

Welcome to the WCH Section,

On behalf of the WCH Section of NCPHA, I would like to welcome you to the section. Please check the NCPHA web site periodically for news and postings. With the legislature in session, there are frequent updates on bills and advocacy efforts for public health issues. The link is <http://www.ncpha.com/>

There are several section projects that you may be interested in knowing about or even volunteering:

- Awards Committee: be a reviewer of nominations for the 3 section awards. This committee meets over the phone or via email.
- Nominating Committee: participate with recruiting section members to run for a section office. Again participation is by phone or email.
- Silent Auction Committee: at the Annual Education Conference the section hosts a Silent Auction. You can donate items, help with setting up the booth or man the booth for a shift. ALL proceeds are used to support the Anne F. Wolfe Scholarship Fund.
- WCH Section Scholarship in Memory of Dr. Ann F. Wolfe: It is awarded to a public health practitioner to assist with the cost of enhanced training or continuing education. Last year a \$500 scholarship was awarded. Our scholarship fund is up to \$1500. The scholarship application information can be accessed from the NCPHA web site, <http://www.ncpha.com>
- Legislative Advocacy with NCPHA: the web site has a link to explain you can make a difference.
- WCH Section educational sessions and business meeting in 2008. The topics are customer service and an update on public health issues and legislation in the 2008 short session along with our meeting of the membership. The dates are Sept. 23-26 at the New Bern Convention Center. Please put those dates on your calendar.

We hope that you enjoy getting to know more about the section. Please let me know if you would be interested in participating in any of the section committees or activities. In the future you'll receive periodic section updates or a notice to check the NCPHA web site for news. Thanks for joining the WCH Section.

Jean Vukoson
WCH Section, Chair