

# IPHA History

## Greater Visibility for Iowa's Public Health History

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The history of public health in Iowa has a more visible home now. We have had a section on history on the IPHA website for some time, but it was a subsection under IPHA Organization. Now it is directly accessible from the home page.

**What will you find there?** A list of past presidents, and award winners. Dates and locations of annual meetings. The poster that was created for the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Dr. Walter Bierring's history of the first 80 years of the State Board of Health/Health Department. Remembrances of past presidents. The history articles that have appeared in the newsletter. Public health articles from the special issue of *Iowa Heritage Illustrated*.

We are now going to expand further. We have reviewed the annual meeting programs and have created a spreadsheet which identifies the presenters and categories of presentations. The categories are arbitrary, but we hope logical. Many of the presentations could fit just as well in another category, but they are only listed once. Each category was assigned a number.

There will be three separate time periods. The first is for 1930 through 1982. These meetings were just the Iowa Public Health Association, with a few exceptions when it was

a joint conference with the Middle States Public Health Association, the Tuberculosis and Health Association, the Trudeau Society, the Heart Association, or the Nebraska Public Health Association. The spreadsheets for this time period are now on the IPHA history website. The second will cover 1983 through 2000 when it was a joint conference with the Iowa Environmental Health Association. The third will cover the years beginning in 2002 when it became a joint spring conference with several partners. The spreadsheets for the second and third time periods will be added in the coming months.

Unfortunately we do not have copies of the programs from some years. If you have a program from any of these years, we would like to receive a copy: 2001, 2000, 1998, 1997 or 1991. We are also missing 1979, 1978, 1976, 1975, 1973, 1970, 1950, 1945, 1935, 1934, 1932, 1931, and any from the 1920s.

We have one other request. If you have information about the history of your agency, a key public health figure in Iowa or other story related to public health history in Iowa, we would like to include it on this website. That will help give a more complete picture of the history of public health in Iowa.

Category/Description	18. Rabies	39. Child Health, Children with Special Health Care Needs, hawk-i
1. The Future of Public Health and Other Keynote Presentations	19. Typhoid	40. Maternal Health
2. Public Health Administration	20. Tb	41. Aging, Elderly
3. Local Boards of Health, Local Public Health	21. VD	42. Oral Health, Fluoridation
4. Health Care Reform	22. Zoonoses	43. Public Health Nursing
5. Health Needs, Health Planning, Health Policies	23. Convalescent Serum	44. Home Care
6. Evaluation	24. Immunization	45. Health Facilities, Long Term Care, Hospice
7. Health Education, Health Promotion, Communication	25. Mosquitoes	46. Nutrition, WIC, Food Insecurity, Labeling
8. Public Relations, Marketing	26. Other Infectious Diseases	47. Breastfeeding
9. Training, Workforce, Workplace	27. Safety, Injury Prevention	48. Obesity, Eating Disorders
10. Partnerships, Partner Organizations	28. Disaster Planning, Disaster Response, Bioterrorism	49. Heart Disease, Hypertension
11. History	29. Food and Milk Sanitation, Food Code, Vending Machines	50. Cancer
12. Statistics, Data, Vital Statistics, Computers, IT	30. Wells, Water	51. Other Chronic Disease, Lifestyle
13. Legislative Reports, Legislator Speakers	31. Sewage (private and Public), Solid Waste	52. Tobacco
14. HIV/AIDS	32. Air Pollution, Indoor Air	53. Substance Abuse
15. Hepatitis	33. Lead	54. Mental Health, Mental Retardation
16. Polio	34. Swimming Pools	55. Refugee Health, Immigrant Health, Migrant Health
17. Pneumonia	35. Other Environmental Health	56. Wartime Issues
	36. Radiological Health	57. Other
	37. Industrial Hygiene, Occupational Health	
	38. Violence, Abuse	