



PHO  
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**Public Health Graduate Student Organization**  
**Monday, February 25, 2013**  
*Allied Health Sciences Building, Room 1335, 6:00 pm*

- 1) Call to Order: **Shamaree Cromartie**
- 2) PHO Executive Board Elections: **Shamaree Cromartie**
  - a) Nominees:
    - i) President: Lauren Needell
      - **Write-In Candidate: Justin Sharpe**
    - ii) Vice President: Jamie Troutman, Justin Sharpe
    - iii) Secretary: Destiny Harris, Lauren Smith
    - iv) Treasurer:
  - b) Vote
  - c) Announce 2013-2014 PHO Executive Board Officers
    - **First year students were given the opportunity to give names for write-in candidates for each of the positions.**
    - **The voting process was explained.**
    - **Each nominee gave a brief speech including: Name/introduction, past experience in leadership, and what he or she hoped to accomplish in and through PHO if elected to office.**
    - **Destiny Harris and Lauren Smith decided that whomever was not elected to the position of Secretary would accept the position of Treasurer, as there were no other nominees or candidates for this position. All members present also agreed to this decision as well.**
    - **Officers were elected by secret ballot and a simple majority of the quorum established at the business meeting regarding elections as per the PHO Bylaws.**

- **New PHO Exec Board:**
    - **President: Lauren Needell**
    - **Vice President: Jamie Troutman**
    - **Secretary: Destiny Harris**
    - **Treasurer: Lauren Smith**
- 3) **Dr. Novick: Shamaree Cromartie**
- a) **Graduation**
- **Graduation will be May 10, 2013 at 3:00 pm in Brody Auditorium. A reception will follow; reception location is TBA.**
  - **Caps and gowns are available at Dowdy Student Stores on the main ECU Campus. The cost is included in tuition and fees so graduating students simply need to go by and pick them up. The fee for hoods for graduation is \$30.00**
  - **Lorenzo will be sending out emails to individuals selected to be marshals for graduation. Marshals will be chosen based on performance and participation in PHO in the past year.**
  - **As more information about graduation becomes available, Shamaree will email students.**
- b) **Updates on the Department's progress toward becoming a School of Public Health**
- **ECU will begin enrolling students into the PhD Epidemiology program in 2015.**
  - **The Department of Public Health will officially become a School of Public Health in 2019.**
  - **As more information about the progress toward becoming a School of Public Health becomes available, Shamaree will email students.**
- 4) **National Public Health Week Steering Committee Updates: Lorenzo Hopper**
- **The Steering Committee has created the following volunteer opportunities for NPHW:**
    - **Fundraiser at SupDogs: Wednesday, April 3, from 5:00-8:00 pm. Proceeds will be split between the Haiti birthing kits and Safe Kids Coalition. Contacts: Lindsey Sigmon and Annelise Rogers**
    - **Buddy System Blue Light Event: Working with RA's on ECU's main campus to promote campus safety. Contacts: Alexis Barnett, Destiny Harris**
    - **Haiti Birthing Kits: Volunteers will be needed to compile birthing kit materials. Contact: Lorenzo Hopper**
    - **After-School Program: Teach children in an after-school program in the community how to plan a fire-escape route in their home. Contacts: Leah Mayo, Brian Rose, Meagan Mertesdorf**
    - **Healthy Eating Food Literacy Program: Contacts: Lorenzo Hopper, Sapan Kapadia, Crystal Ellis**
  - **Crystal Ellis is the media liaison and will be working to create fliers and other promotional material to spread the word about NPHW and the PHO's involvement in the community.**

- **In addition to Lauren Needell, a second photographer for events is needed. If you are interested in taking pictures at some of the events, please email [pho@ecu.edu](mailto:pho@ecu.edu).**
  - **Dates, times, and locations are TBA. Emails/announcements will be sent when they are finalized.**
- 5) GPSS Update: **Meagan Mertesdorf & Destiny Harris**
- **New PHO officers will need to begin working on next year's funding packet to submit to GPSS.**
  - **If anyone has received funding for projects while in graduate school (i.e., for presentations, posters, research projects, etc.), please write a blurb about your experience and submit it to [pho@ecu.edu](mailto:pho@ecu.edu). This will help to generate more funding for graduate students in the future.**
- 6) Relay for Life: **Shamaree Cromartie**
- **Relay for Life will be Friday, April 12, 2013. The theme is "Rocking for a Cure." Teams must create a theme around a band name. Themes/bands must be decided by March 7. Band names that have already been taken by existing teams can be found here:**
  - No Doubt
  - -Motown
  - -Dropkick Murpheys
  - -KISS
  - -Beatles
  - -Michael Jackson
  - -Red Hot Chili Peppers
  - -Journey
  - -Jimi Hendrix
  - -"Rocking Teacher" – Kidz Bop/Schoolhouse Rock
  - -Beach Boys
  - -Smash Mouth
  - -Rebelution
  - -Chairmen of the Board
  - -Spice Girls
  - -Rolling Stones
  - -Elvis
  - -Grease
  - -Grateful Dead
  - -The Lumineers
  - -Jimmy Buffet
  - -Green Day
  - -Def Leppard

- -Guns 'n Roses
- -Breakfast Club
- -Bob Marley
- -Maroon 5
- -KORN
- **To access information about the ECU PHO Relay for Life team, visit [http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?team\\_id=1364945&fr\\_id=48725&pg=team](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?team_id=1364945&fr_id=48725&pg=team)**
- **Contacts: Shamaree Cromartie and Myrissa Alston**

7) **Other Announcements: Shamaree Cromartie**

- **Thanks to everyone who went to the Minority Health Conference last week.**
- **Member Updates:**
  - **Tiffany Cox, Ashley Ronay, and Lauren Needell will be presenting at the Jean Mills Health Symposium on Friday, March 1 at The East Carolina Heart Institute.**
  - **Tiffany Cox has been selected to do a workshop at the Generations United Conference in DC in July.**
  - **Lorenzo Hopper has been accepted into the PhD program at UNC-Chapel Hill.**
- **If you would like to attend the NCPHA Spring Education Conference in Raleigh, please email Ashley Ronay at [pho@ecu.edu](mailto:pho@ecu.edu) by this Thursday, February 28.**
- **If you would like more information about the IHI Student Organization, please contact Annelise Rogers.**
- **Alexis Barnett announced that Dr. Kearney has agreed to participate in the journal club. Please let Alexis know if you are interested in participating in the journal club, as well as dates and times that will work for you to meet.**

8) **Closed Session**

9) **Adjournment**