



Texas Society for Public Health Education

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Next Chapter Event

*Back to Basic...
advancing our
Profession Conference*

9 -10 October 2009
San Antonio, TX.

Recent Chapter Highlights

1. Our annual spring conference was held in March of this year in Houston. A total of 75 Health Professionals attended this conference.



2. Two board members (Past President-Dr. Douglas Coyle & Members At-Large-Barbara Barton) attended the National SOPHE Health Education Advocacy Summit in Washington DC.
3. The Board has initiated a Student and Faculty award that will be given out for the first time at our upcoming conference.

Future Health Education Action for Texas

- The need to educate our state legislators on the importance of health education being reinstated as mandatory subject for all high school senior to graduate.
- The need to get our state legislators to revisit and support a state wide smoke-free environmental bill that was cut at the last minute in the 2009 legislative year.
- The power of collaboration and partnerships will be the key to strategically meeting the needs of our state.

Meet Chapter President **Ruben Rodriguez**

Contact Ruben at rodzruben@yahoo.com

SOPHE: How has involvement in your SOPHE chapter advanced your career or professional development?

Ruben: *Membership in TSOPHE has helped me stay up-to-date on important health issues that are affecting us. Furthermore, it has allowed me to be connected to different professionals when researching or looking for existing resources in the state. Lastly, TSOPHE has allowed me to enhance my education and skills by offering two yearly conferences that involve skills building sessions.*



National Delegate: Cassandra Harris,
President: Ruben Rodriguez, Board Member
At-Large: Ninfa Pena Purcell, & SOPHE
Speaker of the House: Karen Spiller

"I'm most proud of our chapter's consistency and skill in identifying and addressing the professional development needs of the health educators in our state. Our members continue to encourage and mentor others to advance our profession. Our board is committed and dedicated to the goals of SOPHE. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve with them."

- Chapter Delegate **Cassandra Harris** (clharris@mdanderson.org)