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History of the Iowa Public Health Association
1891-2010

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1891 - 1896
The first Iowa Public Health Association was organized in Waterloo in May 1891. The organization was completed on January 28, 1892 at the YMCA in Des Moines. A constitution and by-laws were adopted and Dr. I.S. Bigelow, Jr., Dubuque, Secretary of IPHA read a paper — "Sanitary Education"

1894 President J.F. Kennedy, M.D., Des Moines, Annual Meeting September 6-7, 1894, Room 1, Capitol Building, Des Moines. J.F. Kennedy, M.D. — "Preventive Medicine — Its Past, Present, and Future" & Dr. Humphrey, Galesburg, Illinois — "Mental Diseases" The Governor was unable to attend, but his secretary presented the association "a gavel made of ash and mahogany, remnants of the first capitol building in Des Moines."

1896 Local Committee Badge for the Iowa Public Health Association Meeting in Davenport, May 19-20, 1896.

1926
The new Iowa Public Health Association
The Commissioner of Public Health issued a call to the Health Officers of the eighteen largest cities in Iowa to attend a conference on January 13, 1926 at the State House. On May 13, 1926, at the second meeting of the Iowa Municipal Health Officers Association, the decision was made to reorganize and take the name of the Iowa Public Health Association. The purpose of this reorganization being that the new organization might include all health workers in the state. On May 13, 1926, at the second meeting of the Iowa Municipal Health Officers Association, the decision was made to reorganize and take the name of the Iowa Public Health Association. The purpose of this reorganization being that the new organization might include all health workers in the state. The same day a constitution and by-laws were adopted. The purpose of the association was to safeguard and promote the personal and public health of the residents of Iowa. There was considerable discussion on the advisability of adopting county health units as a satisfactory means of doing rural health work.

1930
President C.E. Dakin, Annual Meeting April 3-4, 1930
Henry Albert, M.D. IDPH — "The Cost to Iowa of Preventable Disease" and E.J. Fiala, IDPH — "Tourist Camp Sanitation"

1964: President Grace Plude, Annual Meeting May 7-8, 1964
Addison Brown, M.D., President Iowa Division American Cancer Society — "Cigarette Smoking and Health" and W. Hauser, Ph.D.; H. Momsen, R.N.; J. Stevenson — "Report of 1962 Diphtheria Outbreak in Sioux City Area"

1967: President Frank Kilpatrick, Annual Meeting May 18-19, 1967
Charles C. Campbell, Ph.D., IDPH — "Air Pollution Control" and B.J. Campbell, Ph.D., Univ. of North Carolina — "The Man-The Road-The Care-A Dynamic Combination"

1986: President Jack Kelly, Annual Meeting April 30-May 1, 1986
George Beran, D.V.M., Iowa State — "Antibiotics for Animals — Cure Cause of Disease in Humans" and C. Everett Koop, M.D., Surgeon General — "Smoke Free Society by the Year 2000"

1989: President Larry Barker, Annual Meeting May 3-4, 1989

1993: President Tom O'Rourke, Annual Meeting May 4-6, 1993
Keith Erickson, Linn Co. & Graham Dameron, Johnson Co. — "Local Approaches to Healthy Iowans 2000" and Lawrence McConnell, Scott Co. — "Desert Storm Environmental Health Problems"

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Landmark Reports Discussed at Conferences

1944 Copy of Cover of Report "An Administrative Program for National Health Based on Local Health Units to Serve the Entire Population" presented by Haven Emerson, M.D.

1946 Copy of the Cover of the first Surgeon General's Report on Smoking and Health. Dr. Brown of Des Moines presented on this topic at the meeting.

1989 Copy of Report "Future of Public Health" Richard Remington Ph.D., chair of the Institute of Medicine Committee that prepared the report presented at the conference.

Local Public Health Organization
A Common Theme Throughout the Years
1944 Haven Emerson, M.D. “An Administrative Program for National Health Based on Local Health Units to Serve the Entire Population”
1948 R.N. Barr, M.D., U of Minn. “How Your Community Benefits from County Boards of Health”
1969 R. Eckoff, M.D., IDPH “Implementation of Iowa’s Local Health Act”
1989 J. Muldoon, IDPH “Public Health Inventory of Local Health Services”
1995 L. Barker, Scott Co. “Reinventing Public Health-Leadership at the Local Level”
1996 J. McMahon, L. Barker “Consolidation/Integration of Public Health Funding”
2006 T. Newton, L. Barker, J. Condon, L. Drey “Redesigning Public Health in Iowa”

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