



Society for Public Health Education

SOPHE History 1950 - 1959

YEAR	EVENT	PERSONS	SIGNIFICANCE
1950	St. Louis Meeting	Interim Commission and 17 other health educators	Established the Society of Public Health Educators, with Clair E. Turner as President, Mayhew Derryberry as President-elect, Levitte B. Mendel as Vice President, J. Louis Neff as Secretary, and Ruth E. Grout as Treasurer. Membership dues were \$5.00
1950	First Meeting of the Society	Board of Trustees	Approved the Constitution and By-Laws, which limited membership to "A person who has a graduate degree from a school accredited by this Corporation" <i>Note: This made SOPHE an accrediting body. Two years of experience were also required.</i>
1951	Affiliation with National Conference for Cooperation in Health Education	Board of Trustees	Approved acceptance of the invitation to affiliate with the National Conference
1951	Affiliation with National Conference for Cooperation in Health Education	Publications Committee	Produced and distributed the first issue of the <u>Newsletter</u> , which was a brief mimeographed paper. It was published on an irregular basis and with varied formats over the first several years
1951	Affiliation with Council of National Organizations of the Adult Education Association	Board of Trustees	Approved taking membership in the Council



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1952	Proceedings of the Annual Meeting	Publications Committee	Followed the publication of the booklet, <u>SOPHE: Society of Health Educators, 1950-1951</u> ; publication of proceedings of the annual meeting continued through 1957 and in 1959 and 1960
1952	May Board Meeting	Homer N. Calver	Reported incorporation of SOPHE in the State of New York on May 2, 1952
1952	Third Annual Meeting	Mayhew Derryberry	Warned of five potential pitfalls, including systematized and packaged thinking, undue administrative structure, use of esoteric language, habituated behavior, and emphasis on research at expense of good practice
1952	Third Annual Meeting	Board of Trustees	Revised the Constitution to accord membership to "A person who has a graduate degree ¹ / ₄ from a school accredited by the American Public Health Association ¹ / ₄ " Note: Two years of experience continued to be a requirement.
1952	Third Annual Meeting	Board of Trustees	Increased the length of the term of office for the secretary and treasurer to two years from one year
1952	President's Commission on Health Needs of the Nation	Board of Trustees	Submitted a report entitled "The Contribution of Health Education in Meeting the Health Needs of the Nation"
1953	Affiliation with the International Union for Health Education	Board of Trustees	Approved accepting the invitation to become a member of the Union
1953	Honorary Fellowship	Board of Trustees	Awarded the first Honorary



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			Fellowship to John Burton, MD, PhD
1951-1954	Standing Committees	Constitution and By-Laws	Eligibility, Publications, Research and Standards, and Nomination
1954	Fifth Annual Meeting	Board of Trustees	Added to the standing committees a fifth, Committee on Professional Education
1950-1954	Membership growth		Grew from 28 to 218
1955	Manual of Procedures	Approved by Board of Trustees	Outlined duties of officers, the board of trustees, chairmen and members of standing committees, and the general membership
1957	First issue of the Health Education Monographs	Committee on health Education Monographs	Published and distributed the first issue, which included four papers
1957	“Proposed Report on Educational Qualifications and Functions of Public Health Educators”	Committee on Recruitment, Education, and Field Training	Published in the American Journal of Public Health
1957	Change in membership dues	Board of Trustees	Approved an increase of the dues to \$7.50 a year
1958	National Conference on Evaluation of the Public Health Traineeship program	Representatives of SOPHE	Collaborated with representatives of PHE Section of APHA and those of the Conference of State and Territorial Directors of health Education to express common concerns
1958	Affiliation with	Board of Trustees	Approved acceptance of the



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**National Health
Council**

**invitation to become a member of
the Council**

**1955-
1959**

Membership growth

Grew from 233 to 327

**1958-
1962**

**Internal Study to
Establish Baseline
Data**

**Committee on
Professional Education**

**Collected data through 267
interviews to determine
qualifications, interests, and
professional preparation to guide
improvements in professional
preparation**