

APHA Governing Council Mid-Year Meeting Evaluation

Total Governing Council 291 individuals
 Total Voting Governing Council 207

Total Number of Voting Governing Councilors in Attendance: 164
 Total Number of Non-Voting GCs in Attendance: 17

Number Who Started Evaluation: 50 (down from 100 from Annual Meeting and 96 from MYM 2022¹)

I. Evaluation Role in the Governing Council (n=49): **Note: 2 Caucus Reps and 0 Past Presidents Attended the MYM**

II. Meeting Evaluation Items (n=50)

Question	Yes	No	Other
Did you use any of the recommended Communication Tools/Strategies Recommended for the MYM Governing Council?	44% (33% 2022)	38%	What Recommendations? 18% (22.9% 2022)
Did you feel prepared for the MYM?	96%	4%	
Did you experience any technical problems during the MYM?	18%	82%	

III. Technical Challenges:

1. Lumi Platform Not Working
2. Disconnected from Meeting
3. Zoom Sound
4. Unable to Locate Meeting Information

Open Ended Responses. Findings are presented topically and grouped when possible.

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I. What aspect of the meeting was most informative or helpful in your role as a member of the Governing Council? (n=40)

- Treasurer Report
- Executive Director/Organizational Update
- Discussion on Annual Meeting Locations
- Entire Meeting and Updates**
- Speakers Report
- Process for Selecting Individual for Proxy
- Code of Content
- Webinar and Orientation Series
- JPC Update

II. What aspect of the meeting was least informative or helpful in your role as a member of the Governing Council? (= 30*).

Thirty Responded, but many responses were just around whether it was all informative or not applicable. Those specific things that they found least informative or helpful were:

- Development Committee Ask/Fundraising Info
- Discussion Only Meeting
- Listening Session
- Why do we meet if we do not need to act?
- Move items from the Annual Meeting
- Candidate Report
- Strategic Direction Needs Clarification

III. Are there topics you would like to see discussed at the Annual Meeting of the Governing Council? (n=23)

Once again, while 23 responded, many comments were focused on only stating 'none.'

Strategic Direction

- Legislative Issues

Budget and Budget Development

- Treasurer Development Plan/Succession

A full report on the GC Evaluation Process and Action Items for All Member Units (including affiliates)

Future Annual Meetings Locations & Site Selection

Moving Candidate Forums and Public Hearings Back to Annual Meeting

The Role of Elected Leaders

- More Fluid in Expectations

Clarifying Expectations
Moving Things Online
Limited ability for candidates to interact with members

Governing Council Role

How do we ensure our time is best spent?
How can we debate issues?
What is the difference between the APHA Executive Board and the APHA
Governing Council?

IV. Optional: Do you have any questions or ideas regarding the Annual Meeting?

I think it may be helpful to develop a 1-pager after the meeting (maybe have a small committee of GCs to do this so it's not a burden on staff or the Speaker) of key takeaways for GCs to bring back to their sections, affiliates, etc. That way it's easier to digest and present and ensure that we're relaying pertinent information back to our groups.

Is there like an orientation or something for new ARGCS? That could be helpful. I won't lie I'm very intimidated for the annual conference just because I have no idea what to expect or plan for. Also, when will details for the annual meeting come out? I'd like to get things booked ASAP

IV. Other

We received fewer questions than in any previous meeting for APHA Leadership and Staff. The Treasurer received questions covering three areas. These have been added to the Annual Meeting report of the Treasurer as they are operational. The Executive Director received questions covering two topical areas. A response will be provided in writing on these areas. The Speaker received several specific operational questions, which were handled and clarified individually.

V. Conclusions

The Mid-Year Meeting Evaluation received fewer responses than in years past. We also promoted it through fewer emails – part of our aim to reduce emails to Councilors. We will revisit this decision. We addressed several concerns that were mentioned in the 2022 Annual Meeting Evaluation. The overall comments are positive – but continue to indicate a lack of coordination/feedback from Member Unit Leadership to Governing Councilors and confusion regarding the Governing Councilor role. The Speaker Ad Hoc Task Force Report Recommendations continue to be implemented in hopes of addressing these concerns. There also remains, it appears, some confusion regarding the specific role of the Council. We will continue to address this. The Speaker of the Council is alarmed at the lack of representation from Past Presidents and Caucus Representatives – particularly as the Association continues Strategic Planning.

