



Arkansas Public Health Association Information on Candidates 2022 - 2023

Affiliate Rep to the Governing Council ARGC (ArkPHA Rep) (vote for 1)

	
<p>Amanda Carpenter</p>	<p>Quinyatta Mumford</p>
<p>Employer: Arkansas State University</p>	<p>Current Employer: Mumford and Associates</p>
<p>Current Job Title: Assistant Professor</p>	<p>Current Job Title: CEO</p>
<p>Why do you want to be elected to the position? : I am interested in running for the ArkPHA executive committee position because I am invested in the public health of Arkansas. I am currently working to develop an undergraduate program at A-State in public health, I am an active public health researcher, and I am a founding member of the Institute for Rural Initiatives (IRI) at A-State. I will be working with the inaugural director of the IRI to establish a productive rural public health research agenda, in addition to developing educational programs and certificates for students interested in rural health. This role is crucial for ArkPHA members to have information directly from APHA and understand how changes at the federal level will affect the state.</p>	<p>Why do you want to be elected to the position? In a season where health equity is a constant conversation in public health, it is imperative that the Board be representative of the population it serves. I desire a seat at the table to be a voice for those that are often overlooked and unheard. I have was past president of ArkPHA in 2018 and currently an active member of National APHA and the National Rural Health Association.</p>

Member-at-Large-3-year term (vote for 2)



Dr. Anita Sego

Current Employer: University of Arkansas at Conway

Current Job Title: Assistant Professor

Why do you want to be elected to the position?

I love serving on the executive committee as a member at large because it not only helps connect me to the quality health professionals and organizations here in Arkansas but also helps me better train the professionals of the future. As someone who has been appointed several times to complete the terms of others, I have served on the board almost continuously the past five years. This opportunity has allowed me to connect university students and other representatives of higher education with opportunities from the members and organizations represented in ArkPHA, share/fund scholarships for students to participate in ArkPHA events/trainings, introduce my students to the great work being done in our state by partner organizations such as the Arkansas Minority Health Commission, and on a personal note allowed me to get to know and work with health leaders from around our state. Being elected would allow me/us to continue building our network of higher education representatives from around the state to better connect and engage developing professionals with Arkansas health organizations for things like internships, workshops, and other activities. I have actively been involved in the planning process for the annual ArkPHA conference for several years and I have loved getting to know and working with the other ArkPHA board members. I would love the opportunity to work with them again.



Jo Lewis

Current Employer: State of Arkansas

Current Job Title: Certified Vocational Rehab Counselor

Why do you want to be elected to the position?

I graduated from the University of AR – Little Rock with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Health Education/ Sociology; Master’s in Adult Education; and a Master’s in Counseling. I have worked in the field of Health Education and Public Health for more than 20 years. Types of employment include communities, government agencies, businesses and non-profit organizations all aimed at increasing health equity for underserved population groups. Membership on the ArkPHA Executive Committee will provide an opportunity to connect with other professionals involved in efforts of creating healthy communities so that underserved populations and all people living and working in the State can live a better quality of life.

Second Vice-President

No nominations

First Vice-President

No nominations

Incoming President-Elect

No nominations

President-Elect



Naomi Sweeney

Current Employer: Arkansas Department of Human Services

Current Job Title: DHS Policy and Research Director

Why do you want to be elected to the position?

As a resident of the Arkansas Delta Region, I see the critical need for collaboration and connection of resources to unify and empower our communities with quality health education. I hope to share my 22 years of experience in the healthcare arena to assist the APHA in advancing its mission.

