring or fall conference to show them the opportunities for networking and leadership development. Check out the “How can you promote NCPHA?” section of the tool kit for additional print materials.
* How can NCPHA Leadership assist your agency, if needed?
  + If there is needed assistance that you think NCPHA can provide, call or e-mail the Kim Dittmann or the current NCPHA President to see what NCPHA can do for you.
* Who can become a member?
  + Anyone in the field of public health or who has interest in public health is welcome to join.
* If I join NCPHA does it automatically make me a member of Eastern or Western District NCPHA?
  + No.
* I can't renew my membership on the website, how do I take care of this?
  + Contact Kim Dittmann at [kdittmann@ncapha.org](mailto:kdittmann@ncapha.org)
* How do I find out my renewal date?   
   Login to your profile. Your “Paid Thru” date is your membership expiration date.
* What resources does NCPHA offer for students?
  + Check out the [**Student tab**](http://ncpha.memberclicks.net/students) on the homepage for more information.
* Are there scholarship opportunities for graduate students who are in school on a part-time basis?
  + Scholarship opportunities are listed on our website. Applicants are to attend the conference. [**Click here to check them out!**](http://ncpha.memberclicks.net/scholarships)
* Who is the NCPHA staff and how can we contact them?
  + [**Check it out here!**](http://ncpha.memberclicks.net/staff)
* How many years do I have to be a member before I am considered a “life member” and no longer have to pay dues?
  + 25 years!

**Advocacy:**

* How do we advocate for public health issues, especially with legislators?
  + This is something that you can learn about through our [Advocacy Section](http://ncpha.memberclicks.net/advocacy).  Please visit this section and feel free to connect with the section chair to learn more. NCPHA members also receive advocacy updates via e-mail.
* What current issues were NCPHA concerned with or working on?
  + Advocacy alerts are typically listed on the home page plus current advocacy issues are e-mailed to NCPHA members. Learn more about advocacy within NCPHA [**here**](http://ncpha.memberclicks.net/advocacy) .

**Conferences:**

* My husband (or wife) enjoys attending annual conference with me. Does he also need to be a member to attend sessions/functions?
  + Yes, they either need to register for the conference or pay for the meal(s) they attend.
* How do I know which meetings/sessions at the conference I can attend and which ones are not open to me or I am not to have lunch with them?
  + All sessions and lunches are open to all attendees starting at the 2014 conference!
* What support is there for sections to get speakers for CE credits?
  + Section dues typically cover these costs for the conference as well as potential webinar speakers throughout the year.
* Who should attend NCPHA conferences? For years, we were made to believe only supervisors and upper management could attend.
  + All public health professionals and students should attend NCPHA.  It is a great learning and networking experience.
* When and where is the next meeting?
  + View events [**here**](http://ncpha.memberclicks.net/events)**.**
* Is everyone welcome to attend the conferences?
  + All members are welcome to attend as well as non-members.

**Sections:**

* What do the NCPHA Sections do and when do they meet?
  + Check out more information about all the sections [here](https://ncpha.memberclicks.net/sections)
* Why does NCPHA have separate section dues?
  + This allows for each section to use the small amount of dues money to do an event outside of the conferences.
* What professions are represented in NCPHA membership?
  + Check out the NCPHA Sections [**here**](http://ncpha.memberclicks.net/sections). Also use the “Search for a Member” on the [home page](https://ncpha.memberclicks.net/home-header) to search for friends or colleagues.